



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 08.09.23

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Summer holiday. I am delighted to welcome back our pupils and their families. We extend this welcome to all our new families and starters. I hope you will soon discover the quality of welcome from our very supportive and generous school community.

We welcome Miss Pearce who is the Y4 class teacher and Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gripton who return to school following maternity leave to being Y3 class teachers.

I am delighted with the start to the new school year; there is a happy, calm atmosphere and children have made a wonderful start.

Word of the Week - WELCOME

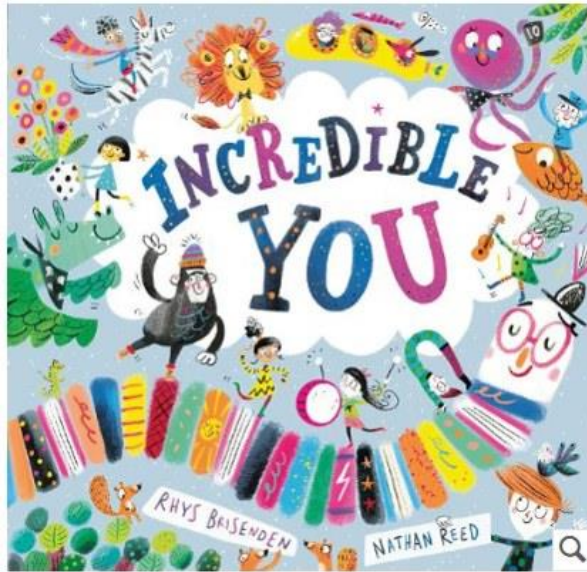
We are all called to welcome others into our communities, to open our doors and bring people in. Being welcoming helps those new to our community to feel loved, supported and included. We are all one body in Christ, everyone is welcome, and everyone has a part to play.

This week we have introduced our theme which is 'Incredible You'. The book 'Incredible you' has been shared with children and staff and we have started to think about the incredible things that we all can do. If you would like to share this book at home there is a online version via this link [Incredible you](#)

Our Scripture this week comes from Luke's gospel and reminds us about God's love for all of us.

" Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God... don't be afraid you are worth more than many sparrows" (Luke 12:6-7)

On Sunday 10th September is Education Sunday. If your family comes to mass on Sunday, it would be wonderful to have some pupils to meet and greet and take up the offertory. Please see Mrs Smedley at the beginning of mass if you would like to participate.



Drop off and collection

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We have been auditing the drop and collection of pupils and want to ensure that congestion is kept to a minimum whilst also allowing parents to see their children into school. The drop off and collection points will be as follows.

Nursery and Reception - Parents will be able to bring their child/children into the classroom via the EYFS gate near the staff car park. Collection will be from the EYFS gate.

Y1 - Parents will be able to bring their child to the classroom door. We ask that if your child does not have a sibling in EYFS, Y5 or Y6 then you use the Farm foods entrance, collection will be the same as drop off.

Y2, Y3 and Y4 - If your child does not have a sibling in EYFS, Y5 or Y6, then please drop your child off at the Farm foods gate where they can then walk up to the classroom on their own. A member of staff monitors this gate whilst it is open. If your child has a sibling in EYFS, Y5 or Y6, then your child may enter the playground via the side gate of the staff car park and walk round to the classroom as with the Farm foods gate a member of staff monitors this whilst open. Your child can be collected from their classroom at the end of the day.

Y5 and Y6 - Your child should enter school via the EYFS gates and walk round to their classroom. At the end of the day, they can be collected from outside of the EYFS gate. If your child has a younger sibling they will be sent to their younger sibling's classroom at the end of the day where you will be able to collect both children together.

It is important that your child arrives at school between 8.30am and 8.40am. The school gates will be open from 8.30 until 8.45. If you arrive with your child after 8.45am, then you will need to bring your child to the main office via Ling forest Road. School ends at 3.20pm.

School Calendar and Class Newsletters

Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

On Thursday 14th September, between 3.30pm and 4.15pm, we will be opening up our classrooms to give you the opportunity to say hello to your child's new class teacher with your child, collect a class newsletter and see your child's classroom. This is an informal open classroom and there will not be a presentation from the class teacher but there will be the opportunity for you to ask any questions which you may have.

Attendance

Please make every effort with your child's attendance. We understand that there are times when your child is too unwell to attend school. We will also contact you should your child be unwell in school.

In line with the Trust's attendance policy, please note that requests for holidays in school time will not be granted unless for exceptional reasons.

[Attendance Policy](#)

Extra Curricula Activities

Please sign up for extra curricula activities via the school shop on Arbor.

This half term we have football on a Monday for Y2-Y6, Drama on a Monday for Y2/3 and board games on a Tuesday for Y1-Y6.

After half term, we have Multi-Sports on a Wednesday for Y3-Y6, Drama on a Monday for Y4/5/6 and board games on a Tuesday for Y1-Y6.

All clubs will run from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.

Home school Agreement

Please see the below link for the trust home school agreement.

[Home school agreement](#)

Please talk to your child about this and then complete the consent form on Arbor. We would like to bring to your attention a particular aspect of the home school agreement which is the use of social media.

PE Days

Reception - Tuesday

Year 1 - Monday and Friday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 4- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Please make sure your child has their correct PE kit in school on these days. Your child should not come to school in their PE kit.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley