



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 10th November

Catholic Life

We hope everyone has enjoyed an enjoyable half term break. It has been lovely to welcome back all our wonderful pupils who have made a great start to the second half of the Advent term; where so many new adventures await. We have enjoyed a fantastic first week back and school has been a very calm and happy learning environment.

Our Y4 Chaplains welcomed Clare Lund, hub chaplain into school this week. It was fantastic to welcome Clare and we look forward to working with her throughout this half term. Clare supported our Y6's in planning and preparing Remembrance liturgies to lead their houses on Monday. Pupils are also welcome to make a donation for a poppy which the Y6's have organised. Pupils who attend Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Girl Guides etc are very welcome to wear their uniforms on Monday.

This week's word of the week was: **Change**

Next week's word of the week is: **Remembrance**

Remembrance is an important part of our faith. We remember the saints, those who have died, and the events of our history. Remembrance helps us to reflect on how those who've gone before us have shaped and inspired our lives today.

Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.

Upcoming Masses

Tuesday 14th Nov- Y2 and Y5 Buddy Mass @ 9am

Tuesday 28th Nov- Y3 and Y6 Buddy Mass @ 9am

Tuesday 5th December- Y1 and Y4 Buddy Mass @ 9am

Tuesday 19th December- Whole School Mass @ 9am



Anti-bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week. In class, the children will be thinking about how they can spread kindness to everyone.

Odd Socks Day marks the end of Anti-Bullying Week. We ask the children to please come to school in odd socks, to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness! Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on Friday 17th November

After school Clubs

The uptake for our after school clubs has been very low this term therefore some clubs are currently running at a financial loss. Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue to offer these clubs if the uptake does not increase.

This half term we have the following after school clubs:

Monday - Drama club for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday - Board games for Y1-Y6

Wednesday- Multi sports with Mansfield Town in the Community for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 All of these clubs are bookable via Arbor.

School Calendar

Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

Upcoming events for Parents/Carers:

Friday 17th November - Pupil individual photographs - If you would like a family portrait involving pre-school children these will be taken at the beginning of the day. The Farm foods gate will be open from 8.20am. Please make your way to wait under the canopy.

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Attendance

Thank you for everyone's wonderful efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept- 19th Oct 2023: A great start to the new half term by every class!

F2: 95.3% Y4: 95%

Y1: 97.1% Y5: 94.8%

Y2: 95.7% Y6: 97%

Y3: 96.5%

To report your child's absence please can we ask that you email the school office on office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk or ring school on 01623 478090.

It is fantastic to see how happy and eager our children are to start the school day, such a wonderful atmosphere. Again, we are so grateful for everyone's effort with punctuality as this really does help to settle your child into the school day.

Below is a table of how school absence could affect your pupil's ability to access the curriculum.

Above 97%	Above 97%. Less than 6 days' absence a year: Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should have access to the majority of the taught curriculum.
95% and below	95%. Less than 10 days' absence in a year: Attendance needs to improve! Pupils with this attendance are likely to access the majority curriculum but will miss out on important educational experiences.
90%	90%. 19 days' absence over the year: Pupils with this attendance are missing <u>1 month</u> of school per year and will miss key curriculum areas; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	85%. 29 days' absence in a year: These pupils are missing <u>6 weeks</u> of school per year, it will be very difficult for them to access the curriculum and achieve their best.
80% or below	80%. Pupils with this attendance are missing the equivalent of <u>1 day for every week</u> of school. It will be almost impossible to access all of the curriculum.

PTA Events

Please put these events in your diary with further details to follow:

Wed 15th Nov: donations for 'toy and book sale' welcome to be brought into school

Thurs 16th Nov: and possibly Fri 17th Nov 'Toy and book sale' 3.30pm under the canopy- all welcome!

Fri 1st Dec: Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate/selection boxes etc

Mon 4th Dec: School disco (times to be confirmed)

Fri 8th Dec: Christmas Jumper and lunch with PTA Festive Market

Development of playground adventure obstacles.

We are delighted that our playground and Foundation Unit playground will be enhanced with purpose built obstacles and outdoor gym equipment which will be installed in the early new year.

Plans are available to view from the Y3 classroom window.

Y6- Visit to Sherwood Pines

Our Y6 enjoyed a fantastic day at Sherwood Pines which included den building, obstacle following and orienteering. Staff were highly complimentary of the impressive manner in which children demonstrated their team building skills and qualities. Thank you so much to Miss Godfrey, Mrs Stevenson, Miss Cauldwell and Mrs Brizzolara for all their hard work in preparing and leading the visit.

Class newsletters

Today your child's class teacher will be sending you the class newsletter. This has lots of information regarding your child's learning and also has important dates for the rest of the term.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley