



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 24th November

## **Catholic Life and Mission**

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

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

The Kingdom of God is a place of peace, justice, and love. It is a place where everyone is welcome and everyone is loved. The Kingdom of God is not a place that we will find on a map, but it is a way of life that we can work towards building in our own lives and in the world around us.

Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the Kingdom of God.

### **Christ the king mass**

You are kindly invited to attend 11am Mass this Sunday at St Patrick's Church where our children will take a leading role.

### **Upcoming Masses**

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



## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Christmas Shoebox  
Appeal 2023

St Patrick's Catholic School are collecting shoeboxes for Mansfield Soup Kitchen. The majority of the people they are currently supporting are males.

Things to include:

- Non-alcoholic mouthwash
- Non medicated cough sweets
- Foot warmers
- Plastic poncho
- Foldable portable stove with gel tablets
- Gloves
- Snood
- Ear muffs
- Hot water bottle
- Thermal flask
- Energy bars
- Cereal/chocolate bars
- Chewing gum
- Medium boxer shorts
- Rucksack



These need to be in school by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

Can the shoe boxes either not be wrapped or the lids wrapped separately, so the contents can be checked.

## Y3 and Y4 School Singing Project

Y3 and Y4 have been invited, as part of the school singing project, to take part in the Christmas Carol Concert at St Philip Neri church on Monday 11th December. Your child will need to be taken to St Philip's Church for 3.45pm for rehearsals and they should bring a drink and snacks with them. The concert will begin at 6pm and you are more than welcome to attend. Children should then be collected following the concert which will be approximately 7pm. This is not a compulsory event but is a great opportunity for pupils to perform. If you would like your child to take part please sign the consent form via Arbor.

**PTA Letter: Your time taken to read this letter is much appreciated.**

Hello everyone.

The PTA would like to keep everyone updated with our fundraising so far this school year as well as our upcoming events.

The first fundraiser of the year was our preloved toy and book sale. We are pleased to announce that we raised £47.55 on this event. Many thanks for all your donations and any remaining books will be available at the Christmas market. More information later.

Advent is a busy time in school with lots of fundraising opportunities and fun for the children. This starts next Friday 1st December with our non-uniform day in exchange for a selection box. The chocolate will then be used for fund raising opportunities at the Christmas Fair.

The children have been asking for a school disco for some time. We have arranged for a school disco after school on 4th December. Key stage 1 and Foundation will start at 4pm and finish at 5.15pm. Parents will be required to stay with their children throughout this. Key Stage 2 will be from 5.15 pm to 6.30pm. The cost is £5 per child and this includes admission as well as a drink, crisps and sweets. Money for tickets can be sent into school in an envelope with the child's name and year group labelled 'School Disco'. There will be additional items to buy at the disco but children should only bring a small amount of change with them.

On Friday 8th December in the afternoon, we will be holding our Christmas Fair where parents are invited to join us to celebrate Christmas. There will be a number of stalls and activities ongoing in the school hall. Further details on times will follow in the school newsletter. If anyone has any tombola prizes or gift bags they would be able to donate then please drop these at the school office.

The ever-popular St Patricks School Calendar is in the design process and will be available to purchase before the Christmas break. They make excellent Christmas presents. Priced at £4. An order form will be sent out in the next week. Make sure you order early to give us much time as possible to make up sufficient before we finish,

We will also be in attendance at the nativity plays with our normal raffles and maybe the odd auction for a little bit of fun.

Its important that we stress that every penny which we raise goes back to our children. This year we have set our first target to raise a sum of £5,000. We are currently discussing with school how best to spend this. We have already purchased books worth in excess of £900 for years 4, 5 and 6 and committed to additional expenditure in the region of another £600.

We are very lucky as a school that our Catholic Multi Academy Trust are very supportive with the funding which they provide to us. However, they are unable to fund everything with school budgets tight. Therefore, the funding we provide to school will allow for the additional extras which support the children and our teaching staff. In addition, our events allow us to bring our school community together and we hope that once the summer arrives the weather will allow us to do this more.

In the new year we have the following events planned:-

January – Clothes Collection – Make sure you save your unwanted clothes as we can get cash for them.

February – Poppet Box Challenge – The children can earn money for doing jobs around the house over half term and fill their Poppet boxes full of small change.

March – The St. Patricks Gold Cup Race Night – More details to follow in the new year but dress up for a fun evening of horse racing in the comfort of the school hall. Celebrate St. Patricks Day with the thrills of a night at the races.

July – Our annual summer fair. Hopefully a lovely day will allow us to enjoy some fun outside on the school field with lots of stalls and games to play.

We are small group of volunteers and we are always on the look out for more people to join us. If you would like to get involved, then please contact the school office. If it is help at events or coming along to meeting all additional help and support is much appreciated.

Many thanks

The PTA

## School Calendar including our 'Advent Journey'

Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

St Patrick's Advent Journey

As we begin our Advent journey we would like to offer your child the opportunity to share Christmas cards with their friends. These may be brought and handed out throughout Advent.



1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent- Hope

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Y3 leading 'Hope' assembly @ 2.45pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent Peace

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Y4 leading 'Peace' Advent assembly @ 2.45pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Y3/4 singing in the carol concert at St Philips Church Neri Church- all of the community are welcome to attend @ 6pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Whole school penitential service @ 9am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: F1/F2 Nativity @ 2pm. Doors open @ 1.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: F1/F2 Nativity @ 9am. Doors open @ 8.40am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent- Joy

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Y5 leading 'Joy' Advent assembly @ 2.45pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Whole school Mass @ 9am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Y1/Y2 Nativity @ 2pm. Doors open @ 1.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Y1/Y2 Nativity @ 9am. Doors open @ 8.40am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Carol concert. Details to be finalised

Other dates and events for your diary

Mon 4th Dec: PTA School disco KS1 4.00pm- 5.15pm KS2 - 5.15pm – 6.30pm

Fri 8th Dec: Christmas Jumper and lunch, Christmas market @ 2.15pm

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem, may we let ourselves be drawn by the light of that little man.



## Travelling Nativity

Our 'Travelling Nativity' boxes are getting prepared for the beginning of Advent. If you would like your child to bring the 'Travelling Nativity' home then please email the class email address.



## Attendance

Thank you for everyone's wonderful efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept- 17th Nov 2023: Thank you for everyone's efforts!

F2: 94.8%      Y4: 94.8%  
 Y1: 96.9%      Y5: 95%  
 Y2: 95.6%      Y6: 97.3%  
 Y3: 96.5%      Total: 95.8%

To report your child's absence please can we ask that you email the school office on [office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk](mailto: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%	<b>Above 97%.</b> 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	<b>95%.</b> 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%	<b>90%.</b> 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%	<b>85%.</b> 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	<b>80%.</b> 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.

## West Notts Multi sports

Congratulations to a wonderful group of pupils who represented our school so wonderfully this week. Mrs Brizzolara was highly complimentary of the children's fantastic qualities such as perseverance, resilience and overall team work.

## Trust Capital Projects

### Development of a sensory room and the staff room

Throughout this term, school building works will start on a number of projects which will further enhance the quality of our learning environment. Underneath the canopy will be made into a compound for the building equipment and will therefore be made secure and out of use. There will additionally be a skip near the Y2 and Y4 classrooms. We would appreciate you making sure that your children are kept away from these areas at the end of the day. These projects include renovation of a room into a sensory room and renovation of the stage to include lighting and sound! Very exciting!

### Playground

As well as indoor areas, we are delighted that our playground and Foundation Unit playground will be enhanced with purpose built obstacles and outdoor gym equipment the initial ground work for these will also begin in the next couple of weeks.

Plans are available to view from the Y3 classroom window.

## Admissions - Apply for a Reception place for September 2024

If your child turns 5 between 1st September 2024 and 31 August 2025 and you require a school place for September 2024, you can now apply for their place.

The application window will be open from **Monday 6th November** and the closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**. Applications can be made quickly and easily through the Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Hub.

Please also remember to submit a Supplementary Information Form if you wish for a school place to be considered under a faith criterion. Please note that you **must** include the supporting evidence with this form. If you are unable to locate the required faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised in good time for a 'copy' certificate to be supplied.

All the details and relevant forms can be found on the Admissions section of our website.

[Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions](#)

## Vacancies

Currently we have two vacancies within school. To access these adverts, please visit the following link.

[Part Time / Temporary Class Teacher](#)

[Full Time/ Permanent Teaching Assistant](#)

## School Uniform

Over the past couple of weeks, we have noticed that some pupils are not wearing ties to school. The school tie is part of the school uniform and should be worn every day. If your child does not have a tie, then you can purchase one of these via Arbor or the school office

## School Photographer

Your child will have come home today with their proof card from their school photograph. All orders should be processed through the Wrates website. If you wish for your photographs to be delivered free of charge to school then they must be ordered by 4th December. Any queries should be directed to Wrates.

## Reading Advent Tree

As we approach the beginning of Advent, we would like to ask the children to bring a book from home to go under their class Christmas tree. We will wrap the books up and each day, choose a book to unwrap and read as a class. Please can all books be sent in by next Friday (1st Dec) and ensure your child's name and class is written in the book so it can be returned to the correct person when it has been read.

## Morning and Afternoon Snacks in School

We have become aware that some pupils are bringing in snacks such as crisps, biscuits, sweets and chocolate. Morning and afternoon snacks should be fruit or a cereal bar. From next week, if children bring in other snacks they will be asked to save these until the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley