



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter December 8th 2023

Catholic Life and Mission



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

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

In the season of Advent, we pray for peace in the world. We know that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and we believe he will bring peace to all people.

Find a way to bring peace to a difficult situation or relationship this week.

Upcoming Masses

Tuesday 19th December- Whole School Mass @ 9am

This week, we began our journey through Advent with a wonderful 'Celebration of the Word' led by our Y3 pupil, this theme was then built upon during our Y4 and Y1 buddy mass on Tuesday. Pupils throughout the week have continued to think about hope and have been writing prayers in class.

This week in school

Christmas jumper and Market Day

What a wonderfully festive day we have had today. Children have spent time in houses, enjoying a wonderful Christmas dinner together. A big thank you to all the contributions towards the market stalls: an amazing time was had by all. Each class has made a wonderful effort with their own creations and your chocolate donations proved a great hit on the tombola. Special thanks to the PTA for their hard work in planning and leading the festive market.

Thanks also to everyone's support with the PTA disco - it was great fun and wonderful to see children and adults singing and dancing together.

Christmas Lunch

We send a huge thanks to our school cook, Mrs Miller and her lunchtime team for all their efforts with the yummy Christmas lunch. It was such a special meal to share together.

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 6th December**.

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

Library Event in January

Multiply

WINTER CRAFTS

MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY
SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024
FREE

Drop in between 10am and 12pm



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County Council

Education & Skills
Funding Agency

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 calenders



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. **Please get your orders in as soon as possible.**

School Calendar including our 'Advent Journey'



Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

Carol Concert

The carol concert will be on Friday 22nd December and will begin at 2.30pm. The gates will open at 2.15pm. Our wonderful choir will open our carol concert, followed by readings from Y6 and hymns sung by the whole school. We thank each and every class for their assemblies, Nativities and presentations throughout Advent.

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.



1st Week of Advent- Hope

Monday 4th December: Y3 leading 'Hope' assembly @ 2.45pm

2nd Week of Advent Peace

Monday 11th December: Y4 leading 'Peace' Advent assembly @ 2.45pm

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

Tuesday 12th December: Whole school penitential service @ 9am

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

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

3rd Week of Advent- Joy

Monday 18th December: Y5 leading 'Joy' Advent assembly @ 2.45pm

Tuesday 19th December: Whole school Mass @ 9am

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

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

Friday 22nd 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, and we let ourselves be drawn by the light of that stable scene.
- Bob Fosse



Travelling Nativity

Our 'Travelling Nativity' boxes are 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 continued efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept- 30th Nov 2023: Thank you for everyone's efforts!

F2: 93.3% Y4: 94.7%

Y1: 96.5% Y5: 94.5%
Y2: 95.8% Y6: 96.8%
Y3: 96% Total: 95.6%

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.

Please see the NHS Guidance for the latest advice regarding sending your child to school with the following medical conditions: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

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](#)

The Lime Trees, breakfast and after school provision

Unfortunately, the provision for breakfast and after school club provided by 'The Lime Trees' has had further delays. This is out of our control and is related to OFSTED and DfE registration. We have been advised that we are now looking at an opening in the second half of the Lent Term.

Parent Governor Election

We currently have one Parent Governor Vacancy. Please see the attached letter for more information about the role, how to stand for election and the term of office.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley