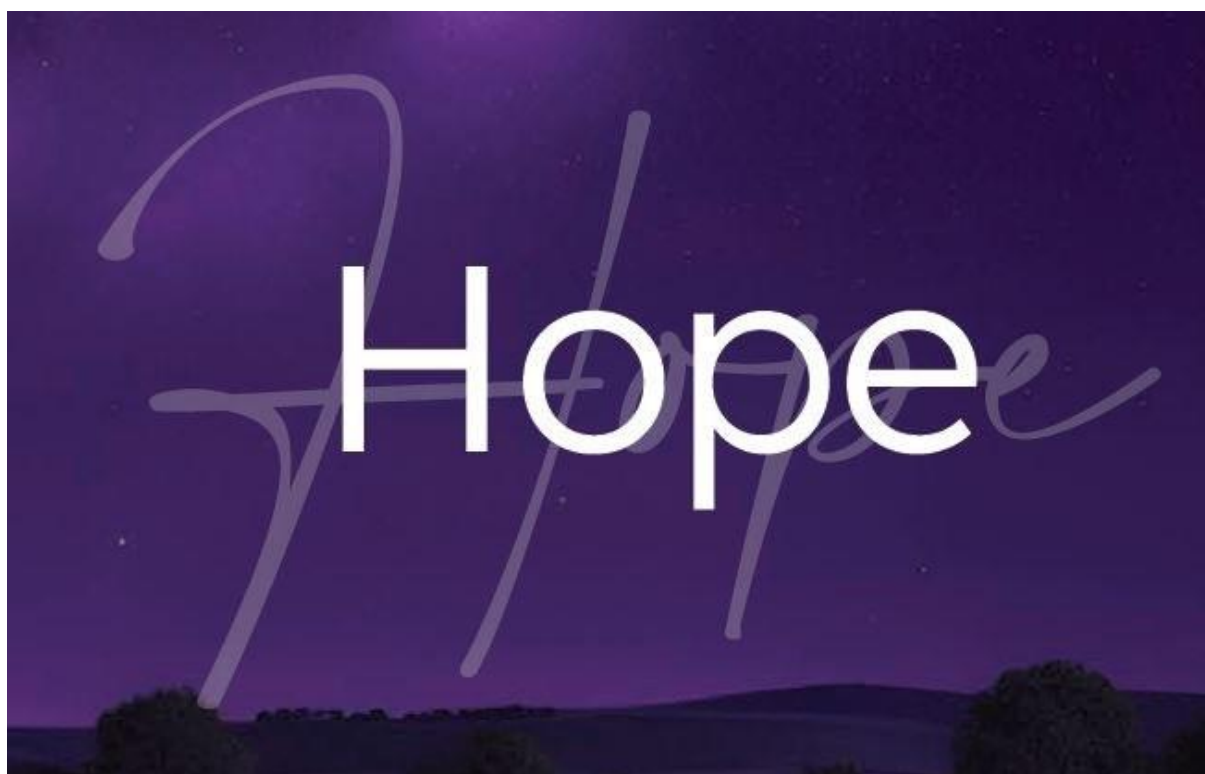




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter December 1st 2023

Catholic Life and Mission



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

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

Hope is an expectation and desire for the things that are to come in the future. It is a powerful virtue that can help us to persevere through difficult times. In the season of Advent, we hope for the coming of Jesus and that he will bring peace, joy and love to the world.

Think of a reason that you have to be hopeful. Share that hope with someone this week.

Upcoming Masses

Tuesday 5th December: Y1 and Y4 Buddy Mass

Tuesday 19th December- Whole School Mass @ 9am

This week, Y3 and Y6 pupils took part in a beautiful Buddy Mass and Y1,Y3 and Y5 classes shared their RE work in their 'Come and See' Assembly. We also thank a group of pupils who represented our school so wonderfully well in leading the school-parish 'Christ the King' Mass last Sunday at St Patrick's Church. We are so very proud for the unique and profound ways in which our pupils demonstrate the commitment to their faith. Thanks you for all the support we receive from adults too.

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.

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 Updates



School disco: Monday 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.

Friday 8th December, from 2.30pm, we will be holding our Christmas Fair where families are invited to join us to celebrate Christmas. There will be a number of stalls and activities ongoing in the school hall. Children are very welcome to make items for the stalls at home and then run their own stall. Any baking requires a list of ingredients. Many thanks.

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.**

Thank you for everyone's contributions towards the tombola stall in exchange for non uniform today.

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.



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 holiness, and we are reminded by Jesus in the light of that, make space.

Paul Pinner



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: 94.7% Y4: 94.76%

Y1: 96.89% Y5: 94.85%
Y2: 95.82% Y6: 96.7%
Y3: 96.43% Total: 95.74%

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.

Y6 Sports Captains and Y5 Sports Leaders!



A huge well done to our Y6 Sports Captains who prepared, organised and lead a Y3-Y6 Dodgeball tournament this week, showcasing fantastic leadership skills. Well done to St Oscar Romer, the winning team!

Nikki Biggs, Mansfield Sports Partnership Lead worked with a wonderfully enthusiastic group of Y5's this week as they started their Sports Leadership training. We are very much looking forward to this group leading activities for other children on the playground during breaks.

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](#)

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.

Staffing News

Today we say good bye and good luck to Miss Caudwell who is leaving us to today. She has worked with many children in school across a range of classes and I know she will very missed. We thank her for her dedication and hard work over the past few years.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley