



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter December 15th 2023

Catholic Life and Mission

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

This has been a most respectful week in which our school community has beautifully spread the message of peace.

Year 4 began our week delivering their messages of peace in their liturgy. Children were given the mission of being peace makers to all in God's community. This class then supported the school community to pray for peace in their hearts during the reconciliation service.

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

The third week of Advent is centred on joy. We celebrate Gaudete Sunday to remind us of the joy of Christmas this is almost here. It's a great chance to think about what brings us joy in our lives and to give thanks for it. It's also an opportunity to reflect on how we can bring joy to those around us and make the world a more joyful place for everyone

This week in School

Foundation Stage Nativity- 'The Tip Toe'.

We have also been truly inspired by our incredible children in the Foundation Unit this week. Our youngest children recreated the Nativity story in their own special ways. We are so proud of the way in which the children cared, supported and celebrated each other during their performances. Thank you to the amazing efforts from our Foundation Stage staff and for all the support we have received from our children's families. We welcomed Mr McGeachie, CEO and Mrs Rich from the Trust who were highly praising of everyone.

School Choir

Thank you also to our school choir who performed three beautiful songs to start out nativities this week. They will continue to sing at the beginning of the KS1 Nativity and will also lead the opening of our Carol Concert on Friday.

Christmas Carol Concert at St Philips

A big well done to the children who sang and contributed to the Carol Concert on Monday at St Philips church. It was a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story and all the children sang beautifully.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the shoebox appeal this year. We had 15 shoeboxes filled with vital products delivered to Mansfield Soup kitchen today. These products will be very beneficial to the homeless people they support in Mansfield this Christmas.

Journey through Advent 2023

Tuesday 19th Dec Whole school Mass @ 9am- Led by the Chaplaincy team- all welcome

Tuesday 19th Dec Infant Nativity Doors open @ 1.30pm with 2pm start

Wednesday 20th Dec: Infant Nativity Doors open @ 8.45am with 9am start

Friday 22nd Dec: Christmas Carol Concert Doors open at 2.15pm with 2.30pm start

Other events for next week:

Christmas parties: Children are invited to wear their own clothes:

Wednesday 20th December: Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2

Thursday 21st December: Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Children are welcome to bring in toys and games (not electronic) on Friday 22nd December. In the morning, children will explore 'Christmas around the world' so please discuss with them any of your family traditions to be shared with their friends in class.

Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR	
SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday 19 December at 7.00pm at St Philip Neri	CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 10.00am at St Patrick 10.00am at St Philip Neri
SATURDAY MASSES 23 DECEMBER 10.00am at St Philip Neri 5.00pm at St Joseph 6.00pm at St Philip Neri	26 AND 27 DECEMBER 10.00am at St Philip Neri
SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES 24 DECEMBER 9.00am at St Philip Neri 9.00am at St Teresa 11.00am at St Patrick 11.00am at St Philip Neri 5.00pm at St Joseph - Children's Mass 5.00pm at St Philip Neri – Children's Mass 7.30pm at St Teresa – Midnight Mass 11.00pm at St Philip Neri – Midnight Mass - Carols and Readings from 10.30pm	28 AND 29 DECEMBER 12.10pm at St Philip Neri
	30 AND 31 DECEMBER Mass at usual times
	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS 1 JANUARY 12.10pm at St Philip Neri

Christmas Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 24th December at 11am Mass at St Patrick's Church, children are warmly invited to attend, with the option of wearing a Nativity costume. Mr Grabowski, Music lead, has kindly offered to teach the children a lullaby song after Mass on Sunday 17th December. Children will then be invited to set up the Nativity scene and sing the lullaby song during the next week's Sunday Mass at 11am.

Library Event in January



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. Both 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. This will be a very special whole school community event and will be a culmination of our efforts during 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, may we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God's Word into His Peace.



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- 15h Dec2023: Thank you for everyone's efforts! Let's make a wonderful last week effort together.

F2: 93.7% Y4: 94.7%

Y1: 95.9% Y5: 94.6%

Y2: 95.3% Y6: 96.6%

Y3: 95.9% Total: 95.2%

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.

Extra Curricular Clubs: We are pleased to share that the following clubs will run for the first half of the Spring term

Monday: Mansfield town football club Y1-Y6

Tuesday: Games Club Y1 - Y6

Tuesday: Drama Club: This will be led by Miss Pearce, Y5 class teacher Y1 - Y6

Wednesday: Multi skills club Y1 - Y6

These will all be bookable via Arbor from Monday.

PTA Updates

The PTA are delighted to announce that an amazing **£1450** was raised for school funds as a result of the community's incredible efforts and support with the recent school disco and festive market.

Proceeds will fund the very latest recommended reads for Y3 and Y4 and will be put towards other whole school initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley