



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 2nd February 2024

## Catholic Life and Mission

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

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

Diversity inspires us to celebrate our differences and to respect the dignity and value of everyone. We are all made in the image of likeness of God and we can recognise God in all people, however different they may seem. Diversity reminds us that we are all called to love one another and to create a world where everyone feels loved, accepted and included.

Think about those people in your community who may feel left out.

This week, try to find a way to help them feel loved and included.

During this week of Leadership, we thank our Y4's Chaplains and a group of Y2 pupils for preparing and delivering a thoughtful liturgy about following in the footsteps of Jesus. Children in Y1, Y3 and Y5 were then inspired to lead a buddy Mass with Fr John who was so complimentary in the way all the children took an active and responsible role in the Mass.

## Parents Evening

Next Thursday is our parents evening. Please make sure you book an appointment via Arbor.

If your child has already had a SEND review you do not need to book an appointment.

## School Calendar

Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

School Calendar<sup>1</sup>

Upcoming events

9th February - Inset Day

### Residential

Year 4 - The Mill - 7th - 8th May 2024

Year 5 - Hathersage - 25th - 27th March 2024

Year 6 - The Briars - 8th- 10th July 2024

You should have now received information regarding the residential for your child. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

## Year 3 Bikeability

Please remember that Y3 have Bikeability on Wednesday 7th February. Your child should bring their bike and helmet and place them under the canopy at the beginning of the school day.

## Phonics Workshop Y1 and Writing Workshop for EYFS

Many thanks to all their families who attended these workshops. We realise that you may not have been able to do so and would encourage you to catch up with your child's teacher for the information.

## Staging

Our staging project is near completion and has been modernised with a lighting and sound system. This is a fantastic investment and we look forward to celebrating our children's talents with you all. Well done to all the children in our younger classes for showcasing their wonderful learning to their friends and family.

On Friday 23rd February at 2.15pm, it will be the turn of children in Y3-Y6 to celebrate their learning in the Arts parts of the curriculum. The school choir will also be performing their latest songs. You are all warmly invited to attend.

## Foundation Stage Playground

Work has started to further develop the provision on this playground to provide our children with an even greater variety of opportunities to develop their skills. This will be completed by the end of the half term break.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk/parents/calendar/>

## Children's Mental Health Week

We are very much looking forward to taking part in this week and have a range of wellbeing sessions and activities planned.

As part of this, your child is invited to bring a game/jigsaw/cards to school next Thursday to play with their friends. (non electrical games please)

## Attendance

Thank you for everyone's continued efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept- 2nd February 2024: Thank you for everyone's efforts!

F2: 94%    Y4: 94.7%

Y1: 94.5%    Y5: 94%

Y2: 95.4%    Y6: 96.6%

Y3: 96.4%

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)<sup>2</sup> 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%	<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.

## Reading and World Book Day

### World Book Day

We are really looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March**. World Book Day celebrates that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.

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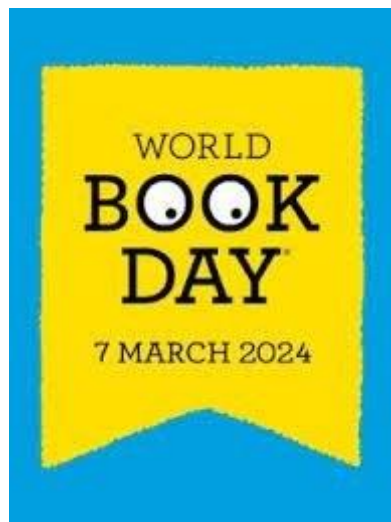
Reading for pleasure improves children's life chances across a range of social, educational and well-being measures. There are six evidence-based principles that can be implemented by families to support children in adopting a life-long habit of reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and at school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading fun!

This year, our theme is '**Bedtime Stories**'. We would like to invite the children to come to school in their comfiest PJ's and dressing gowns, as well as bringing along their favourite teddy and their favourite bedtime story. Throughout the day we will be completing lots of fun activities as a whole school, in classes and in our house groups to encourage reading for pleasure!

### **Travelling Book Fair**

To celebrate World Book Day and our love for reading, we will also be welcoming the Travelling Book Fair into school. The book fair will be open daily afterschool from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March. Each child will receive a World Book Day voucher which they can spend at the book fair or at participating retailers. After half term, we will also be running a reading competition to win up to £25 worth of World Book Day vouchers to spend at the book fair. More details to follow soon!





## PTA: Save the diary date!

St Patrick's Gold Cup Race Night- 15th March. Time TBC

Non uniform day in exchange for Easter chocolate egg with Easter Fayre from 3.30pm onwards- Wednesday 27th March.

Any support with the above events would be greatly appreciated, please contact the school office with your details.

All proceeds raised will go towards playground markings for games.

School breaks for the half term break on Thursday 8th February with Friday 9th February being an INSET. School reopens on Monday 19th February.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley