



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 20th September

Catholic Life and Mission - Ordinary Time

During our recent Mass, we welcomed Father Paul Smith into the community and we hope to see Father Paul back with us throughout the year.

You are warmly invited to Mass in school next Tuesday at 9am to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham. Our children have been busy practising hymns to Mary with the choir performing. It would be lovely for our families to join us in this sacred celebration.

This week's Word of the Week this week : Identity

Next week's word of the week: Understanding

Understanding is the ability to comprehend and interpret information. It is essential for building relationships, for empathising with others and for making good decisions. In the Catholic faith, we are called to be understanding of others and to be compassionate towards them, even when we disagree with them.

Next Friday in school we will be having our very first Catholic Social teaching themed day. The initial focus is on, Family and community. During the day, we will be launching our harvest mission.

This year we will be supporting CAFOD and the local food bank. On Thursday 3rd October, we will be having our harvest festival. The children are very welcome to come in bright clothes for a CAFOD donation of £1 or a tinned donation, which will be given to the local food bank.

There will be a whole school assembly on Thursday 3rd October at 9am, which the whole community is welcome to join us for.

St Patrick's Church Parish Autumn Fayre

Donations and volunteers to run stalls are warmly appreciated for the upcoming parish fayre which is being held on Sunday 6th October after Mass. Please do feel very welcome to come to the Fayre with all proceeds raised for the church

Behaviour virtues

This year we are introducing the behaviour virtues to support the children in making the right choices.

Over the course of the course of the year the following virtues will be introduced and reinforced with the children.

- Faith and Love
- Hope
- Temperance
- Justice
- Courage
- Solidarity

Last week, we introduced 'Faith and Love'. We shared ways that the children can live these out. Throughout this half term, children will be recognised and rewarded for living out these virtues.

School Calendar

St Patrick's Catholic Primary school	
Calendar events 2024-2025	
Monday 9 th Dec	Advent Celebration of the word – Y3 and Y4 – 9am (Main hall) – parents welcome)
Monday 9 th Dec	Reception and KS1 Nativity – 2.15pm (Main hall) – parents welcome)
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Reception and KS1 Nativity – 9am (Main hall) – parents welcome)
Thursday 12 th Dec	Nursery Nativity – 9am (Nursery classroom- parents welcome)
Friday 13 th Dec	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
16.12.24 WOW: Joy	
Monday 16 th Dec	Advent Celebration of the word – Y1 and Y2 – 9am (Main hall- parents welcome)
Friday 20 th Dec	Christmas Carol Concert – KS2 – 9am (Main hall- parents welcome)
Christmas Holidays 23.12.24 30.12.24 Return to school Monday 6 th January	



Advent 1	
09.09.24 WOW: Encounter – Bishop's priority	
16.09.24 WOW: Identify	
23.09.24 WOW: Understanding	
Tuesday 24 th Sept	Whole school mass – 9am
30.09.24 WOW: Solidarity	
Thursday 3 rd Oct	National Poetry Day
Thursday 3 rd Oct	Harvest festival assembly – 9am – whole community welcome
Friday 4 th Oct	Book bus at school (more details to follow)
07.10.24 WOW: Rosary	
Tuesday 8 th Oct	Y5 visit to forest town library
Friday 11 th Oct	Come and See assembly F2, Y1, Y2 and Y3 – 2.30pm (Main hall- parents welcome)
14.10.24 WOW: Poverty	
Wednesday 16 th Oct	Y6 visit to Forest Town Library
Wednesday 16 th Oct	Parents evening (all classes)
Half term Week 21.10.24 Week 28.10.24	
Advent 2	
04.11.24 WOW: Accompaniment	
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
11.11.24 WOW: Remembrance	
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
18.11.24 WOW: Youth	
Friday 22 nd November	National youth fun day
Friday 22 nd November	Come and See Assembly Y4, Y5 and Y6 – 2.30pm (Main hall- parents welcome)
25.11.24 WOW: kingdom	
02.12.24 WOW: Hope	
Monday 2 nd Dec	Advent Celebration of the Word – Y5 and Y6 – 9am (Main hall- parents welcome)
09.12.24 WOW: Peace	

LOL Music Provision

Individual and small group music provision is provided by LOL Music services

They offer weekly single, shared and group instrumental and singing lessons throughout the academic year, rotating and set around student timetables so the same lessons aren't missed each week.

If you are interested in your child having an individual or a small group music lesson please visit www.ololmusic.co.uk

PTA

Our PTA works incredibly hard to raise valuable funds for school resources. Last year, thanks to your generosity, our school benefitted in so many ways as our community came together. We would really like to continue with our community events. You are warmly invited to attend the first meeting of the academic year which takes place on **Wednesday 25th September at 2.15pm** in school. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but have suggestions, please feel most welcome to contact school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Over the summer, there have been a number of changes made by the DFE regarding attendance. Our trust has incorporated these changes which commenced on 19th August 2024. Please see the attached letter explaining some of the key changes with particular regards to taking absence of leave during term time.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring everyone attends school as much as they are able to and therefore ask for your support in light of these changes.

Attendance

F2 - 93%

Y1 - 94.5%

Y2 - 95.4%

Y3 - 95.8%

Y4 - 97.9%

Y5 - 95.4%

Y6- 95.9%

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/>

In line with the Trust's Attendance policy, school is unable to authorise absences of leave during term time, unless the reason falls the exceptional criteria. Fines may also be issued as part of the Trust's attendance policy for absences of leave during term time which are unauthorised.

The Lime Trees Breakfast and after school club

The Lime Trees breakfast and after school club is now fully up and running.

The Lime Trees story is rooted in helping and supporting each individual family.

Our aim is to deliver a service that we, as parents, would be proud to use. Putting parents and families first, we realise that flexibility of childcare is essential for meeting the needs of modern

family life. We allow parents to manage the care of their children around their schedule and not the other way around.

We provide a flexible service where you can book the sessions that work best for you our online booking system located on our website www.thelimetrees.co.uk

You will need to register your child/children before you are able to make a booking. For more information on how to register, book your place, make a payment and general FAQ's please visit our website www.thelimetrees.co.uk

We are delighted to be able to confirm that the Breakfast club will now be available from 7.30am and the after school club available till 6pm.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am to 8.30am at a cost of £5.25.

After school club runs from 3.20pm to 6pm at a cost of £9.80.

*Parents will also be able to use childcare vouchers and the governments Tax Free Childcare scheme.

How to find us. The clubs will be located in the dining hall within the school. Keep in touch & stay up to date. If you have any immediate questions, please refer to our website or alternatively you can contact us on 0115 9313 562 or email enquiries@thelimetrees.co.uk.

For up-to-date news and promotions follow us on Facebook and Instagram, just search for The Lime Trees.



Extra Curricula activities

Spaces are still available to book via Arbor for the following sessions:

Mondays: Mansfield Town football - 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Wednesdays: Multisports - 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Home school agreement

If you haven't already done so, please can you make yourself familiar with our home school agreement and sign the consent to follow this via Arbor.

Family hub information

In September 2024 the very 1st family hub for Mansfield was opened, to provide a range of services to families with children aged birth to 19 years. This will be open in the Ravensdale, Forest Town, Oak Tree and Bellamy areas at first with plans to expand across the whole of Mansfield within the next 12 months.

We would like to hear from you! Family hubs are tailored to meet the needs of the local community providing a one stop shop where you can get all the information in one place, so we need to hear from local parents – what is it that is needed locally? How can we develop the surrounding parks?

Join Karen on Thursday 26th September in the school hall at 8.45am to find out more about this and the range of services available to you and your family and have your say in how your local family hub develops in the next few months.

Year 1

Year 1 are enhancing their provision and are hoping that the wonderful St Patrick's Community could help?

Items that would benefit are:

- Jigsaws
- Construction (lego, duplo etc)
- Small world play
- Number or letter games
- Dressing up clothes

Many thanks,

The Y1 team and children

Year 6 — Secondary Applications

For parents/carers of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to apply for a secondary school place. It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of **Thursday 31st October, 2024**. Nottinghamshire applications can be made here. Nottinghamshire County Council have produced this factsheet to make the process easier for you. Add link to factsheet from NCC website

For the overwhelming majority of you who will be applying for a place at All Saints', please note that you must complete a Supplementary Form from All Saints' as well as the Local Authority application

form. Information on admissions to All Saints' can be found here:

<https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information/admissions/>.

If you are having any difficulties, please speak to a member of the office team, Mrs Smedley or Mrs Pyatt who will be only too happy to help. It is important to note that if a late application is made, then this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place in your preferred choice of school. Parents are notified of which school is assigned on **3rd March**, which is National Offer Day.

Thank you everyone for all your support which has contributed to the very smooth start to the school year. We are incredibly blessed with all the support we receive from yourselves and are always very grateful and appreciative.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley