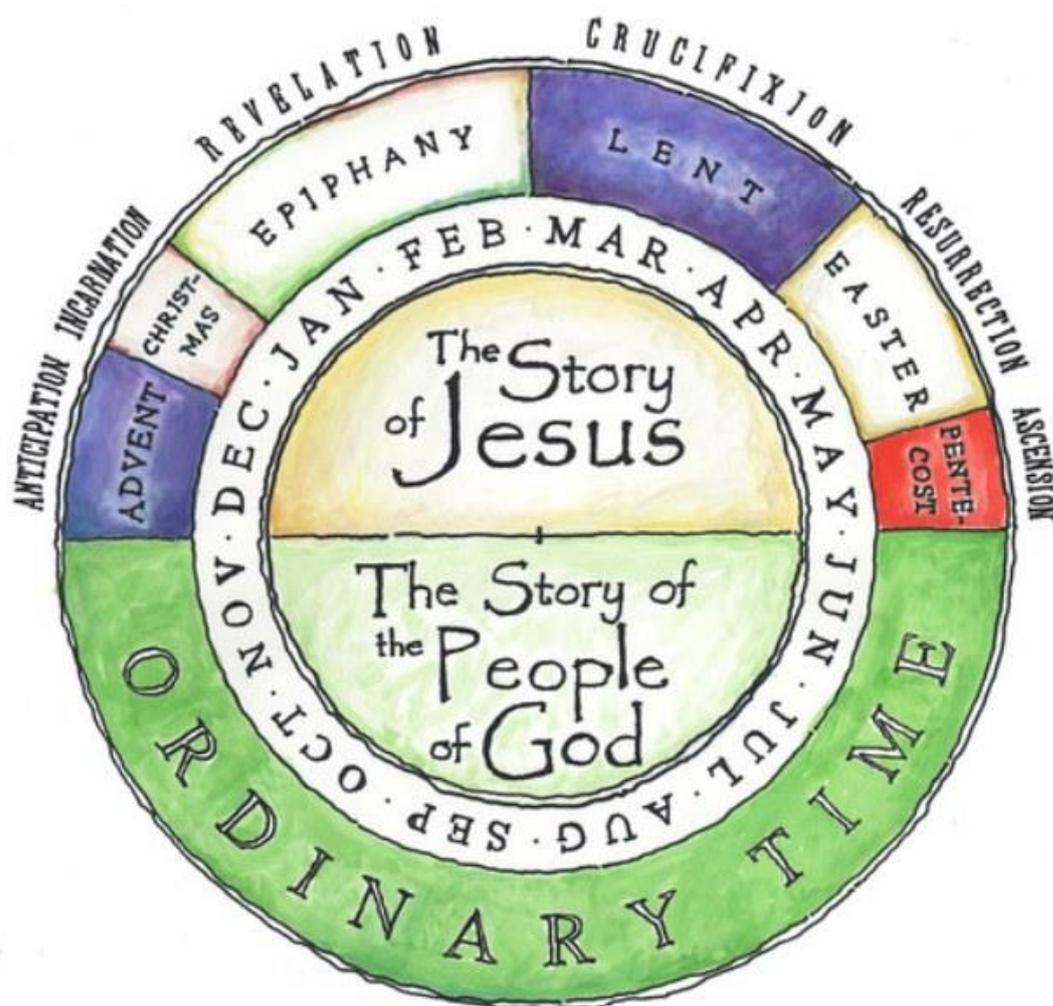




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy
Newsletter: Friday 13th March

Catholic Life and Mission



This week's word of the week: **Almsgiving**

As we journey through Lent, our focus this week has been based on our Word of the Week, Almsgiving. Throughout school, we have been encouraging each other to find ways which we can all give of our time, our gifts and talents, for the good of all in need in God's family community. Our school chaplains and hub chaplain, Luke organised and led the whole school in our Lenten prayer fayre to help everyone make that extra special effort to use kind and helpful thoughts, actions and words.

A very special thank you to Miss Pearce, our wonderful Y6 teacher, who lead the whole school in a DanceAthon today, to raise funds for CAFOD as part of our Lenten mission. A fantastic time was had by all! Any pennies will be gratefully received.

Journey through Lent

A special thank you to Year 1 children and staff for leading the school in the Celebration of the Word in this second week of Lent.

Word of the week for next week, the 4th week of Lent is: SACRIFICE

During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God and that we too are called to live our lives for others as humble servants. Sacrifice is a way to show our love for God and our commitment to living a life that reflects his values.

Mission: Think about someone who makes sacrifices for you and take a moment to thank them for what they do this week.

Next week's Class based celebration of the word will be planned and delivered by Year 3.

Monday 16th March @9am - Y3 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Sacrifice

Monday 23rd March @9am - Y2 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Journey

Thursday 24th March @ 2.30pm Foundation 2 and Y1/2 lead their 'Easter around the World' presentations

Friday 27th March @9am - Y6 lead our Easter story presentation.

Feast Day of St Patrick: Living out Almsgiving of Lent.

During Lent, we are encouraged by the Catholic Church to prioritise supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we are delighted to share that our fundraising efforts will support house group charities and the work of **CAFOD**. More information about CAFOD can be found on their website.

In celebration of our patron saint of our school-parish community, we are delighted to welcome you all to be part of this very special day.

Children from F1-Y4 will take part in Mass in school with Y5 and Y6 children walking to church on a pilgrimage before leading the parish in Mass.

In the afternoon, we hold our mini market to raise funds for CAFOD and our school community. Children in Y3-Y6 are warmly invited to create stalls from home ready for the market. Please can I kindly ask that any baking has labelled ingredients, with no nuts due to allergies. Many thanks.

You are all welcome to bring pennies to spend at the market!

Travel through Lent together.

Journey through Lent

Week beginning 16th March - WOW - Sacrifice

Monday 16th March @9am - Y3 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Sacrifice

Tuesday 17th March -St Patrick's Day mass @9am for F1-Y4, pupils in St Patrick's house will lead the Mass

Tuesday 17th March- Y5 and Y6 to attend 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church to lead the Mass for parishioners - **Please go to Arbor to give consent for your child to walk.**

Tuesday 17th March - Children's mini market @2:30pm. This will be lead by Y3-Y6 as stall holders so please start thinking about ideas for stalls. **All welcome to visit the market!**

Friday 20th March- School choir to perform at Berry Hill Care home

Friday 20th March- PTA Meeting @ 2pm - all welcome to attend to share your ideas for fundraising and future events.

Sunday 22nd March- First Holy Communion group to lead 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Church. All very welcome!

Week beginning 23rd March - WOW - Journey

Monday 23rd March @9am - Y2 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Journey

Tuesday 24th March @ 2.30pm- Foundation 2 and Y1/2 Easter presentation: all welcome to attend. Loose change for CAFOD and tins for our local foodbank charity are most appreciated.

Friday 27th March @9am - Y6 lead Y3, Y4 and Y5 in Easter story presentation: all welcome to attend. Loose change for CAFOD and tins for our local foodbank charity are most appreciated.

Gymnastics Festival

Mrs Pyatt and Mrs Thomson were absolutely wowed by the amazing gymnastic skills and team work shown by a group of year four's who represented the school so beautifully during a Mansfield Schools Gymnastic festival.

PTA News

At the recent Junior and adult PTA meetings; discussions were held as to spending monies raised from the Advent term to further support everyone in school. Items for purchasing include:

- Little Wandle Reading resources for Y2, Y3 and Y4
- Recommended reading books for each class to supplement the current provision

- Well being resources for unstructured times of the school day
- Gardening resources for the garden development

The PTA has also exciting plans to develop the gardens outside the front of school. Resources will be purchased and utilised to further develop the outdoor sacred space and there are also plans to create a sensory garden which the Junior PTA children are currently planning and creating. More details to follow! If you feel able to contribute to these developments, the PTA would love to hear from you, so please feel welcome to contact the school office with your details.

Save the date:

The opening of the gardens will take place on Wednesday 22nd April, National Earth day, with a whole school parish community event. Further details to follow!

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session takes place on

Everyone is most welcome to come along to St Patrick's 11am Sunday Mass on 22nd March in which our First Holy Communion children will be taking a lead role.

Pupil Premium Grant

Pupil Premium Grant For those of you unaware, the government provides a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) for eligible families which provides additional money for schools to use to improve educational outcomes for our children. Not only does PPG funding help schools, but it also benefits parents too as it entitles you to:

- Free school meals;
- Free milk;
- Trips and residential visits subsidised where 50% of costs are paid by school;
- Participation in after school clubs subsidised by 50%;

Checking your eligibility is easy and takes just a couple of minutes. Login to Nottinghamshire County Council's Synergy Hub, simply enter your National Insurance Number, Date of Birth along with your child's details and the system will inform you if you are eligible. The Local Authority will then inform school which will enable us to offer you the above subsidies. Children attending maintained nurseries (which ours is) can also qualify.

More information about Pupil Premium can be found here. If you need any further help, please don't hesitate to ask. And, like all other personal data, please be assured that being in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant is never shared.

Attendance

In line with the Trust's attendance policy, please note that requests for holidays in school time will not be granted unless for exceptional reasons.

Public Health Agency gives the following advice for self-care for minor illness:

The following illnesses can be managed safely with self-care and do not require to see a GP routinely.

The links below offer clinically approved information on how to recognise them.

- **Conjunctivitis:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis¹
- **Hand, foot and mouth disease:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease•
 - **Chickenpox:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox²
- **Common cold:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold³

Please also see the information sheet giving advice on minor illnesses from Public Health Agency.

Please note that staff are only able to administer medication that is prescribed 4 times a day.



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Attendance per class this academic year. Thank you for everyone's efforts and support with attending school as much as possible; a wonderful team effort!

Reception - 95.2%

Year 1 - 94.8%

Year 2 - 95.3%

Year 3 - 95.4%

Year 4 - 96.0%

Year 5 - 95.7%

Year 6 -96.5 %

Whole School - 95.6%

Parent Governor Vacancy – Nominations Now Open

We are pleased to let you know that we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body and we are now starting the election process.

This is a fantastic opportunity to play an active role in supporting and shaping the strategic direction of our school. Parent Governors work with school leaders and other governors to ensure the very best outcomes for all pupils.

Any person who is the parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school is eligible to stand for election and to vote.

Nomination forms will be sent out soon and will include the closing date for nominations, allowing at least seven school days for responses.

If you are interested in standing for election, please look out for the nomination form and further details. If you would like to find out more about the role before applying, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a conversation.

St Patrick's church Liturgy group

Your child is most welcome to take part in the St Patrick's church Liturgy group which takes place during 11am mass on a Sunday. Children experience the gospel and associated activities which also link to the school's word of the week.

Volunteers are also very much appreciated to help support the group in any way.

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher