



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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This Week's Ethos Statement: **We are all special.**



It has been wonderful to see all the children back at school this week. The children look so smart! Thankyou! We are all excited about starting a new school year together and have planned lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children.

We look forward to working together with you again.

Welcome to our new children and their families

Over the next few weeks our new Reception class will be joining us. We are all excited to meet the new children and their families. We welcome them all into St Patrick's School Family.

Staff update

We welcome some new members of staff to our school family this term. Mrs Eribal is a teaching assistant in Year 1 and 3 and Mrs Ellis has replaced Mrs Sykes at lunchtime. We would like to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Sykes as she leaves her lunchtime post. Mrs Gray, who I am sure many parents will remember from their own days at St Patrick's, is starting her early retirement next week. We would like to show her our great appreciation for the many, many children she has worked with in the Reception Class over 33 years at St Patrick's. Due to the length of her service to the school, we have decided to ask if you would like to contribute to a retirement gift from the parents. We have included an envelope for you to return next week if you wish to contribute.

After School Clubs

Your child will have received a form to apply for after school clubs today. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Club places will be allocated by the end of next week.

The following Clubs will start in week beginning 17th September:

Dance, Basketball and Multiskills

All other clubs will start week beginning 24th September.

Dates for your Diary With this newsletter you will have received an A3 calendar to pin up at home. It has all the events already booked in the school diary plus Training Days and school holidays. It is up to date now, but please check the school newsletters for any additions or amendments.

School Uniform

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo

White Polo shirt

Grey / Black school trousers

Or Grey / Black school skirt / pinafore

Plain White or Grey socks **Or** Grey / Black tights

ALL BLACK SHOES / TRAINERS (no colours /logo)

Blue school bookbag

SUMMER UNIFORM OPTIONS:

Grey school shorts

Light blue check school summer dress

PE KIT

White PE t-shirt with school logo

Black Shorts

Black pumps / trainers to change into for PE – **no black soles please**

Blue school PE bag

Optional outdoor kit – Plain Navy tracksuit

All pupils need to have a **waterbottle** everyday and a **cap** in sunny weather

No jewellery should be worn for school. If a child has pierced ears they may wear a pair of small stud earrings that they are able to take out by themselves for PE lessons.

NO Makeup or Nail varnish / False nails in school.

Hair

Any hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up with a plain bobble (black or blue)

Hair accessories – small and simple please (only black / blue)

No shaved patterns are suitable for school.

If your child isn't following the uniform requirements the classteacher will remind you as parent/carer verbally on the first occasion as we understand their can sometimes be a mishap on a morning etc.

If this happens a second time, your child will be asked to miss playtime as they know the school rules and we want them to develop a sense of responsibility in following rules.

If there are further incidents we will ask you to come into school to discuss the situation with the Headteacher.

We have always had very supportive parents who do everything possible to ensure their children look smart and support the school in all its policies. We are very grateful for your

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support and I know many parents have expressed how glad they are that we have a simple uniform policy that means it makes life simple and easier for them on a morning.

If you need our support in providing your child with the correct uniform please let us know as we often have spare items of clothing in school that your child could borrow.

We have lots of lost property left from the summer. If you know your child lost / left an item behind at the end of the summer, please ask a member of staff to let you go through all the black bags on the stage. These bags will be disposed of at the end of next week.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE LABELLED AS THIS HELPS US RETURN MISLAID / LOST ITEMS TO THEIR OWNER.

School Dinners

Free school meals are available for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Reminder: 2 weeks notice is required for all children who are changing from packed lunches to dinners or vice versa.

Packed Lunches

Please try to ensure your child has a healthy lunchbox. We don't allow fizzy drinks, sweets or bars of chocolate.

£2.20 a day / £11 a week Please note the increase for this school year.

Milk Money charge £15 per year - £5 per term

ALL MONIES MUST BE SENT IN A LABELLED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD.

If you would like to find out more about how to **pay for school dinners online** please request an information sheet from the school office.



Painting Benches

Can any parent / carer offer an hour or two next week during the school day or after school to **help us brighten up the benches in the playground / quiet prayer garden**. If you can offer a helping hand just let me know or let the school office know at the beginning of next week.

Many thanks for your help and support!

Homework Diaries

Years 1 to 6 have all got Homework Diaries. We hope you find the Diaries a useful way to communicate between home and school. **Reading -Please sign everytime** to say you have heard your child read indicating **which pages** you have heard your child read and any **comments** you would like to share.

All homework will be given on Fridays and expected in by the following Wednesday. Homework is an important part of your child's learning – please support them by making sure it is completed on time.

We will have a **Lunchtime Homework club** for those children who haven't completed their homework. The children will use the lunch time to catch up on any homework they haven't handed in. Children who haven't read with their parent / carer the last full week will join this club to read during the lunchtime session. **We only know if your child has read if an ADULT (not brother or sister) has signed the reading record.**

Catholic Care Worker

Mr Owen Corrigan works in school on Wednesdays for the full day from 8am to 4pm.

Owen works with individual children and groups of children to provide support in developing self esteem, social skills and confidence, dealing with bereavement etc.. He is also available to meet with parents to talk confidentially about concerns and problems that may effect their children. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to Owen contact the school office.

St Patrick's Church

Fr McGillicuddy has visited school several times this week to see the staff and children. He has missed seeing our children and families at church during the summer holiday and would like to remind all families they are welcome to bring the children to church at the weekend. He will continue to say an early morning Mass on **Thursdays at 8.15-8.35am** to enable school staff and families attend. Please join the parish whenever you can.

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School Improvement Plan work in 2018/19

Some of the Key Areas we will be developing in our school this year are:

Reading is our first and main focus this year.

Do you have any school reading books or library books at home?

A member of staff did an audit of our stock in the summer holidays and we have quite a few books missing.

Please return any school reading / library books you find at home in next week....it doesn't matter how old it might be – we need them back please.

We will have to charge parents for any lost or badly damaged books this year as our budget is very tight and we want to be able to buy a wider range of books for the children to read.

To replace a book we will need to charge between £4 and £8 depending on the type of book.

Other areas we are developing are:

Maths Challenge, Collective Worship and Working together with Parents/Carers

We will keep you updated in our newsletter about what we are doing in school....but ask **your children too!** We will continue the work every year on Growth Mindset. We believe that children and adults can achieve amazing things if they aim high, work hard, are encouraged to overcome mistakes and celebrate together everyone's achievements.

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them



Meet the Teacher meetings

Many thanks to all the Year 5 and 6 parents who came to the meetings this week. It was wonderful to see such a great turn out! I hope you found the short session useful.

Sessions next week:

Year 4 – Monday 3.15-3.45pm

Year 3- Tuesday 3.15-3.45pm

Year 1 and 2 – Thursday 3.15-3.45pm

Holidays in Term Time

Reminder: Schools are not allowed to authorise any requests for children to be taken out of school for a holiday during term time.

Please contact the school office to complete an Exceptional Leave form if you are planning any absence from school so we can discuss this to you. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets

Your child has brought home a Data Collection Sheet. It is vitally important that ALL these sheets are returned next week.

Please check all the details carefully and make sure we have at least 2 Contacts – this is now a requirement from the DFE.



Statements to live by....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the next few weeks the children will be working together to....

Understand their uniqueness as made in the image of God and develop self awareness, positive self-esteem and confidence'

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home and support them as they learn about....

- We are all special
- I can say one good thing about myself
- I can say how I feel
- I can laugh and have fun

What makes them special and what makes mum/dad/carers special?



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Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

Reception - God's World



"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love"

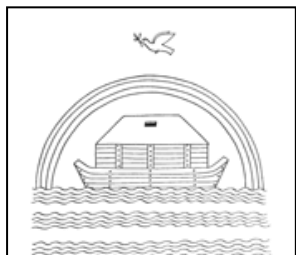
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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about God's world. Throughout this topic, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty of the world and know that God made it.

They will learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us.

They will know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.

Year 1 - God's Great Plan



"As the first action of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creation is the first step towards the covenant relationship God seeks with every human being"

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The children will learn about the beauty of God's world and explore and respond to the wonders of creation e.g. the seasons. They will also hear about the story of Creation from Genesis and talk about its meaning.

They will be reflecting on the knowledge that God made us because he loves us and develop their understanding that we show God we love him by looking after the world and each other. They will learn that we can spoil God's creation and that we have a responsibility to look after it, as well as hearing an appropriate part of the story of Noah and the Flood and its message of salvation and hope.

Year 2 - The Chosen People

"In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram ... and makes him Abraham, that is, 'the father of a multitude of nations.' ... God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt ... he gave them his law so that they would recognise him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Saviour."

Catechism of the Catholic Church



The children will learn that we are chosen by God and learn that God chose certain people to lead and guide his people. They will learn that God called Abraham and that God chose Moses to be a great leader. They will also learn about how Samuel responded to God's call and find out about the story of Daniel in the lions' den.

They will have an opportunity to reflect on Abraham's trust in God and learn that we should always trust God. They will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own response to God's call.

Year 3 - The Christian Family

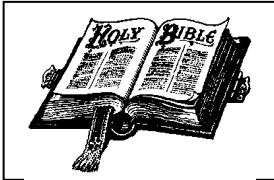
"The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world."

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The children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Year 4 - The Bible

"The Scriptures are the living Word of God, written under the guidance of the



Holy Spirit received and faithfully handed on within the living Tradition and teaching of the Church."

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The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself. They will learn that the Bible is one story told through many different books and they will learn about Moses, David and Jonah as well as learning how to find a Bible reference.

The children will have the chance to:

- explore how the Bible helps us to pray and experience how God speaks to us in the Bible
- participate in a liturgy and experience a guided meditation on a text from the Bible.

Year 5 - Gifts from God

"Each human person is unique and made in God's image and likeness"

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The children will learn the story of Creation and the Fall in the Book of Genesis. They will learn that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all creation with love and respect. They will learn that there are times when we fail to be good stewards of creation. They will also learn that there are people who show great respect for creation and for the weakest members of society.

The children will have the chance to:

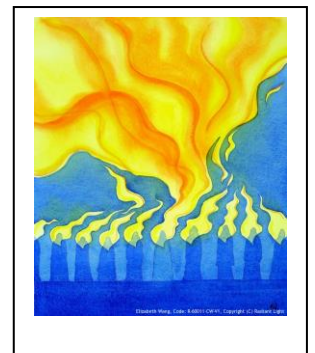
- appreciate how we can show respect for ourselves, for others and for God.
- reflect on times we have failed to show respect and reflect on the gifts and talents God has given each of us.
- reflect on the use and misuse we can make of these gifts.

Year 6 –Called to Serve

"The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to share the mission of the Church."

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The children will learn about Jesus' teaching and example of service of others. They will develop their ability to recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people. They will learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and understand that we receive these gifts in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will have an opportunity to reflect on a life of service through the role of the priest, religious and married life.



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