



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> October  
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## October – the Month of the Rosary



Many thanks to the children, parents and staff who have been joining us for the Rosary on Wednesday mornings during October. Please join us for our final week next week at 8.30am in the school hall.



## School Photographs – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

All children will have an individual photograph. If applicable, they will also have one with their brother or sister in school time.

If you would like your child to have a family photo with a **pre-school brother or sister** please arrive at school between 8.15am and 8.30am. These photos are taken before the start of the school day. There is no obligation to buy any of the photographs.

## Parents Consultation Evening

All parents should have received a text inviting them to book an appointment for next week's meetings.

- This is a meeting for parents only – **NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND** – please make arrangements for your child to be looked after by family or friends.
- Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment time so you can have a look at your child's books.
- **All parents** need to meet with their child's teacher this half term so if you haven't booked an appointment please try to ensure you book one before Monday.
- If you wish to make an appointment with our SENCO (**Special Educational Needs** Coordinator) Mrs Newton, please ask the office staff to arrange this for you. Thankyou for your support.



## FREE sports and cooking equipment for local schools.

As you may already be aware, Family First are providing all families across the UK (via primary schools) with copies of their free publication in a bid to get children healthier and more active. However, we also take environmental issues very seriously and that is why we are asking schools to attach a digital copy of the magazine (link below) to your next newsletter to parents rather than us having to print 6 million hard copies.

In addition to this, we are very aware of the tight budgets schools are having to run on, therefore if your school is in need of free sports and cooking equipment, we are asking that you ask your parents to like our Facebook page so that they are able to nominate your school for the prizes. We are aiming to give away over £1 million worth of sports and cooking equipment to schools in need.

Please like & share the page in this link for our chance to win prizes for our school:

[https://www.familyfirst.co.uk/family\\_first\\_latest](https://www.familyfirst.co.uk/family_first_latest)

## Year 6 Confirmation Preparation Classes

It has been wonderful to see so many children and their parents at the preparation classes. Reminder that there won't be a class next week due to Parent Consultation evening. Next session will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm.



### **Building Work – starting in the holiday**

We are having some essential repairs to our school roof this year. The work will start in the half term holiday and will last approximately 4 weeks. To ensure everyone is safe whilst the work is carried out there will be some security fencing in the playground. This will restrict access to the area immediately in front of school.

**If you are arriving late to school or collecting your child for an appointment please accompany your child up the drive on foot.**

There will be builders and equipment in the staff car park until the work is completed so there won't be any space for additional cars.

**Please keep your child away from the temporary fencing in the playground before and after school.**

### **VCS contributions – Building repairs**

At parents evening next week we will put a VCS (Voluntary Contribution Scheme) form in all our children's trays so that anyone who hasn't already contributed this year has the opportunity to do so as soon as possible.

**The school will need to contribute approximately £8000 towards the roof repairs.** This should come from funds raised by our school families. It is essential that all families contribute in some way to ensure their child has the best learning environment possible. **We ask if you could contribute £3 a month per child by standing order or cash contributions if preferred across the year.**

**Huge thanks to all those families who have contributed every year since their child started school.**

If we can't pay this bill we will be unable to apply for future work on the school until the amount is raised.

### **Parent Governor Election**

#### **The role of the governing board**

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

#### **The role of a parent governor**

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in ensuring that the board is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

#### **To be a parent governor you should have:**

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to ensure the governing board delivers effective governance

#### **The governing board is keen for candidates who have skills and knowledge in the following:**

- Understanding the mission of a Catholic school and Catholic education generally
- Knowledge of school and local community
- Legal
- Problem solving and/or creativity
- HR expertise

#### **Expectations of governors:**

- Attendance at meetings – 5 full Governing Body Meetings a year (1 ½ -2 hours) 3 subcommittee meetings (1-1 ½ hours) Our meetings are held in the evening starting at 6.15pm.
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Committing to training – all New Governors are expected to attend an induction course and attend at least one course at the Diocese a year (evenings)
- Visiting the school – Governors are linked to specific areas for development and we ask them to visit school at least once a year during the school year to support the self-evaluation of the school.

#### **How to apply**

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form sent home last week and **return to the school office by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.** If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

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## Dates for your Diary

22-24<sup>th</sup> October – Book fair in school – parents can purchase books after school 3.15-3.45pm

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Poetry Recital Final 2pm

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents Consultation evening option 1 -3.30pm-6pm - parents get information though a text on 9<sup>th</sup> October to book a 10 min appointment time online.

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October – D:Side whole school lessons on Internet Safety and Social Media

There will also be sessions especially for parents/carers on the dates.

24<sup>th</sup> October- Parents Consultation evening option 2 - 5-7.30pm

26<sup>th</sup> October – Final day of half term

5<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school

9<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 assembly 2.40pm

21<sup>st</sup> November – Staff Training Day – school closed for pupils

## After School Clubs

### Lexia Clubs

Morning sessions (8.15-8.40am)	WB 22.10.18	WB 5.11.18	After school (3.10-3.45pm)	WB 22.10.18	WB 5.11.18
Tuesday	Yes	Yes	Monday	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Yes	Yes	Tuesday	NO	Yes
Thursday	Yes	Yes	Thursday	Yes	Yes

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Clubs finish at 4.15pm

	Class		WB 22.10.18	WB 5.11.18
Monday	Y5/6	Brass Band	Yes	Yes
Monday	Y4,5&6	Football - boys	Yes	Yes
Tuesday	Y3	Cookery Club	NO	Yes
Tuesday	Y3&4	Recorders	NO	Yes
Wednesday	Y4,5&6	Dance	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y4,5&6	Football - girls	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y4,5&6	Basketball	Yes	Yes
Friday	Y5&6	Multi Skills (Hall)	Yes	Yes

## Weekly Draw

Many thanks to all those who have returned their weekly draw envelopes. If you would like to purchase a ticket please do so as soon as possible. Profits from the draw help to fund the running of our school minibus for the children. EVERYONE WILL GET A NEW NUMBER THIS YEAR.

**It is only £6 for the whole year!** Many thanks for your support!



**Year 6 – Robinwood Residential** – Please ensure all forms and deposits are returned before the Half Term Holiday. Many thanks.



**Be Bright Day** – Huge Thanks to everyone!

**Total Raised = £203**

## BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship

Many thanks to the children and parents in Year 5 who came to the Cathedral very early on Sunday morning to be part of the congregation in the Sunday Worship Programme. They were a credit to our school!



## School calendar academic year 2019-2020

Holiday	Schools close			Schools open		
Summer break				Monday	2 September	2019
Autumn mid-term	Friday	25 October	2019	Monday	4 November	2019
Christmas break	Friday	20 December	2019	Monday	6 January	2020
Spring mid-term	Friday	14 February	2020	Monday	24 February	2020
Easter break	Friday	3 April	2020	Monday	20 April	2020
May Bank Holiday	Friday	1 May	2020	Tuesday	5 May	2020
Summer mid-term	Friday	22 May	2020	Monday	1 June	2020
Summer break	Monday	20 July	2020			

## Calendar for 2019/20

Thank you to the parents who took part in the consultation for the calendar 2019/20 (next school year) on the school website. The results were as follows:

58% in favour of returning to the one week break at Summer mid-term. 42% in favour of retaining the two week break at half term.

Go to the school website: [www.stpatrickleeds.org.uk](http://www.stpatrickleeds.org.uk) for this year's calendar.

## E-Safety sessions for Parents



There will be an opportunity for Parents to learn more about keeping their children safe online on

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October between 5.15-7pm – drop-in sessions** in the computer suite.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-3.10pm** – a presentation about Online Safety in the Computer room.

The sessions are led by an expert in the field who will be able to give you good advice and update your personal knowledge.

The children will also have Online safety sessions during the week.

## Communicating with Parents and Carers

At the end of this term we will no longer be using Teachers2Parents to send reminders/notices to you.

This information will be put on the school APP.

Please download the App as soon as possible (it is free!)

### Simple to download:

Go to either **Googleplay** on an Android phone or **App Store** for iPhone users.

Search for **School Jotter**

Enter the school postcode: **LS97QL (no spaces)** or scroll down to Find **St Patrick's Leeds**. **Install.**

*If you are unable to download the APP please let the school office know.*



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