



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Christmas Charities

The **School Council** are currently gathering ideas from their classes about which charities they would like to support this Christmas as part of our Advent preparations. You may want to ask your child about which charity their class has chosen.

We will be supporting the **Catholic Care Christmas Appeal** for tins of food, toiletries and unwrapped new toys. Please think about whether you can support in some small way whilst you are shopping over the next few weeks.

Next week, Year 4 will lead an **Advent Assembly** to start our preparations together.

A **travelling crib** will be sent home with your child at some point during Advent. Please take the opportunity to share a time of reflection and prayer as a family and return the travelling crib the next day, ready for the next family to use.

100% Attendance in November PRIZES!!!

We have one more week left in November....let's see how many classes can achieve **100%** next week!

Weekly Draw to support the running of our school minibus.

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. The draw will start next week.

All 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!

Prizes: £30 and £10 every week. There is a special prize of **£50** every 5th week and **£100** every 10th week!



Year 6 – Robinwood Residential

Meeting for parents on **Tuesday 11th December at 3.15pm** in school. Please ensure all Year 6 children are represented

Year 6 - Confirmation Preparation Classes

It is essential that any children in Year 6 who wish to be confirmed **must attend the next two lessons** with an adult.

The date for the Confirmation Mass is **Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7pm** in church.

Well done to the Athletics Team

The Athletics team competed in the first round of this year's athletics competition last week.

We were very proud of their confidence and teamwork. They were delighted to come first and are through to the next round.

Many thanks to Mr Broderick who coaches the team at lunch time and to Mr Hope who organises these events.



Dates for your Diary

27th November – Owl visit – Year 2

30th November – Year 4 assembly at 2.40pm

3rd December – KS2 Carol Concert in church at 2pm – All welcome – please join us!

4th December – Rec/ KS1 Advent Reconciliation Service in church at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

5th December – Year 3,4 & 6 visit to the Carriageworks 'Beauty and the Beast'

6th December - Rec/KS1 Christmas Magic Show / Disco

6th December - Northern Ballet 'Nutcracker' – Year 5

7th December – Uniform sale – 2.40pm

12th December – KS1 Nativity play at **1.45pm** (Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2)

12th December – Year 3 & 4 Film Night

13th December – Advent Reconciliation Service in church at 11am – Parents are welcome to join us.

13th December - Year 5&6 Film Night

14th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.

19th December – End of Term Mass 11am in church – All welcome.

20th December – Christmas Parties (afternoon)

21st December – School closes for the Christmas holidays.



Children in Need

Thankyou for your support last Friday. We raised a total of £ 184.

After School Clubs

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Morning sessions (8.15-8.40am)	WB 26.11.18	WB 3.12.18	After school (3.10-3.45pm)	WB 26.11.18	WB 3.12.18
Tuesday	Yes	Yes	Monday	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Yes	Yes	Tuesday	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Yes	Yes	Thursday	Yes	Yes
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Clubs finish at 4.15pm					
	Class		WB 26.11.18	WB 3.12.18	
Monday	Y5/6	Brass Band	Yes	Yes	
Monday	Y4,5&6	Football - boys	Yes	Yes	
Tuesday	Y3	Cookery Club	Yes	Yes	
Tuesday	Y3&4	Recorders	Yes	Yes	
Wednesday	Y4,5&6	Dance	Yes	NO	
Thursday	Y4,5&6	Football - girls	Yes	Yes	
Thursday	Y4,5&6	Basketball	Yes	Yes	
Friday	Y5&6	Multi Skills (Hall)	Yes	Yes	

St Patrick's Church 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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Carol Concert Monday 3rd December

Starting at 2pm in St Patrick's Church



You are invited to join the Key Stage 2 children of

St Patrick's School as they begin the season of Christmas with the Parish
and Local community.

There will be mince pies and a cup of tea / coffee afterwards.

VCS contributions

Thankyou to those parents who have already sent in this term's / year's Voluntary Contributions. **We ask each family to try to contribute £3 a month per child or a termly contribution.** Please consider setting up the standing order. It is simple to do but overall makes a big difference to school funds.

Homework Diaries



Please can all parents sign and note the number of pages read in their child's Homework diary every night. Many thanks.

Please use the diary to note any queries or comments you wish to share with the staff.

Winter coats, hats, gloves... As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child has a coat every day. Please write your child's name in hats, gloves etc. Thankyou.



Parking and Road Safety Please take great care when **parking outside school**. If you park on the pavement please make sure there is a **clear, safe pathway** for parents with young children and buggies to pass by. Please always accompany your child from the car to the crossing.



NO PARENTS SHOULD DRIVE UP THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK. ALWAYS PARK OUTSIDE SCHOOL. Thankyou.

Thank you to the parents who supported and attended the **SHARE** sessions.



FOSP Christmas Events

Reception & KS1

Thursday 6th December 5.30-7.30pm

Magic show/ Disco

The children will watch a fun, interactive magic show that is suitable for young children with a short interval to have a drink of juice and a few sweets. They will then have a disco / games session for the second half of the evening.



Film Night for KS2

Wednesday 12th Dec 5.30-7.30pm – Year 3 & 4

Thursday 13th Dec 5.30-7.30pm – Year 5 & 6



The children can wear PJ's / Onesies or comfortable clothes - bring a pillow to relax in the hall and watch a movie!

They will get a bag of Popcorn or crisps and drink and at the interval they will be able to have an Ice cream or lolly.



Secret Santa - £2 a gift



This event will happen in school over several days near the end of term. The children who have paid £2 can select a gift for someone at home from a range of presents. Parent volunteers will then help the children to wrap their gift and write a gift tag to take home from school.

WHO ARE FOSP?

Friends Of St Patricks are a group of parents, carers and friends of the school who wish to support the school in providing events for our children and families to enjoy and to help raise funds to buy resources for your children in school.

Every member of the school community are considered members and events can't go ahead without your support. Thankyou in advance to those who volunteer to help and ensure these events can take place.

Please complete the form overleaf to book a place for your child at one of these events. Please send the form into school with money in a labelled envelope. There won't be tickets for these events as we will have a class list on the door – save printing costs and our environment!

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FOSP Christmas Events

Child's Name : _____ Class: _____

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I would like to book a place at the FOSP Christmas event for my child's class and enclose £3.

Reception / Y1/ Y2 on Thursday 6th December 5.30-7.30pm

Y3 and Y4 on Wednesday 12th December 5.30-7.30pm

Y5 and Y6 on Thursday 13th December 5.30-7.30pm

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I enclose £2 for my child to wrap a gift at the Secret Santa afternoon. Please indicate if your child is buying more than one Secret Santa - enclose £2 per gift.

Can you help? (Please tick any events where you are able to help)

Parent Name: _____

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Rec / Y1 / Y2 – Thursday 6th December 5.30-7.30pm – supervising children and helping with refreshments etc.

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Year 3 and 4 –Wednesday 12th December 5.30-7.30pm – supervising children and helping with refreshments etc.

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Year 5 and 6 –Thursday 13th December 5.30-7.30pm – supervising children and helping with refreshments etc.

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Secret Santa – Monday 17th December - helping children with choosing gifts, wrapping etc – please state what time you are available _____am /pm

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Wrapping Christmas presents for Christmas parties – Thursday 13th Dec 8.45am – 11am or 2-3pm (for however long you can stay)

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Uniform Sale – Friday 7th December – help sorting and selling uniform – arrive at 1.30pm please.



Preloved Uniform Sale

Help the environment.

Save yourself some time and money.

Have spare uniform for when you need it.

Raise some money for school.



There will be a preloved uniform sale every **first Friday of the month** in school.

At 2.45pm in the school hall or playground (weather dependant) - it will be signposted.

Friday 7th December 2018

Friday 1st February 2019

Friday 1st March 2019

Friday 5th April 2019

Only £1 an item or 7 items for £5!

Please come and support!

School jumpers, school cardigans,
trousers, skirts, coats, etc.

All sizes and checked for
quality before the sale.

NOTE—all uniform will be clearly labelled and sorted into
sizes to make buying a bit easier.



The production of new clothes is damaging the environment.
Make a difference to help the world—buy preloved clothes!



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Parents Consultation Evening / Questionnaire Responses

Part 2. Below is a list of all the written responses from your parent questionnaire. We really appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Many thanks for all your hard work.

Love this school, just think communication with parents could be a little better

This school is BRILLIANT

Many thanks for all your help

Brilliant school. Both my children attend and both love it.

Pls continue nurturing the children. Thank you

Very happy so far with my son at this school he always looks forward to going.

Really going to miss this school. My child always enjoys her time here learning and playing.

Thank you

I am really happy with the SEN in this school, the school goes beyond to ensure every child progresses including those within the SEN group.

I would strongly recommend this school to others, also my children are very happy and appear to be progressing very well. I think it is good to have breakfast club. Excellent school. Just always be transparent.

Suggestion to have more after school clubs/morning clubs

We appreciate the support of our parents and all the positive comments and suggestions.

Breakfast club / after school clubs: As you know any clubs that are held in school have to be staffed and as a school we have both limited funds and facilities. We currently offer a wide range of clubs and are always looking to offer a range that interest our children. The cost of running a before school / breakfast club is high and the staff required are not a feasible option to the school at this time.

One parent said they would like us to communicate a little better. I would be grateful if the parent would contact me and let me know how they think this could be improved. We currently use the website, the Jotter App, the parent noticeboard and this newsletter and paper flyers. We always have to consider the costs both in time and money of systems but we are always open to ways to improve. If you have any concerns, please come to see us. We always try to be as transparent as possible as we wish to work with you to support your child.

SLS Books (School Library Service)

Please check at home for any books your child may have borrowed from the school library that have a little owl sticker with the letters SLS. We need to return them to the library service so we can borrow new books for this half term. Thankyou!

Share Group – Message from Mrs Longbottom our Learning Mentor

We would like to say thankyou to all those parents from our Reception Class who attended the Share group this term. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated.