



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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20th April
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This Week's Ethos Statement:

I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from.



As we return to school the Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 20th May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

During this half-term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother. We will celebrate together the gift of Mary as our mother in the May Procession on Friday 4th May.

Dates for your Diary:

This is an important time of the year for national tests. Children throughout school will have progress tests but in Year 1, 2 and 6 the children take part in National Tests. It is vitally important your children are at school.

Year 1- Phonics Test week: Monday 11th June to Friday 15th June

Year 2- End of Key Stage Tests: The children will be taking these tests throughout May.

Year 6- End of Key Stage 2 Tests: Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May.

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| 26th April | – Y4 swimming lessons start |
| 4th May | – Year 4 Class Assembly 2.30pm – May Procession |
| 9-11th May | – Year 5 Residential to Castlerigg in Cumbria |
| 14-18th May | – Year 6 End of Key Stage National Tests |
| 14-18th May | – Year 2 End of Key Stage National Tests |
| 18th May | – Year 5 Class Assembly 2.30pm |
| 22nd May | – Rec and Year 1 class trip to Hesketh farm |
| 25th May | – Break up for the mid-term holiday |
| 11th June | – Return to school after holiday |
| 11-15th June | – Year 1 Phonics Test week |
| 12th June | – FOSP meeting – all parents welcome to join – 7pm in the school Library |
| 14th June | – New Reception Class Parent meeting at 7pm |
| 15th June | – Book People Book Bus visit to school all day – opportunity to buy a book. |
| 26th June | – Meeting for Year 5 parents about the new arrangements for Confirmation |
| 27th June | – New Rec Class Open Morning |
| 6th July | – FOSP Family BBQ at 7pm |
| 9th July | – 7-a-side Football Tournament |
| 13th July | – KS2 Trip to Filey |
| 17th July | – Sports Day |
| 18th July | – Year 6 Leavers Mass at 7pm with refreshments after in school |
| 20th July | – End of Term Mass / School Closes for the Summer holiday. |

St Patrick's Weekly Draw Results

Week 1:	£30.00 J Wharton 116	Seller P Stall	£10.00 M Gilroy 273	Seller P Stall
Week 2 :	£30.00 E Martin 439	Seller J Foley	£10.00 F Knowles 291	Seller P Stall

Lexia Clubs					
Morning sessions (8.15-8.40am)	WB 23.4.18	WB 30.4.18	After school (3.10-3.45pm)	WB 23.4.18	WB 30.4.18
Tuesday	Yes	Yes	Monday	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Yes	Yes	Tuesday	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Yes	Yes	Wednesday	Yes	Yes

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Clubs finish at 4.15pm				
	Class		WB 23.4.18	WB 30.4.18
Monday	Y5/6	Brass Band	NO –staff training	Yes
Monday	Y3	Art Club	NO –staff training	Yes
Monday	Y4,5&6	Football - boys	NO –staff training	Yes
Tuesday	Y3	Cookery Club	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Y4/5	Dance	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y4,5&6	Football - girls	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y3&4	Recorders	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y3&4	Basketball	Yes	Yes
Friday	Y5&6	Multi Skills (Hall)	Yes	Yes

Reminder about absence procedures

Our School and Local Authority responses to pupil's low attendance.

Illness and First Day Call

If your child is unable to attend school through illness you should inform us by telephone on the first day of absence **before 8.30am**. Alternatively you can call in person at the Office. It is useful to know the expected day of return. If you do not supply us with this information we have a duty to contact you so that we may be sure of the child's whereabouts as this is a safeguarding measure.

What we are aiming for

The National Average attendance is approximately 96.5% for the year, with outstanding attendance 100%. As a school we have set a target of 97.5% as the level we expect our children to achieve

What is considered as poor attendance.

Anything below 95% is lower than expected, if attendance dips below 90% we will have serious concerns.

Below 90% is regarded as persistent absence by the DFE. Here at St. Patrick's school we are aiming for every pupil to achieve attendance levels of at least 96.5%. We monitor each pupil's attendance weekly.

At the end of each half term we will identify all those pupils whose attendance has fallen below 92% and will issue a courtesy letter or make a telephone call informing parents. We will then continue to monitor the pupils' attendance on a weekly basis and hope to see a pattern of unbroken weeks developing.

Children's attendance at school is monitored on a daily basis and notable absences or patterns of absences are followed up by the Parental Support Advisor, Mrs Hudson, and in more serious cases the Attendance Officer. The school prides itself on its very good attendance figures. Many thanks for your support.

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Safeguarding our children

Child Protection – this is sensitive area in which all staff receive regular training. Here, school and other services for children and families all work together to support the needs of children. There are 3 designated Child Protection Staff, Mrs Kneeshaw, Mrs Newton and Mrs Longbottom. If you have any concerns please contact them through the school office. There is also a named governor for child protection, Mrs Margaret Morrison. The safeguarding and child protection policy can be viewed by parents on request or on the school website.

Please do not drive up the school driveway. If you are late, park your car outside and walk your child up the driveway. We have had several parents who have driven too fast up the drive and we will be asking all parents to follow the same rules.

Class assemblies

When it is your child's class assembly, please WALK up the driveway and come through the main Reception Office area. You will then be taken to the school hall. Many thanks.

ONLINE SAFETY – Keeping your children safe at home

In school we teach the children about how to keep themselves safe when they are online and what to do if they are concerned. We have filtering and monitoring systems to ensure children are kept as safe as possible.

We recently had a case reported to school where pupils were accessing unsuitable sites etc at home. We would like to remind parents of some useful ways you can keep your child safe whether they are 5 or 15!

Please don't think it wouldn't happen to my child!

We are asking EVERY parent whose child has access to a phone/ ipad / computer /xbox / playstation to regularly check any conversations they are having with others.

We always tell the children to tell an adult **if they see or hear something inappropriate** but we also need all parents to be vigilant too please.

Children who are able to access **Youtube** can be very vulnerable to seeing and hearing things you would not want. Please always oversee them using these sites.

Some ways to keep your child safe:

- Regularly check devices
- Limit times when your child can use the device
- Ensure they use the devices within your vision and hearing (perhaps not in bedrooms)
- Only allow age appropriate games / apps
- Let school know if you are notice anything that is not appropriate for children

We'd recommend that all parents visit the **CEOP Think U Know** website for more information on keeping your child safe online www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Other useful resources are **NSPCC Share Aware** guide that we sent home earlier this year - you can access this online.

Talking points

- Which sites and apps can be used and by who?
- When is it/isn't it OK to use the internet?
- Do your children have to ask for permission to download games, apps, or spend money online?
- What parental controls will you use, and when and how will you use them?
- Be positive about the benefits of the internet and take a balanced view.

Many thanks for your contributions to the Easter Charity Fundraisers.

We raised **£200.70** for **CAFOD** through bun sales and Lent CAFOD envelopes.

We have had some very generous responses from a few families for the **Sponsored Walk for Catholic Care** but unfortunately many children didn't bring in any contribution. If you are able, would you please consider **sending in £1** to support this fantastic charity. So many of our families benefit from the work of Owen Corrigan (our Catholic Care worker).

Dinner money Please send in your dinner money on the **MONDAY** of each week.

Castlerigg residential – Year 5 Please send any outstanding money or forms by Monday 23rd April please.

Water bottles Please wash out water bottles every night before refilling.

Thankyou to the Reception Class parents who have been joining their children for family reading activities. Doors open at **8.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for 15 mins to read together.**



Congratulations to our Mini Vinnies who were officially commissioned in their roles this week. Thankyou to Mrs Webster, our school coordinator and Mr Sadler, our Chair of Governors, who is the president of the parish SVP who presented the children with their certificates.



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