

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Newsletter 17.1.20



Our Virtue to Live by: Faith

"Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but told him,
"Do not be afraid, only believe." (Mark 5:36)

❖ I show my faith by living my life filled with hope and love

Happy New Year to you all

We have made a super start to the spring term since returning last week. Throughout 2020 the Catholic Church in England and Wales is celebrating **The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word**. On the Diocese of Leeds website, you can find more information about events that are taking place across the diocese. 2020 will be a year of **celebrating**, **living** and **sharing** God's Word. This initiative is seeking to break down the barriers to the Bible. Last week I met with a group of children about how they would like to celebrate the Year of the Word, they had some fantastic ideas...watch this space!



Thank you to the small number of families who sent me a photo of your lovely family. They are now on display. I would love to add to this central display and have each family represented and your prayers for 2020. Please send me a photo and/or a short prayer and I will print them out. office@stpatrickleeds.org.uk. I would also love to see drawn pictures and handwritten prayers!

Y6 Confirmation

The children are invited to a Mass of presentation for joining the parish as they begin their final confirmation preparations. This will be either 6pm 25th January or 10am 26th January. The final family session is on 21st January at 4.15pm. The sacrament takes place on the 6th February at St. Augustines church at 7pm. Please accept this invitation to join our children in Y6 as they take the next step in their faith journey.

Key Dates

January

22nd – Training day
School closed

27th January FoSP
meeting 3.15pm

30th – School nurses
visiting Rec and Y6

February

4th – Northern Ballet
performance time TBC

6th - Y6 Confirmation @
St. Augustine's 7pm

11th – First Confession
meeting for Y3 parents
in church 3.15pm

11th - Y4 visit talk from
dental hygienist

14th – Half-term School
closes for a week

Y3 Reconciliation

The pupils of Y3 should all have received a letter inviting baptised Catholics to go forward and begin preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The first meeting will be held in church on 11 February at 3.15pm. Canon McGillycuddy will be joining us for the meeting. This is a very special time for our Y3 children going forward but you must be clear that by going forward there is an ongoing commitment to attending Mass as a family and your child attending the meetings after school.

Advent Charities

Each class chose a charity and held different fundraisers. We raised a magnificent £360.35. A cheque has been written for each charity. Thank you for your incredible support as always for very worthwhile causes.

Rec – NSPCC **£45.84**

Y1 Yorkshire Cancer **£47.84**

Y2 St.Vincent's **£46.34**

Y3 Zarach (Children living in poverty in Leeds) **£45.36**

Y4 Save the Children **£52.84**

Y5 St.Gemma's **£70.09**

Y6 Cancer Research **£52.04**

Reminder- Notice of Training Day

We will be having a training day next Wednesday 22nd January - school will be closed to pupils on that day.

Y6 Residential Robinwood

Y6 have just returned from their 3 day residential. Miss Owen, Mrs Longbottom and Mrs Sands were completely blown away by the positive mindsets and the superb behaviour of every single child that went. They attempted every challenge that came their way and threw themselves into the whole experience. The Robinwood staff commented on how amazing the children at St. Patrick's were...a credit to you their families and the school. The children have made memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you to the staff for giving up your time and providing this unforgettable experience. I have put some photos at the end of the newsletter but we be sharing the full album with Y6 parents in the future.

PE Kit

We are very lucky to have access to top quality PE in school both from our own teachers and external coaches. Please can you ensure that all children have a labelled PE kits and pumps in school each week to enable them to take part fully in all sessions. We now have no spare kits so please check you only have your own when they come home this week and return any spares to school.



FoSP - Planning meeting 27th January 3.15pm in the school library

Please come along if you can and join the planning for the Spring term. Our feast day is fast approaching and we have some great ideas in the pipeline both to help raise funds but also to develop our special community.

We are also planning to host a pantomime again and I understand this was a really enjoyable event previously. Meeting and event dates to follow on the next newsletter following our next planning meeting.

Parking

Please help us to continue to keep our children safe as they enter and leave school. This means parking away from the crossing so that our Mrs Martin can cross the children safely. You will be challenged and penalty notices given if you fail to give due care and attention to the crossing patrol.

Attendance News

School Target - 97%

Class Award – w/beg. 6.1.20 - Year 3 100% Well done!

Final thought...

The majority of children have come back rested and eager to begin our next period of learning. However, there are a significant number on a Monday who struggle to stay awake for my assembly! I am almost certain that this is due to late bedtimes rather than the content of my assembly (or at least I hope so!). I have stressed to the children the importance of good routines. Early to bed and keep the brain rested. Reading every night, both their school book and a 'real' book also. I know the challenges that busy families face: I have three children all making up the most inventive reasons why they can't engage with homework and bedtime routines. As parents, we have to stay strong and maintain good routines; the benefits are clear- well rested children who engage in active lifestyles are much more ready to learn and more importantly remember all they've been taught as they move forward on their journey. Have a good weekend everyone.

With warmest wishes,

Y6 Residential at Robinwood



Great fun had by all!





