

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Newsletter 25.4.22



Our Virtue to Live by: Forgiveness

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Colossians 3:13



Easter Celebrations Continue

The staff have done a wonderful job helping to prepare the children for the great feast of Easter. During Lent we made time to pray more, give more and I saw first hand the children putting the needs of others before their own. Before we finished for Easter the children had the chance to take part in a reconciliation service and in KS2 go to Confession. This was a chance to say sorry for all the times they have not made the right choices. We all need time to reflect on the choices we make – young and old! How comforting to know that when we are truly sorry and ask for forgiveness, God always welcomes us back with open arms. We have also spoken this week about how challenging it can be to forgive people when we are hurt. Only when we forgive, do we truly feel peace. Canon Eugene was delighted to be joined by so many families in Church during Holy week and to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

Sacramental Preparation Y6 and Y4

The children in Year 4 who have made their First Reconciliation last week began preparing for their First Holy Communion. The dates for the meetings have all been by letter. Please keep them in your prayers.

Canon Eugene is consulting with the Bishop about dates for Confirmation in July. The preparation classes will begin after SATS in May. As soon as the date has been confirmed I will let you know.

Parish News

Please see the Parish website regarding Mass times. Canon Eugene looks forward to seeing all our families in Church each week.

<https://www.stpatrickschurchleeds.org.uk/>

Key Dates

April

26th and 27th
Rearranged parents
evenings –

27th – School council
visiting Civic Hall Leeds

May

MONDAY 2nd –
BANK HOLIDAY
school closed

9th-13th – KS2 SATs
week

19TH – Catenian football
comp. at St. Theresa's

21st – Y4 to make their
First Holy Communion

27th – Queens Jubilee
School Celebration
More details to follow
BREAK FOR HALF-TERM



Latest information regarding support for Covid in Leeds – please click on the link

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please click on this link if you are experiencing domestic violence and need help or support -

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour-and-crime/domestic-violence-and-abuse>

Key Messages – COVID

The guidance has changed somewhat from my last newsletter with routine testing now stopping. This does not mean however that we are living in a Covid free world – far from it. The latest guidance for schools states we should continue to monitor the situation

4 Key Control Measures continue to stay in place

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Symptoms and Testing Positive – It is important we continue to prevent the spread of Covid, so that school can continue to run effectively. If staff are poorly with Covid (as adults generally are) they will be off work. This affects the provision and the day-to-day running of individual classes. Therefore as per the latest guidance, we ask that if your child is symptomatic with any of the following you seek a test-

- *a new continuous cough
- *a high temperature
- *a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please note there is an updated list of symptoms in children

<https://www.nhs.uk/covid-19/symptoms-in-children>

The DfE guidance states that children who test positive should now stay at home for **3 days** and isolate. If adults test positive they should try to isolate at home for **5 days**.

Free testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) from the NHS has now ended for most people in England. If your child is unwell with a high temperature they should not be in school. They should only return when they feel well.

Twitter - Make sure you follow us on Twitter @stpatricksleeds. We have pinned our Twitter account to main website. Every class is posting and showcasing their wonderful learning and achievements each week.

ASSESSMENT

Y6 SATS - Week Beginning 9th -13th May

It is very important that the Y6 children are in school each day and take part in all the assessments. They have been working really hard and are very familiar with the format of the assessments that will take place. We will be in touch next week with the Y6 parents to go over the final arrangements for the week. Below is the official timetable.

Note that writing is assessed by the teacher – a final assessment will be made on each child's portfolio of work across all subjects.

Monday 9 May 2022

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1

Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2

Tuesday 10 May 2022

English Reading

Wednesday 11 May 2022

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 12 May 2022

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



Y2 – Throughout May the Y2 children will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Mrs Webster will use a range of assessments to make her end of Key Stage judgements.

Y1 – Will be sitting the Phonic Screener check in June. This was discussed at a parent meeting 21st April.

Y4 – Will be sitting a multiplication check. This is the first time the test has been administered and it will be screen based. Please continue to practise these facts at home.

We can only ask that everyone is well prepared and that they try their very best. #wecandothis

Reception Offer Day –

Offers were sent out via the Leeds City Council portal on Tuesday. Congratulations if your child received an offer to start school in September. Can you please ensure you accept the place with the school office if you have not already done so? We will be in touch shortly with dates regarding transition meetings in the summer term.

Class Photo

The school photographer was in school to take class photos just before we broke up for Easter. It is now a paperless system to buy the photo. Below are the links - just click on your child's class and follow the instructions to purchase.

<https://htmp.st/StPatricksRCPri-YEAR6>

<https://htmp.st/StPatricksRCPri-YEAR5>

<https://htmp.st/StPatricksRCPri-YEAR4>

<https://htmp.st/StPatricksRCPri-YEAR3>

<https://htmp.st/StPatricksRCPri-YEAR2>

<https://htmp.st/StPatricksRCPri-YEAR1>

<https://htmp.st/StPatricksRCPri-REC>

Staffing – We welcome Miss Carney to the teaching staff; she will be teaching Y3 until the end of term in July. We hope you will be very happy here with us. Congratulations to Miss Spofford who got married in the Easter holidays - she is now called Mrs Nicholson. We wish her and her husband many years of wedded bliss!

Interventions

Target groups of children across school are being asked to attend - this additional support will be continuing indefinitely. These are being run before and after school and also at lunchtime (for short sessions). This is costly to school but we will do all we can to get children to age-related expectations – parents/carers need to play their part too and ensure they arrive on time, are collected promptly and attend every session.

Running Club – beginning Tuesday 4th May

Mrs Grady and Miss Owen will be leading this – lunchtime Tuesday and Thursday. We are opening this initially to Y4, Y5 and Y6. This will be on the school field (weather permitting) and it's all about raising personal fitness levels and increasing your personal best. The children will eat after the club has finished. If it not your PE day and you wish to join in, please bring a change of clothes.

Parent's Evenings – Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April

There are still a few families who have not yet made an appointment. Please contact the office to make one. During the meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and review any target areas. We have managed to fulfil all requests for online or face-to-face appointments. **Online appointment links will be sent by email on the day of the appointment. Face-to-face meetings will be held in the hall.** Please enter through the main playground gate. To limit numbers on site we ask that only one adult attends and no children. Please wear a mask during the appointment, this is essentially to protect the staff who will be talking to lots of people over the course of both evenings.

If pupils cannot read, they will not be able to access the curriculum, and will be disadvantaged for life. Education inspection framework: January 2019

Whole school priority – Reading

Y1 Phonics Meeting – Thank you to all the parents who attended this meeting on Wednesday 21st. Mrs Moxon and Miss Ingram gave a clear presentation regarding all about phonics and it was great to see the Yr1 children showing just how brilliant they are at learning their sounds. If you were unable to attend the slides are on the Y1 Google Classroom page along with a whole host of resources and videos that show just how your children are taught to read.

Book exchange – The book exchange is open for business. Remember you can bring in a good quality book from home and exchange it for a new book in the main entrance. There are some great titles and there is something for everyone.

Children's chances of success are maximised if they develop deep and lasting understanding of mathematical procedures and concepts
NCETM National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics

Whole school priority – Fluency in Maths

Every child has access to Numbots (KS1) and Times Table Rockstars – they are both really useful interactive tools to help develop number fluency both in school and at home.

As a school we follow the White Rose Maths Hub planning. Children are very familiar with the images and representations that are used as they move through school. White Rose have produced a free app called – 1 Minute Maths. I have trialled this at home with Ava (age 7) and she loves it! (maybe the thought of it taking just a minute is a big positive). Please click on the link and download it on your phone, device/tablet and let them have a go. A few minutes a day makes all the difference.

<https://whiterosemaths/1-minute-maths>

And finally...

I will shortly be sending home a copy of the RE inspection report which took place just before Easter. It is in the final stages of quality assurance. A big thank you again to everyone for pulling together and showing the inspectors the very best this school has to offer. I was so proud to lead the school during the inspection, as I am every single day that I come to work in this wonderful school.

With my very warmest wishes,
Mrs Grady



