

# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

## Headteacher Newsletter 24.5.22



### Our Virtue to Live by: Kindness

*"Never neglect to show kindness and to share what you have with others; for such are the sacrifices which God approves." Hebrews 13:16*



### S48 RE Inspection April 2022 - Outstanding

A copy of our recent inspection report was sent home last week, it has also been published on our website. We hope you enjoyed reading it as much as we did. It is celebration of everything we do and all that we are here at St. Patrick's. The inspectors were clear - the children, staff and parents at St. Patrick's have created a very special community. The faith of our community is strong and we work together in true partnership. Pupils enjoy coming to school and value the provision for faith development they have here. Going forward we are resolute in our mission to address improvement areas and build upon our many strengths.

### Y4 First Holy Communion

The children in Year 4 made their First Holy Communion on Saturday - we send our blessings and congratulations to all of them. They were prepared so well by our Catechists—Miss Hughes and Mrs Norman. Canon Eugene celebrated a wonderful Mass, which was followed by a Communion breakfast in the school hall. A joyous day was had by all, including the many school staff who came along to support the children.

### Y6 Confirmation

The preparation classes will begin on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June and will continue each Thursday. The classes will run after school 3.15-4.15pm. As the invitation stated, each child must be supported in the sessions by a family member. The Catechists are looking forward to helping prepare the children in Y6 for this special Sacrament which will take place in July.

### Parish News

On Ascension Thursday (Holy day of Obligation) some children will go over to church and the rest of school will join the live stream. Please see the Parish website for Mass times and further information. <https://www.stpatrickschurchleeds.org.uk/>

### Key Dates

#### May

26<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Jubilee Celebration. Picnic and Fayre on the field  
3.15-5.30pm.

27<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF-TERM

#### June

6<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL REOPENS

6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonic Screener check takes place

6<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Y4 Multiplication check takes place

9<sup>th</sup> – Y6 begin Confirmation classes

21<sup>st</sup>- Transition - Children to spend the morning in their new class

27<sup>th</sup> Running comp. at Cardinal Heenan

#### July

7<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day  
Parents invited to join us in the morning

15<sup>th</sup> – Reports go home



**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**

We continue to monitor the situation closely. We still have positive cases among staff and children. When staff test positive for Covid this means they are absent, as we continue to work within Government guidance. If your child is unwell they should not be in school.

**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 can be) 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 try to isolate at home for **3 days**. 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.**

### **4 Key Control Measures continue to stay in place in school**

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.

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

## ASSESSMENT

**Y6 SATS** – Well done to Y6. They approached the whole of SATs week with determination and resilience. We will be notified of the results at the beginning of July. The results will be reported to parents with the end of year report.

**Y2** – Throughout May the Y2 children have been assessed in Reading, Writing and Maths. Mrs Webster will use a range of assessments to make her end of Key Stage judgements. These will be reported to parents along with your child's end of year report.

**Y1** – Will have the Phonic Screener check in June. This was discussed at a parent meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April. The information from the meeting is on the Y1 Google Classroom.

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



## JUBILEE DAY/FAYRE – THIS THURSDAY

We are getting excited – our first community function in a long long time. Children can wear red, white and blue themed clothes on Thursday and we are asking they bring a bottle instead of a money donation. It can be a bottle (full) of anything and they will all go on our tombola stall as prizes.



## 3.15-5.30pm – JUBILEE FAYRE

Tickets are still on sale - £2 per family for a picnic patch. Bring your picnic and enjoy it together in celebration of our wonderful Queen's 70 year reign. We will have fun and games - all children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a range of stalls, tuck shop, competitions and prizes...some are free to play and others are 20p a go. Our aim is for everyone to have fun but any money raised will go towards buying the Reception class a new set of balance bikes.



## JUBILEE RAFFLE

Tickets are still on sale £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. If you can't attend the Fayre why not buy a strip of tickets. First prize is £50 Cash plus many more... The draw will be made at the end Fayre.



## **RSHE – Relationship, sex and health education (RSHE)**

All classes will be studying this area of the curriculum in the last half-term. Please click on the link below. This will take you to the information on the website about the content of the RSHE lessons for each class. These lessons are a very important part of our curriculum. We need to ensure our children have the right information they need as they develop and grow older. We had very positive feedback both from children and parents about the RSHE curriculum updates last year. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions. [www.stpatricksleeds.org.uk/curriculum-1/rshe](http://www.stpatricksleeds.org.uk/curriculum-1/rshe)

## **Sporting News**

Well done to all the children who have represented the school in competitions recently. They have done so with great skill and determination and more importantly with a great attitude. Win, draw or lose we conduct ourselves with humility. This has been commented on to me by other leaders from different schools and makes me very proud. Most recently the school football team played some fantastic games of football at the Catenian Cup hosted at St.Theresa's. Well done everyone.

## **Safety first...always**

All children should be accompanied to the playground gate on a morning and collected from the playground at the end of the day. They should not under any circumstances be left to cross the road or walk up unaccompanied from the church car park. I will be contacting parents directly if this comes to my attention again.

## **Reception Class - September 2022**

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception class and their parents/carers into school yesterday. We look forward to seeing you on the two taster sessions on the 28<sup>th</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Class Photo – Last Chance**

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** – After many years of teaching Mrs Beattie has decided to retire. We wish her all the very best as she moves on to enjoy new adventures. The Governors would like to thank her for her dedication to learning and her service to St.Patrick's over the years.

Mrs Hainsworth is also retiring in the summer. Mrs Hainsworth has been part of the support staff here at St.Patricks for many years and has supported children with all aspects of their learning, especially in speech and language. We wish her well as she moves on to a new and exciting chapter in her life.

Mrs Nicholson (nee Miss Spofford) is expecting a baby and will begin her maternity leave in the summer. We will miss her greatly, but we are delighted for her and her husband and this happy news.

### **Running Club – Tuesday and Thursday**

This takes place at lunchtime on Tuesday and Thursday. This club is open to Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. It's on the school field (weather permitting) and it's all about raising personal fitness levels and increasing your personal best. The children eat after the club has finished. You can wear your PE kit on running club days. We are looking forward to taking some of the KS2 children to a running competition at Cardinal Heenan at the end of the June. Make sure you are in it and training, for a chance to be selected to go.

**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**

**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. Why not get a new book to read in half-term?

**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. White Rose have produced a free app called – 1 Minute Maths. 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 can't wait to see everyone on Thursday at the Jubilee Fayre! Please support the occasion in whatever way you can. The staff have worked hard to plan the event and are giving up their time after school. Hopefully, this will be the first of many occasions when we can get together and enjoy the company of everyone in our wonderful school community.

With my very warmest wishes,  
Mrs Grady

