

Our Virtue to Live by: Perseverance & Resilience

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Easter Jubilations!

The staff did 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. We raised over £200 during Lent for the Bishop's Good Shepherd appeal – Thank you. Before we finished for Easter the children had the opportunity to take part in a reconciliation service and in KS2 go to confession also. This was a chance to say sorry for all the times they have not made the right choices. We all need to take time to reflect on the choices we make – young and old! We returned to start the new term with a wonderful Easter mass celebrated by Canon Eugene. It was a truly joyous occasion enjoyed by children, staff, parents and parishioners.

May is the Month of Our Lady Mary

On Friday 3rd May Y1 will lead our Marian service, where we will be crowning Mary with flowers. Y1 parents are welcome to join us. This special job will then pass to a different class each week. Please send in fresh flowers if you can. Cuttings from the garden and the blossom trees look just as lovely as shop bought bouquets. We will be saying the Rosary during the month of May in assembly and in class – the children are welcome to bring in their rosary beads. We would like to invite families to join us in the prayer garden **at 8.25am on Thursday 9th May** to pray the rosary together as a school community. Please enter on foot via the car park gate.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The children in Y4 have begun preparing for this very special occasion on their faith journey. The date for the Sacrament is Saturday 18th May. We will be holding a special celebration Mass and breakfast for the children in school on Friday 7th June at 9.30am.

Key dates going forward

April

29th - Y4 Skipping Final

May

3rd – Y1 Marian Assembly
2.15pm – Y1 Parents welcome to attend.

6th – BANK HOLIDAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

9th – Ascension Thursday –
HOLY DAY. Mass 9.30am

13th- 16th – Y6 SATs

18th – First Holy
Communion Mass 10am

**24th – School closes for
half-term**

June

**3rd School re-opens to all
pupils**

3rd- 7th – Arts Week

7th First Holy Communion
Celebration Mass 9.30am

10th- 14th Y1 Phonic
Screener and Y4 Times
Tables check will take place

12th – School Council
visiting the Lord Mayor at
the Civic Hall Leeds

13th – **NEW** – Y5/ Y6 Careers
Fair in school

18th – Culture Day and FOSP
family picnic

Safeguarding /Health and Safety Information

Domestic Violence Support - Please click on this link if you are experiencing domestic violence and need help or support - <https://ldvs.uk/>

Mental Health Support (adults and children) - <https://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk/>

Applying for Benefits and Financial support - <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits>

Keeping you and your family safe online - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Website – See the website for latest school policies including the Child Protection policy 23-24 and Online Safety Policy 23-24.

Please ensure that you keep your 2 emergency contacts up to date and that you are contactable throughout the school day should your child become unwell.

Online Safety Support

Please check under the parent tab on the website or [click here](#) - it will take you to all the current resources.

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.

Ofsted Inspection

Just before we broke for Easter we were inspected by Ofsted. The school was last inspected in November 2018.

Why does Ofsted inspect schools?

They inspect schools to provide information to parents, to promote improvement and to hold schools to account for the public money they receive. School inspections are required by law. We provide an independent assessment of the quality and standards of education in schools, and check whether pupils are achieving as much as they can.

We had an ungraded inspection therefore, the inspector visited with the question... Does St.Patrick's Catholic Primary School continue to be a good school? It was a very thorough process and the short report will be sent home, with every child when it is published. A huge thank you for your overwhelmingly positive comments on the parent portal. The staff and children did a super job showcasing our wonderful school.

After-school clubs

These are now up and running for the summer term. The last week of clubs will be week beginning **Monday 1st July**. We have a few spaces available in the KS2 multi-skills club on Friday. We are now opening this up to our Y5 children. If your child is in Y5 and would like to attend this club please let the office know; there is a charge of £1 weekly. Reminder all clubs finish at 4pm. It is important that your child is picked up on time. We will now operate a rule of 3 late pickups in a term and your child will lose their place in all after-school clubs that term. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Whole School Priorities

Reading

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

Book exchanges – The book exchanges are back open for business. Remember you can bring in any good quality book from home and exchange it for a new book in the main entrance and for our younger readers, outside Reception class. There are some great titles and there is something for everyone.

Borrow Box – This is a great way to loan ebooks and audiobooks from the library service and it's FREE for both children and adults!

For more information follow this link <https://www.borrowbox.com/>



Y6 SATs Week Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Please see the timetable below regarding the statutory tests in Y6 in May. It is really important that every child in Y6 is in school for all the tests, unless they are too poorly to attend. We want every child to achieve the best possible outcomes for them as they move forward to high school. Saying that, I am also aware that these tests can cause anxiety for our children. This is why we always try to take a balanced approach.

We will be giving the children the opportunity to share breakfast together each morning that week – the school gate will open at 8am and close at 8.20am. There is a meeting for Y6 parents after school at 3.10pm on Monday 29th April in the Y6 classroom to discuss the finer details of the week.

DATE	EXAM
Mon 13 th May	Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation (Paper 1) Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation (Paper 2)
Tue 14 th May	English Reading
Wed 15 th May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thu 16 th May	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Y4 Times Tables Check and Y1 Phonic Screener

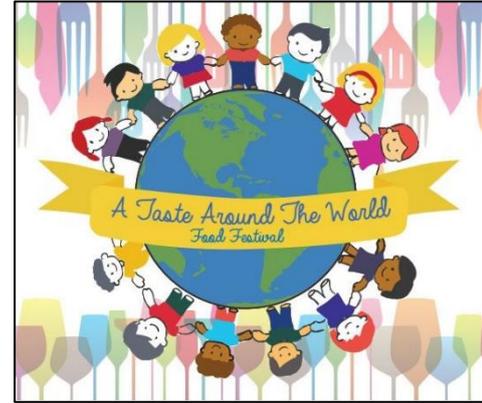
Y4 and Y1 also have to complete statutory assessments in June. Please encourage to child to practice at home in preparation for this.

FOSP – ADVANCE NOTICE

Culture Day - TUESDAY 18th June

On this day we would all children to come dressed in clothes that represent their heritage – this can include sports shirts.

After school and following the success of our taste around world picnic last year we are going to run the same event, whereby we share dinner together after school. The school council would like this to be a food festival, where families cook and share dishes from their native lands. We are also hoping to raise some much-needed funds for school resources. A letter will be sent home nearer the time with further details. Please support the event as best you can, either by cooking a dish or by purchasing a 'meal ticket'.



Termly Newsletter – Each class teacher will shortly be posting their termly class newsletter. This will be posted under the class section on the website. Please take the time to read it, so that you have a really good understanding of your child's learning journey and how you can best support them at home in the summer term.

Key skills practice and website support

Keep practicing those key skills of Reading, Spelling and Maths each day at home. Your child's class curriculum was shared in September but can also found on the website <https://www.stpatricksleeds.org.uk> under the Parent tab then Classes. The website has links to different websites to support learning in all subjects and your child has passwords to access key resources such as TTRS. Remember to click on the globe in the top left-hand corner to explore the range of languages that the website can be translated into.

And finally... please take the time to look over the key dates on the front cover and record them on your calendar. We have tried to give you lots of notice so that you can attend key events. Please keep an eye on the mobile app for additional news or changes. We do try our very best not to change arrangements but sometimes this is out of our hands. Thank you for your continued support and here's to a fabulous, fun-filled last term!

Take care,

Mrs Grady

