



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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in the world



Dear parents and carers,

We are now accepting children into our Nursery as soon as they turn three years old. If you have friends or family that would like to join our lovely nursery, please ask them to contact the school by **email or call us on 020 7267 1200**. Parent tours are available on Thursday mornings with Mrs O'Reilly, if parents would like to visit and take a look around. **Our nursery is also free!**

With best wishes, Mrs. O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms. Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Sunday 17th March is St Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the **patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle**. St Patrick was born in Roman Britain, kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

The children at St Patrick's will all be taught St Patrick's Breastplate prayer.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. If your child would like to, they can wear a green T. Shirt or Jumper to school on Monday.



ParentShield... A Child-Safe Mobile Network

Important WhatsApp information for parents

What is the minimum age to legally use WhatsApp in the UK?

In the UK you need to be 16 years old to legally use WhatsApp.

How can parents monitor their child's WhatsApp if they have allowed them to have this app?

WhatsApp is secure and encrypted so it cannot be intercepted. This means that your child is vulnerable; anyone who has their phone number can access them via WhatsApp if this app is on their phone.

What precautions can Parents take?

- Use a child-safe mobile network
- Check your child's phone regularly to see what Apps are installed
- Use Parental Controls to restrict App installation to ones that you approve
- Set privacy settings on any chats applications restricting them to known contacts

Why is WhatsApp dangerous?

WhatsApp allows unrestricted sharing of voice, text messages and videos with any other user anywhere in the world. Personal information, profile picture and even location can easily be shared with hundreds of strangers. Internet Watch Foundation data (January 2024) shows that more children under 10years than ever before are being targeted and coerced online through apps like WhatsApp. <https://www.iwf.org.uk/news-media/news/under-10s-groomed-online-like-never-before-as-hotline-discovers-record-amount-of-child-sexual-abuse/>

What is special about ParentShield?

ParentShield intercepts and BLOCKS any WhatsApp (and Snapchat) SMS messages and informs parents instantly: go to <https://parentshield.co.uk/> We hope that this gives you some peace of mind and security.

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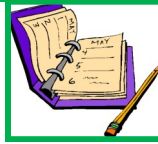


I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 15.03.2024

Signed _____ Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...



Wednesday 20th March - Parent Coffee Morning at Our Lady's Primary School, Pratt St

Thursday 21st March @ 2.00 - Stations of the Cross for KS2 children at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - parents welcome

Friday 22nd March @ 9.05 - Parents Working Alongside Children in Y1

Thursday 28th March @ 3.30 - Children finish school for the Easter holidays

Monday 15th April - Children return to school after the Easter holidays

Red Nose Day raises money for Comic Relief, a charity that raises money to support vulnerable communities in the UK and internationally.

Your donations to Comic Relief make a huge difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world, supporting people to break free from poverty, violence and discrimination. Children at St Patrick's show our Christian Values of **Compassion, Community, Friendship and Respect** by supporting others who are less fortunate than themselves. Thank you!



Person of the Week!

EYFS - Eliana
Year 1 - Tommy
Year 2 - Jules
Year 3 - Abel
Year 4 - Jesse
Year 5 - Bernado
Year 6 - Maryam



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Fearon or Mrs O'Reilly.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



Our Prayer Fifth Sunday of Lent



Lord Jesus,
you willingly gave up your life so that you could share your everlasting life with all mankind. Thank you for your courage and love and for dying to save us all. **Amen**

Attendance...

For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.

Congratulations to **Year 4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **98.16%**

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term.

Thank you for your help with this :)

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize



this week is **Jason** in **Year 5**.

Jason has won a £5 gift

voucher to spend at Amazon.



Work of the week...

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).



This week **Year 5** have been learning about decimals and their equivalent fractions and percentages; and how to round decimals to the nearest whole number and tenth.

Bogdan has demonstrated a strong understanding of both his fluency work and problem solving and reasoning. He has provided well-thought out explanations for his work and shown mastery of the topic.

Bogdan also confidently ordered and compared numbers with up to 3 decimal places. He then accurately rounded numbers with up to 2 decimal places to the nearest whole number and tenth and used number lines to prove his thinking.

Well done, Bogdan!



Online Safety at Home

In school, we have very strong filtering and monitoring for the children's internet use and they are supervised at all times when using the internet. Keeping safe on line is part of what we talk to your child about as part of our ongoing computing curriculum. We teach them rules about keeping themselves safe.

We know that keeping children safe online is a difficult, but very important job for you as a parent. There are lots of great resources out there for you use at home to support you in keeping your children safe while online. **Below are a selection of links, many aimed directly at parents. We hope that you find them useful:**

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider> - Here you can find out how you can help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed online on computers in your home.

'[Caught in the Web](#)' is a 15-minute film made for young people by BBC Newsround about staying safe on the internet.

'[Padlet](#)' with lots of links and useful information

[Internet Matters](#) - helping parents with esafety advice and links to games for you and your child

[Know it all](#) - Resources for parents and carers includes content for young people

[Think U Know](#) - Resources for parents and carers includes content for young people

[The Vodaphone Parents' Guide](#) - Developed with leading parenting website [The Parent Zone](#) and tested extensively to ensure it builds parents' confidence. Their magazine, [Digital Parenting](#) is also available online.

[Parents Centre](#) - Internet Safety information for Parents from the government.

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) – safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online

[CEOP YouTube Channel](#) – This Youtube Channel by CEOP has many video resources and information films.

[BBC Webwise](#) for the latest advice for parents and young people.

Some key things to talk to your child about are:

- Don't talk to strangers online
- Keep your passwords private
- Follow your family rules e.g. not using sites that are not age appropriate, not going over agreed screen times, not using social media until you are old enough
- Inform your family or a guardian if anyone bullies you online
- Ask your parent or guardian before filling in online forms
- Only use websites that are made for your age!
- Don't stay online for too long! Have a house rule.





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School Inclusion Support Officers

Over the last few months, you may have seen stories about the importance of good attendance on; social media, on TV, in newspapers, posters in bus shelters in Camden, and the government has launched its Moments Matter Attendance Counts campaign this month. The government is very concerned about the number of pupils who are missing school, and they are asking council's attendance services and schools to help support children return to school.

Camden council has appointed three new School Inclusion Support Officers to help support schools improve attendance and reduce suspensions / exclusions by ensuring children and young people who are absent from education or at risk of suspension/exclusion receive appropriate interventions and support to enable them to achieve positive educational outcomes.

Our School Inclusion Support officer is **Mrs. Alison Ellis**, and she has been visiting St Patrick's school and parents. Some parents have been invited to meet with the School Inclusion Support Officer to discuss the reason for poor attendance and what we can do to help your child to return to school.

We know that children who attend school regularly and on time are more able to access their learning, get support in subjects they may struggle with and have a better chance of passing their exams.

We know as a parent you also worry about your child's future, and we want to work with you to ensure every pupil at St Patrick's has a full-time education to maximise opportunities for everyone to realise their potential.

Being a parent is not easy if you need talk to someone about your child's attendance, please contact Alison on: alison.ellis@camden.gov.uk

It is never too late to benefit from good attendance.



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