



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine
in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that tomorrow is Academic Review Day. This is an important appointment to meet with your child's new class teacher and receive important information about the year. It is an Inset Day for Nursery, Reception and Year 3 children. Year 3 will have their appointment next week on Friday 20th September.

Please do have a look on the back of this newsletter at 'Important dates for your diary' as we have lots of exciting events coming up this term.

With best wishes, Miss Toop (Head of School) and Ms. Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Reading at St. Patrick's...

At St. Patrick's, reading is firmly at the centre of everything we do because we understand that reading is the **key to all other learning**.



What do we do in school to give children the best chance?

- We start every day with reading lessons promptly at 9am. This is when children can learn best.
- Pupils have daily phonics and reading practice lessons (or Destination Reader in Key Stage 2)
- We carefully choose the perfect books for children to read at school and at home at their level.
- We model reading and create a love for reading in our **daily story time**.
- We create appealing class libraries in every room. These are well stocked with a variety of carefully chosen books.



What do you do at home to give your child the best chance?

- You ensure that your child is in school every day on time so that they do not miss any of their reading lesson. (Reading lessons start at 9am every day!)
- You listen to your child read at home and enjoy their sharing book together. Do sign the reading record to show us that this is happening.
- You visit your local library together to help develop their love of reading and learning.



Let's keep working together so that our children can go from strength to strength.



I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 12.09.2024

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...

Friday 13th September – Academic Review Day (Inset Day for Nursery, Reception and Year 3)

Friday 20th September – Academic Review Day for Year 3 only

Monday 16th September – After-School Enrichment Clubs begin (3.34pm-4.45pm)

Wednesday 2nd October – **Healthy Heart Day**, All children come to school in their PE kits

Friday 27th September – **Non-Uniform Day** (don't forget your donation for charity!)

Friday 11th October – School photographer in

Friday 18th October – Family Fancy Dress Disco

Friday 25th October – **Non-Uniform Day** (don't forget your donation for charity!)

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November—
School closed for half term

Monday 4th November– Children return to school

Friday 20th December– Last day of term (Christmas holidays)



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, Sienna has worked hard in English learning about the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Using pictures, she has retold the story and then written captions detailing each part of their journey (for example, the long wavy grass).

In Maths she has been focussing on counting and representing numbers within a larger group. Sienna can draw counters on a ten frame to represent a group of objects. She has also practiced counting to 20 from any number, both forward and backwards.

Well done Sienna!



Our Prayer...

A prayer for 'Friendship' which is one of our nine Christian Values at St. Patrick's...

Dear Father,

I treasure my wonderful friends.

Thank You for their presence in my life.

I ask that You watch over them and lead them into hope and blessing.

I trust that You will protect and hold them when life is hard.

Help me to be a good friend to them

Amen



Attendance...

New study shows all absences affects achievement at school The study

found that any reason for absence -

sickness absence, family emergencies or holidays in term time - all led to lower academic achievement. **They found that just 1% of school days more absent than other children led to lower academic achievement.** For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are very ill.

Reasons not to keep your child off school:

- If you or their sibling is ill
- It is their birthday
- They are tired from a busy weekend
- They went to bed late
- For non-urgent medical appointments that can be arranged outside of school hours (e.g. dentist or opticians)



Attendance...

I am pleased to announce that Year 6 has the best attendance this week with 94.33%. As a reward, you will receive some extra play time next week.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school. Every day counts and children who miss school do fall behind in their learning.



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, Miss Toop or Ms Fearon.

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

