



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

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Go shine
in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Sometimes, parents mistakenly believe that missing school in the days before Christmas to go on holiday won't matter because "schools are only doing Christmas stuff anyway". Not at our school! Children continue learning the full curriculum **right up to the end of term**. Being absent from school in the last week will result in a child missing important curriculum lessons that they won't be able to catch up with. **In January, we start curriculum lessons from the first day back**. Children tell us they feel very worried when they have missed school and don't understand the learning because they missed out. Help your child to feel confident and successful at school by attending every day before and after the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your help with this :)

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

St. Patrick's Nativity: Jesus' Christmas Party

Thank you to all the parents, friends and families that attended the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performances this week, and for your help in practising lines and songs at home. Thank you to the teachers and children for putting on a fantastic show, demonstrating our school values of **inspiration** and **excellence**. We thoroughly enjoyed watching them 'shine'!



I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 13.12.2024

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...

Monday 16th December PM— Y1/2 Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December 2pm—KS2 (Year 3— Year 6) Carol Concert at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Wednesday 18th December PM— Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December PM— Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party

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

Friday 20th December—Non-Uniform Day

Monday 6th January 2025—Pupils back at school after the Christmas holidays

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February—Half term. School is closed.

Friday 28th February—Academic Review Day. Inset Day for pupils

Friday 4th April—Last day of term for Easter holidays



The Third Sunday of Advent (We reflect on the message of Joy)

Lord of all creation,

you have power and might over heaven and earth. You speak a word and mountains move. You whisper and the sea obeys. You turn darkness into light, and transform broken things into beauty.

Lord, help me to see the wonder in your creation, to find the joy amidst the sadness. For in you I can rejoice and be glad.

Amen



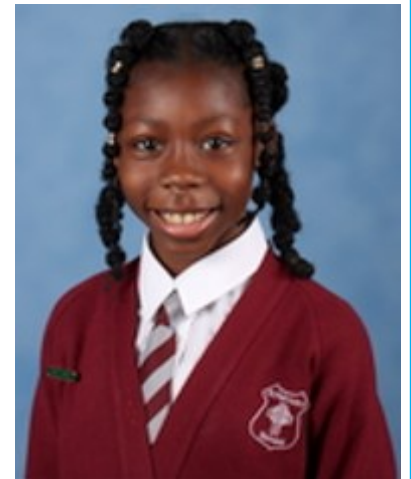
Work of the week...

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

As part of Year 6's English curriculum, they have been reading 'Black & British' by David Olusoga.

Kyla has written a superb non-chronological report on African presence during the Roman era and how they helped to shape the Britain that we know today.

Well done Kyla!



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day



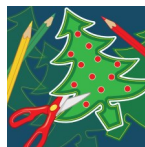
The children had a tasty Christmas Lunch this week. Thank you for all your donations towards Christmas Jumper Day!



Christmas Craft Sale

Please come along to our Christmas Craft Sale in the school hall after school next

Wednesday 18th December. You will be able to buy your child's Christmas decoration for £1. This money will be donated to the St Vincent De Paul Society for homeless teenagers.



Attendance...

I am pleased to announce that Year 5 has the best attendance this week with 98.77%. 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.

