



# St. Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

29th September 2017

Autumn 2

### From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

At the end of September we celebrate the feast day of the archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael—known as Michaelmas. A few days later (October 2nd) the church remembers the guardian angels. As nights grow longer than days these “messengers of light” are sent to keep watch over us. We should remember that, in the bible, the first words angels speak to us are “Do not be afraid.”

Recently each class has been considering our school mission statement and the Unicef rights of the child in their class charter. The children’s views echo those of Bishop Phillip in his pastoral letter of 24th September, “we need to imitate Jesus, love one another and filled with the holy spirit, to foster a joyful, positive,

‘can do’ attitude.” You can read Bishop Philip’s letter at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bishop/>.

Our building project is nearing completion and I would like to thank you for your patience throughout the disruption. More information about moving back into the building will follow in due course.

Please remember to send in tins, packets and groceries for our Harvest collection and make it a bumper Harvest for those in need.

I look forward to seeing you at our first PTA event of the year, the Harvest Festival on 14th October.

Yours Sincerely  
**Mrs P Dix**

### School Diary

5/10/17		Year 1 Trip
5/10/17	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
14/10/17	11am	Harvest Festival
17/10/17	9.30am	Open Morning
18/10/17		Year 5 Trip
19/10/17	3.30pm	School Closes for Half term
20/10/17		INSET Day
30/10/17	8.50am	Back to school

Full calendar

<http://stpatrick.schoolblogger.co.uk/calendar/>

### Parking

After just a few weeks back at school we are already receiving complaints from neighbours regarding parents parking over their driveways. Please make every effort to ensure that you are parking sensibly and not blocking or part blocking any neighbours drives. There is additional space for parking at the back of the school, please park there if possible in order to alleviate some of the pressure on the road.

### Open Days

If you have a child who turns 4 between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 then it is almost time to start applying for a place in Reception. We are holding two open days for prospective parents, no need to book, just come along:

- Tuesday 17th October—9.30am
- Thursday 16th November—7pm

### A note from St Patrick's PTA

The PTA are already busy working away planning a Harvest Festival for 14th October. This event will be in place of the Christmas fair in order to alleviate some of the pressure surrounding Christmas. We are also already starting to look at the first children’s disco of the year which is always a huge hit! We have produced our first newsletter which you should receive shortly, this provides a little more insight into what the PTA do for the school.

Please join us at the school 7.30pm Thursday 5th October to discuss. Refreshments provided!

Contact us—01252 542 511 / [enquiries@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk)

# Growth Mindset

At St Patrick's we work on developing children's mindsets. A mindset is simply a belief about yourself and your most fundamental qualities like ability, faith, personality, talents, skills, etc.

People with **FIXED MINDSETS** believe that fundamental qualities like intelligence are essentially stable and don't change much over time.

People with **GROWTH MINDSETS** believe that these qualities can grow and develop they are susceptible to change and can flourish in certain circumstances and wither in others.

Mindsets really matter and what seems to matter most is not your ability but your beliefs about your ability.

As parents, few of us would set out to consciously create non-learning children but we are all products of our own upbringing and society's influences and may inadvertently have a negative impact on our children's mindsets by the messages we give.

In our newsletters this year we will be providing top tips for all of us to put into practice with our children.

## Growth Mindset Top Tip

Look at your child's homework with him/her. Express delight when he/she (and you!) finds things puzzling and challenging. Say things like "This is tough, we should learn something useful here!"

If the task is easy, express mild disappointment and find a way to make it more interesting and challenging.