



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

14th October 2016

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From the Headteacher

October is a month of gathering in and reduction. The length of the day is now decreasing rapidly, culminating in the turning back of the clocks on the last Sunday of the month. The dark evenings and chilly weather send us indoors earlier and earlier. The liturgical antidote is a barrage of Catholic feast days and memorials, including St Luke, Saints Simon and Jude and St Teresa of Avila, to name but a few. They remind us that no cause is a lost cause; hope springs eternal. As a community we have demonstrated this fact with such a large collection of groceries for our harvest appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of those in need.

To the Catholic way of thinking,

Halloween is the eve of All Saints Day on 1st November and not October's running theme. Halloween isn't even an actual day; it is a vigil, began at nightfall as the "opening movement" of the All Saints festival. This year, unusually we are in school on the solemnity of All Saints and will celebrate Mass in school on 1st November at 10am, please join us if you can.

Please enjoy the upcoming half term break with your family and remember that Friday 21st October is an Inset day so school will finish at 3.30pm on Thursday 20th October.

With blessings for a safe and happy half term
Mrs P Dix

Our Lady Help of Christians



There are a couple of upcoming events at Our Lady Help of Christians which may be of interest:

Saturday 22nd October 7pm —The Catholic Women's League are having a fundraising supper. The Catholic Women's League support the school in many ways and it would be wonderful if our parents could support them in a similar way.

Monday 31st October (Time TBC) — There will be a Night of Light party in the church hall for the children and their parents. This is a lovely way for the children to have a 'Halloween' style party but focusing on the real meaning of the eve of All Saints and remembering family and friends who have gone before us.

A note from St Patrick's PTA



Thanks to the generosity of our parents at previous fundraising events we are currently in the process of buying new playground equipment for the children. This includes, but is not limited to; musical instruments, games boards, picnic tables & a table tennis table.

We are hoping to continue great fundraising this year to help the school with even more improvement projects. Please see the table of the upcoming fundraising events for both the parents and children. Please come along to the coffee morning or next meeting for more information.

School Diary

18/10/16	9.30am	Open morning for prospective parents
18/10/16	All day	Year 5 class trip
19/10/16	All day	Individual & sibling photos
20/10/16	3.30pm	School Closes for half term
21/10/16		INSET Day
31/10/16	8.50am	School open for the new half term
4/11/16	8.50am	Coffee Morning
4/11/16	5pm	Children's Disco
8/11/16	5.30pm	Parents Evening (not Year 4)
9/11/16	5.30pm	Parents Evening (Year 4 only)
10/11/16	3.40pm	Parents Evening

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the Macmillan Coffee morning on 30th September. Thanks to your support we managed to raise **£144.15** for the charity which is fantastic.

Special thanks goes to Miss Ryan, Mrs Maher-Williams and the other parents who worked so hard to make this event happen.

PTA Diary

4/11/16	8.50am	Coffee Morning
4/11/16	5pm	Children's Disco
7/11/16	2.30pm	PTA meeting
25/11/16	7pm	Parents Dance Night
3/12/16	10am	Christmas Fete

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