



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

6th November 2017

Autumn 4

From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after a half term during which we enjoyed some unseasonably warm weather!

Traditionally, Catholics are shrine builders from Guatemala to Germany, Ireland to India, Catholic cultures know the art of creating shrines. A shrine is an assembling of all sorts of materials, displayed reverently, purposefully, affectionately. A shrine helps to focus prayer. It stirs the imagination and sparks remembrance.

We have recently celebrated the feast day of All Hallows (1st November) and

All Souls (2nd November). The children are being encouraged to write the names of family members who have died in our memorial book so that we can pray especially for them during the month of November.

Thank you for sending the children back to school in smart winter uniform, they look wonderful and a smart turn out does impact positively upon their learning behaviour.

With thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs P Dix

A note from the Head of School



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be writing to you in my new role as Head of School. I feel very privileged to be supporting Mrs Dix and the school in this new capacity.

The Woodlands Early Years Centre is nearing completion. The Early Years team have worked incredibly hard to get it ready for the children starting back after half-term. The ground work on the paddock areas is progressing fast and will soon be open for use. It will be open for Year R parents to come and look round during parents evening this week. In addition, we have contacted Bishop Philip's office to arrange for a grand opening in the Spring Term and will let you know when we have a date for this!

I look forward to seeing you at parents evening consultations this week.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs A Mulholland

School Diary

7/11/17		School Photo's
7/11/17	5pm - 8pm	Parents Evening
9/11/17	4pm - 7pm	Parents Evening
13/11/17	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
15/11/17		Year 3 Trip
16/11/17		Flu Immunisation Year R—Year 4
16/11/17	2.45pm	Year 6 Class Mass
16/11/17	7pm	Open Evening of prospective parents
17/11/17		Spotty mufti and bake sale

Full calendar

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



A note from St Patrick's PTA

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to the Harvest Festival making it a wonderful afternoon. We had so many wonderful helpers and it was so lovely to see so many parents and children come along to the event as well. We are still waiting for final figures but it looks like we raised in the region of £900! This is such a fantastic amount and allows us to now buy some more ICT resources for the school as well as booking the pantomime at Christmas for the children! Thank you so much!

On Friday we also held the first children's disco of the year which went very well and all the children had a wonderful time. Thank you again to everyone who was able to come and help on the night. If you could not help this time but would like to help in March please let the PTA know!

Please join us at the school 7.30pm Monday 13th November (Please note the date change) for our next meeting.

Contact us—01252 542 511 / enquiries@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk

Children In Need

On Friday 17th November we will be raising money for Children In Need by allowing the children to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for £1. In line with the theme of the day we ask the children to wear something spotty!

We will also be running a cake sale at break and lunch time, please bring in spotty cakes that morning to be sold. Your child will be able to buy these for 20p each.

Age Range Change

The governors recently submitted a proposal to the Bishop and Diocesan trustees to lower the age range of the school and incorporate Pandas as a nursery class with provision for early years education and childcare for two year olds.

We are pleased to say that our proposal has been supported by the Diocese and we are now consulting with the parents of Pandas as members of a charitable organisation.

If you are interested in finding out more about this process, or have any comments or questions, please e-mail enquiries@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk.

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 one more open day for prospective parents, no need to book, just come along:

- Thursday 16th November—7pm

Cross Country



This week we have completed the second in our cross-country running league series. The children represented the school and themselves impeccably. The proudness we feel of all the runners is overwhelming, but it is the team-spirit that shines the brightest at these events. With the children cheering each other over the line and supporting our first runner with as much gusto as our last.

We are looking forward to more league runs in February. We are currently sitting 7th in the league out of 12 schools. So well done to the St Patrick's team!

Growth Mindset

Top Tip

When you are doing homework with your child please remind them of this:



At St. Patrick's we challenge the children constantly and this is how they are growing in their resilience and ability to reason problems through.

We hear them saying to each other, "I can't do it yet..... but now I am going to try....."

And this is when you know you are equipping them for life not just the classroom!