



# St. Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

14th December 2018

Autumn 4

### From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The season of Advent began the first weekend in December. The liturgical calendar doesn't mix Advent, the season of preparation, with Christmas, the season of play.

During Advent the anticipation should be sweet — we write cards, we shop, we rehearse; every so often we try to focus on why we are doing all the work — perhaps we say a prayer as we open the

little doors on an Advent calendar or take a few moments to stop and appreciate the beauty of the Autumn colours.

I hope all the Key Stage 1 families enjoyed their children's performance this week and we look forward to wonderful performance for the Key Stage 2 children in the coming few days.

Yours sincerely,  
**Mrs Dix**

### From the Head of School



Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully packed and rewarding few weeks we are having at school! Last week we had the annual traditional pantomime for the whole school, which was very kindly paid for by the PTA. The Children were totally enthralled by the cast and 35 children got the honour of joining the cast and becoming part of the show!

In addition to that, we have a whole school science show, organised by Mrs Bunham— with an incredible demonstration of live science. The children were so engaged and learnt a lot from the experience, which they can take back and apply in their science lessons in class.

The Infants gave incredibly polished nativity performances, with every child coming onto the stage and performing with their class. The clarity of the speaking was excellent and the singing was beautifully accompanied with lots of actions. We are very proud of all the children involved and of the staff who put such a lot of their own time into such productions.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Morgan next week who has worked as an LSA and Lunchtime Assistance for over 4 years now. Mrs Morgan has added such value to the school and has been a committed and hardworking member of staff. We wish her well and thank her for all she has done for the school.

From January, Mrs Moseley will be moving to work as LSA in Year 4 and Mrs Carty will be moving to Year 3. We are delighted that Mrs Downes will be joining us as a new LSA in Year 2 and will also be joining the breakfast club team. Some of the Year 4 and 5 children will already have met Mrs Downes as she has been a volunteer reader in the school for some months.

The children in the junior classes are still working incredibly hard in class as well and in their Advent performances. We are very much looking forward to seeing all the KS2 parents at those on Monday and Wednesday of next week.

Kind regards,  
**Mrs Mulholland**

### A note from St Patrick's PTA

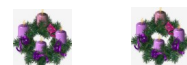
A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported the school at the Advent Fair. We raised a massive £900 toward the school pitch!

We are already onto our next venture—the ever popular Quiz Night! Look out for information coming soon!

### School Diary

14/12/18	2pm	KS2 Advent Performance - younger children welcome
17/12/18	7pm	KS2 Advent Performance - adults only please
18/12/18	10am	Pandas Nativity
19/12/18	7pm	KS2 Advent Performance at church - adults only please
20/12/18		Christmas Jumper day
20/12/18	12pm	Christmas Lunch
21/12/18	3.30pm	School finishes for Christmas
7/12/18	8.50am	School reopens

### Inspiring Whole School Science Show



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

### Cross Country Team Run at Barrow Hills School



Last week Mrs Mumford and Mrs Mulholland took members of the Cross Country team over to Barrow Hills School in Surrey to compete in a festival of running. All the children performed incredibly well—over distances significantly further than the children were used to! We were very proud of the determination and resilience they showed.

### Fundraising



Please keep an eye on the website for regular updates of how much we have raised and ways you can get involved.

Don't forget that it is not too late to sponsor a personalised brick for your family to be used in the new pathway which will lead to the MUGA:

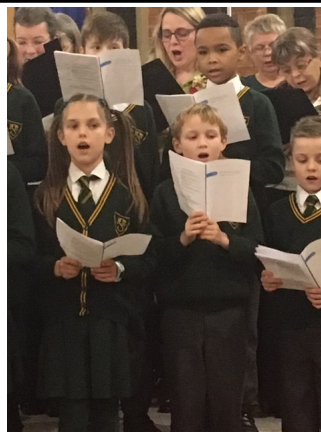
£30 for a small brick and £50 for a larger family brick.

Forms can be collected from the office.

### St Patrick's School Perform with Rushmoor Choir

On Saturday a significant number of the school choir went along to rehearse in the afternoon and then to perform with the Rushmoor Choir in a concert on Saturday evening. The children were brilliant, both in the beautiful singing performance they gave and the way in which they behaved throughout both events. It is such a lovely opportunity which was relished by both the children and the audience.

On Thursday the choir are on tour once again at The Blue Cedars Care Home, performing for the residents.



# Growth Mindset

## Top Tips

### 6 Ways to Develop a Growth Mindset

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- ⇒Perseverance. Feelings of frustration can single-handedly drive us to quit long before we should. ...
- ⇒Embrace challenge. Challenge is going to come. ...
- ⇒Embrace failure. ...
- ⇒Open to feedback. ...
- ⇒Celebrate others.

