



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

21st December 2017

Autumn 6

From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The intensity of a child's anticipation of Christmas is very close to the mood of the liturgy during the final week of Advent, which are the days that wrap themselves around the winter solstice. If we view the season of Advent as the night-time, these last few days are like the hours immediately before dawn—all nature is holding its breath and waiting for the sunrise.

It has been wonderful to share the children's preparations for their

Advent performances this year. They have worked with such good humour and unflinching effort to provide us with opportunities to reflect upon the real meaning of the season, in contrast to the commercial and social pressures placed upon us.

With all good wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas and a safe return to school on Thursday 4th January.

Yours sincerely
Mrs P Dix

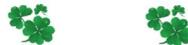
School Diary

04/01/18	8.50am	School reopens for Spring Term
11/01/18	10am	Epiphany Mass
11/01/18	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
12/01/18	3.30pm	PTA Teatime
18/01/18	9am	Year R Collective Worship
25/01/18	9am	Year 6 Collective Worship
26/01/18	2.30pm	Year 5 Class Assembly
31/01/18	10.30am	Optional late start for choir children
31/01/18		Young Voices
01/02/18	10.30am	Optional late start for choir children
02/02/18	2.30pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
02/02/18	3.30pm	PTA Teatime
06/02/18	5pm - 8pm	Parents Evening

Full calendar

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

A note from the Head of School



Dear Parents,

As terms draws to a close I am filled with festive cheer and amazed as to quite how much we have managed to fit into such a short space of time!

The children have represented the school, you as their parents and themselves so admirably on so many occasions over the past few weeks. The Frost Fayre, SVP mass, Singing at Blue Cedars Care Home, PTA Christmas tea-time, Rushmoor Choir Concert, KS1 It's a Baby performances, KS2 Carols and Readings..... I am sure there are others that I haven't even mentioned.

I am so very grateful for you all in getting behind us for the toy appeal this year. As a school we took 7 over-flowing sacks of presents to the Eagle Radio toy appeal. They were overwhelmed by your generosity! This shows to me that the children of St Patrick's School understand that Advent is a time of preparation and giving to others.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas with your families.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Mulholland

A note from St Patrick's PTA



Thank you everyone for your support with the recent mufti day, Christmas Tea Time and Hamper raffles. Have a wonderful Christmas and we hope to see you all at the first meeting in the new year where we will be planning the ever popular Quiz Night!

Please join us at the school 7.30pm Thursday 11th January for our next meeting.

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

Advent Performances

Thank you to everyone who came to watch one of our advent performances over the last 2 weeks. I hope you agree that the children and staff all worked extremely hard which resulted in wonderful performances from both the Infant and Junior children. A special thank you to all the children who attended every performance for their Key Stage.

Thank you also for your generosity at our retiring collections. We raised £483 for Shooting Star Chase which is amazing!



Rushmoor Choir Concert

A massive well done to our school choir who performed with the Rushmoor Choir at North Camp Methodist Church. The children were incredibly well behaved and sang beautifully. It was a truly lovely evening, which made us all feel extremely festive!

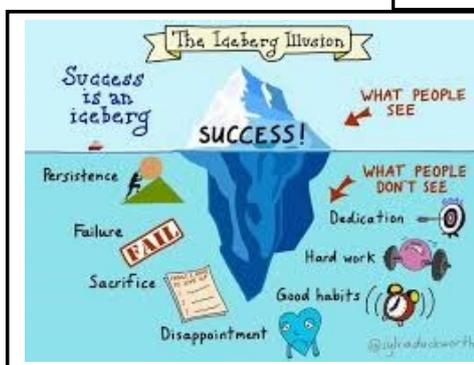
Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 20th December the children enjoyed a Christmas Lunch including crackers, all paid for by the PTA. The children had a wonderful time as the staff and Year 6 mums rushed about serving them! This was followed by a brilliant whole school Christmas sing-a-long in the hall.



Growth Mindset

Top Tip



I really like this image in supporting children and adults in their mind-sets.

We talk to the children regularly about having a public face which they put on and how behind the scenes there is so much more to it!

It is what we do with the failure, persistence and disappointment which are all key markers on that journey to success!