



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter – May 2016

Dear Parents

Last Sunday, following the celebration of Pentecost, we marked the feast of The Most Holy Trinity. As Christians we believe that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another, yet completely united in will and essence. The Trinity is a mystery; a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp but ultimately can only know through worship, symbol and faith.

Please keep in your prayers all of the children in Year 3 who have recently made, or will be making their First Holy Communion. This is an important step in their faith journey which we are proud to share with them at school.

As is usual for this time of year in a school, there are some changes ahead to staffing for September. Following a house move to Basingstoke, Mrs Richardson will be leaving St Patrick's at the end of this year to take up a full time teaching position closer to home. Mrs Redhead will also be leaving us and reverting to her previous role as a supply teacher. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment to the children of St Patrick's.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Day back to school from her maternity leave in July, on a part time basis.

Staff recruitment in schools is currently proving extremely difficult, both locally and nationally. Sadly, many teachers are unwilling to remain in a profession where the workload is becoming unmanageable, largely due to poorly timed changes and undue pressure from government departments.

Therefore, the Governors are pleased to be able to report that they have successfully recruited two teachers for the forthcoming academic year. Miss Alexis Pinto will be joining us in July before taking on a full class teacher role in September. Mrs Nelli Englebrecht will take up her position as class teacher in September. I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new members of staff to the supportive, friendly community which is St Patrick's.

With best wishes for a peaceful half term break with your family and sincere thanks for your ongoing commitment to our school. I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June for the second half of the Summer term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Dix  
Headteacher



### Ground's Force Day

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a Ground's Force Day at school. This is a fantastic opportunity for the families of the school to come together to work on the school grounds, clearing paths, planting flowers, weeding and generally tidying up the grounds to make a more attractive school for our children to enjoy.

The more people that can come along to this the better, **many hands make light work!**

We want this to be an event for everyone at the school so please feel free to bring along your partners and children. Whilst on the grounds on a Saturday the children will be the responsibility of the parents however there will be staff available to help supervise the children while you get on with other jobs, we will arrange some children friendly jobs so they can be involved.

The day will run from 10am to 2pm with a BBQ at 2pm for all those who have helped through the day. Come for some of the day or all, it is entirely up to you, bring whatever gardening tools you have; clippers, spades and wheelbarrows are particularly helpful!

### Attendance

You may have seen the publicity surrounding the recent judgement regarding attendance in a case on the Isle of Wight.

Please be aware that the headteachers have no legal right to authorise leave of absence, except in exceptional circumstance. All requests are considered on an individual basis. In judging circumstances exceptional we take advice from the Local Authority, Army, Employees and the health service in order to build a full picture of the circumstances surrounding the request. We will continue to operate within the parameters of the law until the law changes.

Hampshire County Council has reviewed the legal position in relation to the code of conduct for issuing penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school, and their code of conduct currently remains unchanged. To read more information on Hampshire guidance for parents please see the following link: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/hias/learning-behaviour-attendance/attendance-guidance-for-parents.htm>

Thank you for your support and commitment to ensuring your children attend school regularly and lost learning time is minimised.

## **What's on in Rushmoor**

### **Connaught Leisure Centre Holiday**

Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June, Tongham Road, Aldershot GU12 4AS. Full day 8.30am to 5.30pm £16.00. Part day 8.30am to 3.30pm £14.00. Activities include Indoor and outdoor play, Team games, arts and crafts, dance and free play. Children will need a packed lunch, non-fizzy drink and comfortable clothing to play in.

Enrolment can be made in person, by e-mail at [connaught.leisure@rushmoor.gov.uk](mailto:connaught.leisure@rushmoor.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01252 344438. In each case a booking form will need to be completed. Website [www.connaughtleisurecentre.co.uk](http://www.connaughtleisurecentre.co.uk).

### **Wavell Community**

Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June from 8.30am to 5.30pm at Wavell Community Campus, The Wavell School, Lynchford Road, Farnborough GU14 6BH.

Sessions run from 8.30am to 4.30pm (£16.00 per day) or to 5.30pm (£17.00 per day). A packed lunch is required. Activities include outside play with the jungle gym, arts, crafts, construction, board games and den making. This Rushmoor Council run playscheme is for 4 to 11 year olds and is Ofsted registered. 4 year olds must be attending school. The playscheme runs every school holiday, except Christmas. Pre-booking is required - To book you can either email [Wavell.campus@wavell.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Wavell.campus@wavell.hants.sch.uk) or call the Wavell Campus office on 01252 317603 Tuesday to Friday from 10.00am to 6.00pm. You can also check for updates and availability at [www.wavellschool.org.uk/leisure/homepage/playscheme](http://www.wavellschool.org.uk/leisure/homepage/playscheme)

### **Farnborough Leisure Centre**

#### **May Half Term Day Camp**

5-12 years, Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June 2016. The day camp team will ensure the best quality supervision for your child between 8.30am – 5.30pm. They will have many activities throughout the holiday including swimming (children over 8 years only), tenpin bowling, soft play, arts & crafts, team games, fun with food, mixed sports and much more. A 1-Day Pass costs £22.00, a Sibling 1-Day Pass costs £17.00 (only one sibling discount per full paying child / sibling is a brother or sister). A hot or cold lunch is included in the price. Booking is simple, pop into Farnborough Leisure Centre or call on 01252 370411. Full payment is required at time of booking.

#### **Swim for £1 in the school holidays**

For 16 years and under, swim for just £1 during Hampshire school holidays. Visit the website for details.

#### **Family Fun Splash Times**

Family Fun Sessions with floats. Tuesday to Friday 11.00am–12.00pm and 2.00pm–3.00pm during May Half Term holiday. Call or visit the website for swimming and fun session times. Children Under 8 Swim FREE – one under 8 free with every full paying adult.

#### **Adventure Reef Soft Play**

The soft play centre has an underwater theme. For children under 12 years. Under 5's area with a mini ball pond, wavy slide and soft toy fun. Over 5's area with wavy slides, ball ponds, twisty swings and rope climbs. Height restrictions apply. Socks must be worn and children under 8 must be supervised by an adult at all times.

#### **May Half Term at Farnborough Bowl**

Look out for the Half Term Holiday Bowling Deals. Call 01252 554046 for more information or visit [www.farnboroughbowl.co.uk](http://www.farnboroughbowl.co.uk)

**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**  
**Calendar of Events 2015 - 2016**

<b>Summer Term 2016</b>				
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> May		Class Photo's	
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30 pm	School closes for half term	
<b>Half Term</b>				
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	8.50 am	School re-opens for children	
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00 pm	New Parents' Evening	Parents of children starting Reception in September 2016
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Y3 trip</b>	<b>Separate letter</b>
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30 pm (KS1) 7.00 pm (KS2)	Summer Music Afternoon / Evening	Details to follow
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	8pm	PTA meeting	
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> June		Y4 residential	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Y5 trip</b>	<b>Separate letter</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Panda's Cha Cha Night</b>	<b>Tickets available from Pandas</b>
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June		Y6 trip	Separate letter
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Sports Day	All Welcome
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> June		INSET Day	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10am - 2pm</b>	<b>Grounds Force Day</b>	<b>All welcome</b>
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> June	10.15 am	St Peter and Paul & First Holy Communicants' Celebration Mass	All welcome
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> June		Y6 Retreat	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>YR trip</b>	<b>Separate letter</b>
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> July		Reserve Sports Day	All welcome
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	3.30pm	Fitness Club 1K run	Invited children only
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> July		PTA Summer Fete	All welcome
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	AM	Hampshire Music Proms	Choir children
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 Leavers' outing	Details to follow
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> July		Final reports to parents	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Year 4 Assembly, Open afternoon and Teatime</b>	<b>Assembly and open afternoon - Y4 only Teatime open to all</b>
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> July	1.45 pm	Dress Rehearsal - Year 5/6 performance	Parents with toddlers - ticket only
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00 pm	Year 5/6 Production	Ticket only
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00 pm	Year 5/6 Production	Ticket only
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30 - 3.00 pm	Rollover Afternoon	
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30 pm	Leavers' Assembly	Families of Year 6 children welcome
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30 - 7.30 pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party	Y6 and Parents
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Leavers' Mass - OLHC	All welcome - volunteers needed
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30 pm	School closes for Summer	
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> July		INSET DAY	