



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

13th January 2017

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From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I wish you all a Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school and I hope you enjoyed a peaceful Christmas with your family.

On behalf of all the staff at St Patrick's I would like to thank you for your generous Christmas wishes, cards and presents which were very much appreciated.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany, closely followed by the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which, this year, marked the end of the Church's Christmas Season.

"Epiphany" means "appearance" or "revelation" and in the gospel stories of Epiphany we hear God appearing in creation: God is revealed in a star, in the waters of the river, in the shining skies, on the wings of a dove. Whenever heaven breaks forth on earth, we have an epiphany—let us treasure these moments.

It is wonderful to see that the children have returned to school with such positive enthusiasm for their learning. When they understand that the effort, the engagement and sometimes the struggle to understand has to come from within themselves, the real magic of learning can happen. This approach is part of our work on the "growth mindset" - ask your child to explain the learning pit to you!

We have a wide variety of learning opportunities currently available with our homework clubs and booster groups. Thank you for your support in enabling your child to attend when invited.

With best wishes for a busy and productive Spring term.

Mrs P Dix

School Diary

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| 17/01/17 | 10.30am | Late Start for choir |
| 17/01/17 | | Young Voices O2 |
| 18/01/17 | 10.30am | Late Start for choir |
| 18/01/17 | | Year 2 Trip |
| 23/01/17 | am only | Year 2 Trip |
| 25/01/17 | | Year 5 film project day |
| 30/01/17 | 3.30pm | Kingswood Meeting |
| 02/02/17 | 9am | Y3 Collective Worship |
| 03/02/17 | 2.30pm | Y6 Assembly + Teatime |
| 07/02/17 | 9.30am | Y6 Guildford Shakespeare Company |
| 09/02/17 | 9am | Y4 Collective Worship |

Staff changes



Sadly, due to other commitments, Mrs Sally Lory, the Shamrocks After School Club Assistant, has decided to leave St Patrick's at the end of January. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

A note from St Patrick's PTA



Unfortunately, due to the snow the PTA meeting on Thursday had to be postponed, we are looking to rearrange this as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning, we hope it helped you to meet some new faces.

Year 6 are running a tea time in the hall on Friday 3rd February after school, come along for a cake and a drink. Year 6 parents don't forget to bring cakes in to sell!

The letters for our ever popular Quiz night are coming home today! Send your forms in to book a table for your team.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a temporary lunchtime supervisor. If you or someone you know is interested please see the office for an information pack and application form or email enquiries@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk

PTA Diary

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| 03/02/17 | 3.30pm | Tea Time |
| 10/02/17 | 7.30pm | Quiz Night |
| 15/02/17 | 2pm | PTA meeting |
| 03/03/17 | 8.50am | Coffee Morning |

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