



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

12th January 2018

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From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to all our families. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas and managed to take some time to enjoy the company of family and friends over the holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity, along with the staff of St Patrick's, to thank you for your cards, presents and Christmas wishes which were very much appreciated.

Traditionally speaking the "carnival" season begins at the feast of Epiphany and lasts until Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (which falls in half term this year).

In some countries carnival is marked by three customary colours—gold, green and purple—which echo the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Magi and look forward to Lent's purple, spring's green and Easter's gold.

Interestingly, it used to be traditional to serve "round" foods especially during carnival time as an edible symbol of the return of Springtime sun. This may now sound rather like an excuse to eat a doughnut, although I am a firm believer in everything in moderation!

Yours sincerely
Mrs P Dix

School Diary

12/01/18	3.30pm	PTA Teatime
17/01/18		Johnny Ball Maths Assembly
18/01/18	9am	Year R Collective Worship
24/01/18		E-Safety Day
24/01/18	6pm	E-safety workshop for parents
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		Orange Mufti
02/02/18	2.30pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
02/02/18	3.30pm	PTA Teatime
06/02/18	5 - 8pm	Parents Evening
08/02/18	2.45pm	Year 5 Class Mass

Full calendar

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

A note from the Head of School



Dear Parents,

We have had such a positive start to the term. The children have returned with their 'New Year's Resolutions' determined to achieve the best they can each day.

We have been sorry to hear how many of you, in our school community, have been sick during the Christmas holidays – but hopefully in spite of this you managed to have some quality family time over the break.

Yesterday Fr Chris joined us to celebrate our start of term Mass, in which we celebrated Epiphany. The singing and quality of the readings made it a most

uplifting occasion and it was wonderful that some parents and governors also came into school for Mass.

This is my favourite term of the school year as the children are all settled with their class teachers, we have finished with the 'getting to know you' element of the year and this is where the children can really get on and make optimum progress. Our Parents' Evenings are not until after February half-term, but if there is anything you feel you would like to discuss before then, please remember you can make an appointment to see your class teacher at any time during the year.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Mulholland

A note from St Patrick's PTA

We are now in full swing planning for our most popular parent event, the Quiz Night! Once again being hosted by Mrs Day and her friend Matt this is looking like another fantastic year. Look out for letters coming soon!

Also coming up, the children's second school disco of the year, if you would like to help please get in contact via the school email.

Please join us at the school Tuesday 20th February 7.30pm for our next meeting.

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

Young Voices

The choir are eagerly awaiting their trip to perform at the O2 in London as part of Young Voices. They are working very hard to learn all the words and dance moves. If your child is going to Young Voices you should be receiving some letters, t-shirts and audience tickets shortly. In the meantime if you have any questions please speak to Mrs Gray, Miss Hodge or Mrs Wilkinson.

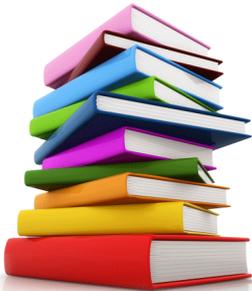
Orange Mufti

On Friday 2nd February we will be having an Orange Mufti Day to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy UK. On this day the children may come to school in their own clothes in exchange for £1. We ask that the children wear at least one item which is orange.

Admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31st August 2014 it is time to apply for their school place in September 2018! Make sure you have completed both the Hampshire online form and the schools paper form before 15th January 2018. If you are struggling or have any questions have any questions please come and speak to Miss Ryan.

Travelling Book Fair



From Friday 26th January until Friday 2nd February there will be a travelling book fair visiting the school. This is a great opportunity for your child to explore new books, maybe a genre they haven't considered before. The books will be available to purchase by the children during break times and will be available in the hall for parents to purchase after school on Friday 26th, Tuesday 30th and Friday 2nd Feb. Books range in price so please use your own discretion when deciding how much to give your child if they will be purchasing for themselves at break time.

Growth Mindset

Top Tip

THIS
→ NEW ←
YEAR
is gonna be
super
HAPPY & WILD
AND
absolutely
AWESOME

A growth mindset is also a positive mindset. Looking upon each time of change as an opportunity to grow.

As a child you are craving stability and a lack of change, but as parents we know that helping our children embrace change is going to set them up for life far beyond St Patrick's.

Ask your child questions like:

"What did you do that was new today?"

"Did you talk to someone who you have never talked to before today?"

OR

"Your challenge today is to talk to someone new!"

"Come home tonight and tell me something you couldn't do yesterday but you can do it today!"