



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

14th February 2019

Spring 2

From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week sees the feast day of St Valentine. The commercial calendar has turned Valentine's Day into February's theme. If the feast day is primarily for showering romantic sweethearts with signs of affection, the exchange of valentine's gifts among small children makes little sense.

Or is the message of Valentine's Day about the joy of caring for one another with

kindness, respect and compassion? We should challenge our children and ourselves to exchange signs of respect and affection with everyone else, without leaving anybody out.

Enjoy a restful half term holiday next week with your family. With thanks for your support and commitment.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs P Dix

School Diary

15/02/19		INSET Day
25/02/19	8.50am	Children return to school
04/03/19		Year 5 Trip
06/03/19		Ash Wednesday
07/03/19		World Book Day
08/03/19	7.30pm	Quiz Night
11/03/19		Year 3 Trip
12/03/19	3pm	Year 1 Celebration of the Word
14/03/19		Dance Challenge
15/03/19	2.30pm	Year R Assembly and Tea Time
18/03/19	10.45am	St Patrick's Day Mass

From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

It feels such a short time since we returned after Christmas and now we are breaking for half-term, but they do say time flies when you are having fun, and I can vouch that we are doing that in school!

There has been a wealth of assemblies, worships and extra-curricular activities going on to enrich the learning. I know that Mrs Carty and the dancing teams are practising hard, ready for their annual competition at the Princes Hall on 14th March.

As a staff we have relaunched our school Buddy work, where younger and older classes link and share in activities together. Last week the buddies came together to make prayer crosses, prayer hands and to have some shared times of reflection. We have many more of these planned over the year! It has been so wonderful to hear from lots of parents as to how much this event has

been talked about at home.

Thank you as always for supporting your children in coming to Parents' Evenings this week. The KS2 teachers have found the impact of the evening more significant as a result of the children being in attendance. I would also like to hear parents' feedback as to how they are finding this experience too. Please catch me on the gate or send me an email if you have any feedback you would like to share.

We were delighted to see the children in their Sporty Mufti today. In total we have raised £190 which will go towards the new sport pitch. We are very excited that the work on the new pitch will be starting very soon I will share updates as we get them! As a school we are determined to have it ready for use in the summer term.

Have a wonderful half-term!

Mrs Mulholland

Staff Changes

Our Nursery Deputy, Pavla Teclova is leaving on 5th April. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school and Pandas. She will be greatly missed and we wish her every success for the future.

A note from St Patrick's PTA

If you haven't yet booked your team for the quiz night don't forget to get your forms in after half term! This is always a popular event with lots of fun! Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th March, this meeting will take the form of a coffee and cake evening so pop along for a coffee and a slice of cake and a chat about the school. No need to sign up to anything, just come along and meet some more parents.

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

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. We made £530 which gives the school £258 to spend on books which is a much needed and very welcome help.

This will allow us to update the books and resources available for the children in their classrooms as well as update the library with some of the children's favourite titles.



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school in their fundraising efforts by buying bricks for our new path. Sport's mufti today is another fundraiser and keep your eye out after half term for more events coming up.

You can also support us by getting a team together and coming along to the PTA quiz on 8th March. Forms are due in after half term so get your quizzing hats ready!



Having fun in the snow!



Growth Mindset

School Wide Thinking!

In St Patrick's School.....

We all have different starting points.

We can all learn from one another.

We can all make progress.

We will value our mistakes because we can learn from them.

We will choose tasks that challenge us because this is how we develop our skills and understanding.

We will keep trying even when we are finding a task difficult because this is how we make progress.

