



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

1st April 2019

Spring 3

From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As we journey through the season of Lent together it is interesting to consider how the tradition has evolved. Originally, the forty days of Lent began on the first Sunday of the season, not on Ash Wednesday. As Sundays are never days of fasting, the first Sunday to Holy Thursday only used to include 34 fasting days before the Paschal Triduum. In the 6th century the day we now call Ash Wednesday and the three days after were added to the Lenten fast to make 38 days. The two fasting days of the Triduum—Good Friday and Holy Saturday—are also counted to make a total of forty days of fasting before Easter Sunday.

The children's Lenten promises and involvement in the "Give it Up" project to raise money for CAFOD are a wonderful sign of the continuation of the traditional aspects of Lent—prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Our children in year 3 and year 4 are busy practising for their Paschal production which they will perform after the holiday, during the first week of the Easter season.

With thanks for your continued support and every blessing for a reflective holy week and a wonderful start to the Easter season.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs P Dix

School Diary

5/4/19	3.30pm	School closes for Easter
6/4/19	10am—1pm	Ground's Force Day
23/4/19	8.50am	School reopens
25/4/19	2.30pm	Year 3 + 4 Paschal Performance (Toddlers welcome)
25/4/19	7pm	Year 3 + 4 Paschal Performance (Adult audience only)
26/4/19		Year 3 Romans Day
30/4/19		Sponsored Bounce

From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

Spring is the air at St Patrick's School and with it the enthusiasm for work and the school environment. We have been working as a school to promote more outdoor learning. We are so fortunate with our grounds here and are always looking for better ways to use the space to learn more outside.

Mrs Merry, Mrs Maher-Williams, Mr Raine and the gardening club have been working away over the winter to plant seeds, prepare the ground and introduce new flowers that encourage more insects and birds into the grounds. They are working on putting up more bird and bat boxes to increase the numbers of nesting areas around the school. If you have any plants or seeds (you can spare or can plant a few extras) that you can donate to the club they would be very gratefully received!

There has been a class out-and-about almost every week this term. They have been to Fishbourne Roman Museum, Gosport Discovery Science Centre, INTECH Science Museum and the Planetarium in Winchester.

Year 5 have also been treated to drama workshops from Salesian Sixth Form pupils every Wednesday afternoon, the highlight of which was going up to Salesian and going back stage to see their set, lights and costumes ready for their performance of Guys and Dolls!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a lovely Easter and thank you all for your continued support of the school.

Regards,
Mrs Mulholland

Staff Changes

At Easter Mrs Jones and Mrs Wedgwood are retiring from serving the school. They have worked for the school for nearly 33 years. We so appreciate all they have done and their immense commitment to the school with the long-service they have given. They will be very missed by all the staff and pupils.

Pavla Teclova will be sadly leaving Pandas, we would like to thank her for all she has done for the children. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Belinda Fleet who will be Nursery Deputy after Easter.

In addition Mrs Leyton in the office is moving on to a new managerial position. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new role.

Mrs Downes is also moving on at Easter. We are very appreciative of all she has done for Year 2 and breakfast club. Mrs Majewski will become Year 2 LSA for the Summer term.

A note from St Patrick's PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz night, it was a brilliant evening!

We are now starting to plan our summer garden party, if you would like a stall or have any good ideas please get in touch!

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

Dance Challenge

This month our dancers took part in the North East Hampshire Dance Challenge at the Prince's Hall. Everybody worked incredibly hard and performed beautifully! Our infant dancers won 'most in time with the music' and our junior dancers won 'best costumes'.



The school is so proud of all of their hard work and the way in which they supported each other. The most amazing part of this process is seeing the enjoyment the children got from performing in front of an audience.



A massive well done and thank you to Mrs Carty for all her hard work, enthusiasm and all she does to promote dance in the school!

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the mothers day sale we made a massive £248 for the school. We hope you all enjoyed your carefully chosen presents.

We are now taking donations for our father's day sale. Any unwanted gifts from Christmas or birthdays would be greatly appreciated. Please bear in mind that we cannot accept alcohol.

Growth Mindset

School Wide Thinking!

THE POWER OF YET!



This is our way of talking children through their difficulties. Ask them to talk to you about the power of yet. Also add "yet" on when they are voicing concerns and difficulties they have.

This can be very powerful in helping them come up with solutions and persevere with problems in a non-defeatist approach.