



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

2nd February 2018

Spring 2

From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

In less than two weeks time, during half term, we will begin the Christian season of Lent. The first few days of Lent, following Ash Wednesday, are days of transition—a time to simplify and spring clean. In some ways this change mirrors the volatile weather at this time of the year—one day is freezing, the next mild, the next stormy, the next calm—and as the weeks progress there is a dramatic

movement from winter to spring, from darkness to light, from lifelessness to an abundance of life.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our parents' evenings next week on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February.

Yours sincerely
Mrs P Dix

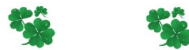
School Diary

06/02/18	5 - 8pm	Parents' Evening
08/02/18	2.45pm	Year 5 Class Mass
08/02/18	3.30pm	Children finish for half term
08/02/18	4 - 7pm	Parents' Evening
09/02/18		INSET Day (CM Sports Activity Day)
19/02/18	8.50am	Children return to school
20/02/18	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
22/02/18	2.45pm	Year 4 Class Mass
23/02/18	2.30pm	Year 3 Assembly
02/03/18	2.30pm	Year 1 Assembly
02/03/18	7.30pm	PTA Quiz Night
05/02/18		Key Stage 1 Trip
07/03/18		Year 5 Trip
09/03/18	2.30pm	Year R Assembly
15/03/18	10.30am	St Patricks Day Mass and Woodlands Centre opening by the Bishop

Full calendar

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

A note from the Head of School



Dear Parents,

This is always my favourite term of the year as all the children have settled into their classes and the teachers know them well by this stage! The buzz of learning is everywhere in our school as the children are striving to be the best they can be.

We are having some time to reflect, in our busy lives, through the class masses and collective worships that have been taking place. The children are becoming competent in planning their own liturgies. Fr Chris has been very supportive in helping plan and celebrate these times with the children. Hopefully you are seeing signs of this through the class prayer bags and the prayer leaves that are coming home through the classes.

We are very much looking forward to meeting with you all next week at Parents Evenings. Now would be a really good time to note down any questions you have about your child's learning ready for your meeting next week.

We are delighted to tell you all that we have appointed a new caretaker—Mr Ian Raine who is starting with us on Monday. He is very enthusiastic about taking up this appointment and I am sure you will make him very welcome.

I hope you enjoy a restful half-term with lots of family time included.

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

Having been involved with the Young Voices O2 concerts for a number of years now I have to say this was the very best one to date. Our seats were amazing and the whole day ran like clockwork. The children were impeccable from start to finish and we were all delighted to spend the day singing, dancing and embracing the music. Thank you to all the parents who came up to London for the concert. It creates such a buzz as the audience arrives and the children spot their family member. Many thanks to Mrs Gray, Miss Hodge & Mrs Wilkinson for organising the event. As well as thanks for Mrs Montague-Smith & Mrs Parkin for coming to accompany the children.



Orange Mufti

Thank you to everyone for helping us to support Muscular Dystrophy UK by wear Orange to school today, Friday 2nd Feb. We managed to raise £185 which is wonderful!

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our book fair. Through your sales we have managed to raise over £200 to spend on books for our school library! Also big congratulations to the children who won vouchers for the book fair in our 'design a book cover' competition, Carla (Year 1), Nathan (Year 2), Sean and Emily (Year 3), Jack (Year 4) and Joseph (Year 5).

Visit From Johnny Ball



We have been totally inspired by our visit from Johnny Ball recently. Lots of parents and staff remember him being totally inspirational with his TV shows, but he was even better in real life. Following on from his visit the children have been trying out lots of the maths that he showed them. This included Russian maths systems and Egyptian Number Counting. Mrs Rushton invited me in to see what the children in Year 6 were doing and they were all able to explain how it worked and how much they had learned from their morning with Johnny. Visits like these are such valuable opportunities to inspire the children and to capture their imaginations in ways that a normal lesson can't! We have now started to think about who to invite next! So watch this space!

Growth Mindset

Top Tip

"YOU CAN LEARN NEW THINGS AT ANY TIME IN YOUR LIFE IF YOU'RE WILLING TO BE A BEGINNER. IF YOU ACTUALLY LEARN TO LIKE BEING A BEGINNER, THE WHOLE WORLD OPENS UP TO YOU."

BARBARA SHER

Everyday ask your child what new thing they learnt today. Maybe use dinner time as a time for the whole family to share the new thing they learnt—maybe a new spelling, a fact, a word and maths problem, even a new recipe or food they have tried?

If you take this approach to each day, then something new is exciting and brings new possibilities rather than being a stress! Let me know how you get on.

Mrs Mulholland



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