



# St. Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

9th March 2018

Spring 3

### From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The entire season of Lent is an invitation to enter into its spirit, whether at the third, sixth, ninth, or even eleventh hour (as in the parable of the vineyard workers). So, if we miss a week or two of something we intended to do during Lent, we should just start again, with renewed determination, as soon as we are able to.

Halfway through the forty days of Lent, the fourth Sunday—Laetare Sunday—provides a welcome

opportunity to rejoice, celebrate and honour our mothers along with our Mother Church. Enjoy the celebration!

We look forward to our Paschal Production of Resurrection Rock from Years 3 and 4 during the last week of term, ticket information will be coming home via Parentmail next week.

With thanks for your continued Support.

Yours sincerely  
**Mrs P Dix**

### School Diary

15/03/18	10.30am	St Patricks Day Mass and Woodlands Centre opening by the Bishop
15/03/18	12pm	Dance Challenge
16/03/18		St Patrick's Day make a hat competition & cake sale
16/03/18	5pm	Children's Disco
20/3/18		Guitar Concert—details to follow
22/03/18		Year 3 at SVP Mass
23/03/18		Purple Mufti
23/03/18		Year 2 Trip
26/03/18	2.30pm	Year 3 / 4 Paschal Production
27/03/18	7pm	Year 3 / 4 Paschal Production
29/03/18	3.30pm	School finishes for Easter
16/04/18	8.50am	Children return to school

Full calendar

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

### A note from the Head of School



Dear Parents,

What a different a week makes, last week we were deep in snow , being mentioned on the BBC news for being the coldest place in the UK—and this week it feels like Spring is finally here!

The wonderful thing about the children at St Patrick's is how adaptable they are, they were unphased by last week and came back to school this week raring to learn.

The teachers are working incredibly hard across the school to encourage independence in all areas of the children's learning. Please can you

encourage your child with this, by getting them to pack their own bags, sports kits, homework books, reading books, water bottles, musical instruments etc. the night before. The more independent they are in their thinking the more confident they will be across their lives.

May I wish all the mums and grandmas a very happy day for Sunday and I hope your children spoil you for the day, in thanks for all you do for them.

Yours sincerely  
**Mrs A Mulholland**

### A note from St Patrick's PTA

After the attack of the 'Beast from the East' our Quiz night had to sadly be postponed. Fortunately we have now managed to rearrange this popular event for 27th April! New forms will be coming home shortly, please return ASAP to guarantee a space.

The children's disco is next week on 16th March, if you are free to help please contact the school office.

Please join us at the school Thursday 26th April 7.30pm for our next meeting.

Contact us—01252 542 511 / [enquiries@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-patricks.hants.sch.uk)

## The Giant Sing

We spent the most wonderful afternoon with the whole of KS1 at the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke—watching, singing and dancing along. The space-themed songs had been practised in school over the past few weeks, with this exciting opportunity to come together and perform them in a theatre with other local schools. The musical benefits have been evident throughout this preparation time, but the speaking and language aspects of this school trip have been particularly noticed by all the class teachers! Roll on next year ..... can't wait to go again!



## St Patrick's Day Celebrations

This year St Patrick's Day falls on a Saturday. We will be celebrating with the following activities:

- ⇒ St Patrick's Day Mass on Thursday 15th March at 10.30am, families are welcome to join us for this.
- ⇒ Friday 16th March we will be holding a hat competition, we ask that your child makes themselves a St Patrick's Day themed hat and bring it in to school on Friday, the best hats will receive prizes!
- ⇒ Also on the Friday we will be holding a cake sale during the school day, please provide a plate of St Patrick's Day themed cakes if possible and send your child in with 20p for a cake. Proceeds will go the CAFOD Lent appeal.

## Bishop Visit

We are delighted to be receiving a visit from Bishop Philip Egan on Thursday 15th March. He will be joining us to celebrate St Patrick's Day Mass and bless the new Woodlands Centre.

## Purple Mufti

On Friday 23rd March the children are invited to come to school in purple mufti in exchange for £1. All proceeds raised will be donated to Epilepsy Action in support of Epilepsy Awareness Day on 26th March.

## Partnership Working

You may be aware that, up until the beginning of this academic year, Bishop Philip had been encouraging all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth to convert to academy status and join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT.)

Although academy conversion and the specific formation of MATs are no longer on the agenda, Bishop Philip is keen for proactive partnership work to continue based upon the four previously proposed MATs.

Our school is part of the Mother Teresa of Calcutta partnership, which includes the following schools:

St Bernadette's Primary, Farnborough  
St Patrick's Primary, Farnborough  
St Joseph's Primary, Aldershot  
All Hallows Secondary, Farnham  
Salesian College, Farnborough  
Farnborough Hill, Farnborough  
St Bede's Primary, Basingstoke  
St Anne's Primary, Basingstoke  
Bishop Challoner Secondary, Basingstoke  
St John the Baptist Primary, Andover  
St Peter's Primary, Winchester

We already work in close collaboration with the schools in the partnership as part of our Catholic cluster of schools and are looking forward to developing and cementing our positive relationships for the benefit of the children in all our schools.

# Growth Mindset

## Top Tip

**“What’s been your best mistake this week?”**

Can you imagine this being your question over tea on a Friday evening? We know that we have truly embraced growth mind-set when we can all freely discuss the mistakes we make and how we learnt from them. I am going to try it in my house and if any of you do, then please let me know how it goes.