



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

3rd May 2019

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From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you were able to make the most of the sunny weather with your family.

This year the Easter Triduum itself fell quite late in the holiday, which means we have only just begun to enjoy the church's season of Easter, which lasts for fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. This is our most ancient liturgical season, older even than Lent during which we are en-

couraged to recognise opportunities to encounter the risen Christ in our familiar daily activities.

This week we enjoyed our crowning of Mary ceremony and we look forward to the celebrations of First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

With continued thanks for your support

Yours sincerely,
Mrs P Dix

From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

We have only been back at school for two weeks and already we seem to have achieved so much!

The term started so serenely with the Paschal Plays led by Year 4 and supported by the choir from Year 3. The children did an incredible job of delivering the events of Holy Week with such maturity.

We are very much looking forward to the work on our new pitch starting in earnest, we are currently waiting on a last survey from Hampshire and then the builders can start work. We are still hopeful that we may have the pitch ready in time for Sports Day!

Thanks to Mr Raine and all the families who gave up their Saturday morning to come in and help tidy, plant, weed etc. which has meant very smart grounds for the children to return to after Easter.

Before Easter we sent out a questionnaire to all parents. 140 families returned the questionnaire for the main school and 25 Pandas families. The most comments and responses related to how caring the staff are to their children, the high standards the school

has for behaviour and the community feel of the school.

The development points raised related to parents being keen for more after-school clubs and activities and the development of the outdoor areas. I have detailed the clubs that are currently running and if you have any suggestions or expertise to offer in running more clubs, please get in touch. A very small number of responses raised bullying, which is something we always take very seriously. Please can I remind you how important it is if you ever feel that your child is unhappy or having any friendship issues in school to come and raise them with myself or the class teacher immediately. We can then address what has happened and deal with anything promptly. We want all children at St Patrick's and Pandas to feel safe and supported at all time.

Just a reminder the children have the option of summer uniform for this term and up to October half-term (see over-leaf).

Regards,
Mrs Mulholland

School Diary

07/05/19		Year 2 Trip
07/05/19		Dentist in for Year R
07/05/19	3.15pm	Netball Match for invited Year 6 Children
09/05/19	2.45pm	Year 5 Collective Worship
10/05/19	2.30pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
13/05/19		Year 6 SATS Week
16/05/19		Year 5 Trip
16/05/19	2.45pm	Year 4 Collective Worship
17/05/19	12pm	Cricket Event
17/05/19	3.30pm	Fitness Club 1K run

After-School Clubs Currently Running

Monday	Choir (KS2,) Ukulele (KS2), Maths Club (Year 6)
Tuesday	Dance Club (KS1 8am) Library Club (KS1—Invite only), Football (KS2), Maths Club (Year 6), Netball Club (Y5&6)
Wednesday	Dance Club (KS2 8am) CM-Sports (all years), Craft Club (Invite only)
Thursday	Judo (8am), KS1 Football, Homework Club (Invite only)
Friday	Gardening Club (Lunch times), Fitness Club (KS2)

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Crowning of Mary



On Wednesday 1st of May we had a very special service to celebrate Mary and to officially Crown the Mary statues in and around the school—with May being the Month of Mary. The honour of this goes to our oldest and youngest children in the school.

The service was led by Year 5 who led us in prayer and times of reflection. Please take time over the weeks in May to come and visit the prayer garden and talk to your child about Mary the Mother of God.

Our thanks to kind Mrs Kendall who made the beautiful fresh flower crowns for our Mary statues.



Fundraising



This has been a very busy fundraising week in school with the Sponsored Bounce on Tuesday and finishing the week with KS1 and KS2 discos. Thank you to all those of you that have already brought in their sponsorship money and if you haven't already please collect it up and bring it in early next week.

Thank you to the PTA, CM-Sports and all the parent helpers who have been in school to support both fundraising events.

Over Lent we raised a grand total of £387.10 for CAFOD. The winning house was St George who get an extra playtime and bonus house points for raising the most! Thank you to everyone who gave up something for Lent and put the money towards this incredible total.

Summer Uniform

A reminder of the summer uniform. The summer uniform is optional and at all times throughout the year parents can opt for their child to be in full winter uniform. The summer uniform is either the school logo polo shirt with green skirt/grey shorts or a gingham green dress. The images below are taken from the Brenda's School Supplier website, who stock our uniform (www.brendas.co.uk/collections/st-patricks) - although it is only the school logo items that have to be purchased from there, all other items are also available from Sainsbury's, ASDA and other uniform stockists.

