



# St. Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

9th June 2017

Summer 2

### From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school - I hope you enjoyed the half term break and made the most of the good weather!

Liturgically speaking, summertime begins with the marvellous Pentecost story from the Acts of the Apostles. A blast of the spirit's fire and wind sends the disciples outdoors into the light, freeing them from their fears. The Holy Spirit is still at work in our

lives today, giving us strength, courage and resilience. These gifts will help to sustain us amid the recent terrorist attacks—our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

**Mrs P Dix**

### School Diary

13/06/17	3.30pm	Y5 Parents meeting
13/06/17	7pm	New Parents Evening
16/06/17	2.30pm	Y4 Assembly, open afternoon and teatime
20/06/17		Orange Mufti Day
21/06/17		Y5 All Hallows TCI Day
22/06/17	PM	SVP Mass

### Staff Changes



As usual at this time of the year, staffing is being planned for September and I am now in a position to make you aware of changes.

After 12 years associated with St Patrick's Mrs Murray will be leaving us as she steps back from class teaching to pursue other avenues in life. We hope she will keep in touch and join us from time to time as a supply teacher. After 2 years at St Patrick's Miss Pitts will be leaving us to join a school nearer to home, following her house move last year. We wish her well in her new school. After a short while at St Patrick's Mrs Engelbrecht will be leaving as a result of family logistics, we wish her well in the future. I would like to thank all members of staff who are moving on for their hard work and commitment to the children of St Patrick's.

I am pleased to inform you that we have successfully recruited new staff for September, which is pleasing given the current shortage of teachers and difficulties with recruitment.

In September we will be joined by Mrs Joanne Gray and Miss Laura Hodge, who will both be teaching full time and Mrs Lucy Cole and Mrs Jane Livingston-Payne who will be teaching part time on a job sharing basis.

All our new staff have been invited to join us for rollover day and will have a detailed hand over from the current teachers before the end of team.

### A note from St Patrick's PTA



As per the Parentmail please note the change of date for the AGM. This is now being held at 3pm on Monday 19th June. This is a very important meeting as it allows us to continue to have a PTA next year. Even if you cannot attend the normal meetings please make an effort to come to this is possible. Don't worry we will not force you to sign up for any jobs!!!

The Summer Garden Party is getting close, there is a lot to do, leaflets will be coming home shortly with more information. If you are able to help out on a stall please let us know!

The next meeting is Wednesday 21st June at 7pm in the Shamrocks Community room at school. We would love to see you there!

### PTA Diary

16/06/17	3.30pm	Y4 Tea Time
19/06/17	3pm	AGM
21/06/17	7pm	PTA Meeting
01/07/17	2pm - 4.30pm	Summer Garden Party
14/07/17	3.30pm	Y3 Tea Time
14/09/17	7pm	First PTA Meeting of the New School Year

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

## Walk for Sean

**Sean Devereux was an ordinary man who did something extra ordinary with his life.**

He was a pupil at the Salesian College in Farnborough between 1975 and 1982. After graduating University he then began teaching at the Salesian School in Chertsey, Surrey in 1986.

In February 1989, Sean went to Liberia as a Volunteer working with the Salesian community at St. Francis School in Tappita. In Liberia he was savagely beaten by soldiers when he confronted one of them attempting to steal food meant for the refugees. On another occasion he was imprisoned for pleading for the release of a teenager who had rushed up to him in tears. The youth had been his student in a bush school of the Salesians, and was later drafted into the army as a child-soldier.

In 1992, Sean began working with UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) in Somalia. In Somalia, UNICEF assigned him to organise relief for the starving, with particular concern for the children.

In 1993, at the age of 28 Sean was shot and killed by a lone gunman while he was walking near the UNICEF compound in Kismayu.

In his name the Sean Devereux Children's Fund was set up, running several events raising money to help children in third world countries have a better quality of life, including access to education.

On 2nd July there is a 5K walk taking place in Yateley supporting this charity which some of the St Patrick's staff are participating in. Please see below the details if you are interested in signing up!

**2nd July 2017**

**Walk for Sean 2017**

**5k Yateley**

**Join us!**

**£10 to register to walk**

**Walk for Sean 2017**

**...to continue educating Liberian children**

Organised by **Sean Devereux Childrens Fund**  
Registered Charity 1057777  
100% proceeds go to Africa

For more details visit [seandevereux.org.uk](http://seandevereux.org.uk)

## After School

Please remember that the adventure playgrounds and other equipment located in the school grounds is for use during school time only, under supervision. Please do not let siblings use this equipment after school.

Please be aware that the side gate to the field will be locked shortly after the end of the school day to ensure the safety of children attending Shamrock's after school club who are playing on the field.

If a sports club is taking place then Shamrocks will use the field after this, meaning the field will need to be vacated swiftly at the end of the club. With thanks for your cooperation.