



St. Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

19th July 2018

Summer 3

From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of the school year, a time of natural change. In fact, liturgically speaking, the year has several forty day periods, all connected to the idea of renewal: the forty days from Christmas to Candlemas; the forty days of Lent and the forty days from Easter to Ascension Day.

Summertime includes another, less well known, forty day period from the feast of the Transfiguration (6th August) to the feast of the Holy Cross (14th September.)

Observing a forty day period marks a transition, a time of intensified introspection, growth and renewal. Over the summer we should all take time to reflect, recharge our batteries and

prepare for a new start in September.

I would like to thank you all for the positive support and encouragement which you have demonstrated over what has been a busy and challenging year. Your understanding of and commitment to the direction in which our school needs to travel is very much appreciated.

Our year 6 children leave us with every blessing for the future.

I wish you and your family a restful and fun filled summer and look forward to welcoming you back to St Patrick's on Wednesday 5th September.

Yours sincerely
Mrs P Dix

School Diary

03/09/18		INSET Day
04/09/18		INSET Day
05/09/18	8.50am	Children back to school
10/09/18		Year R begin
11/09/18	10.45am	Start of term mass
11/09/18	6pm	Year 4 Parents Information Evening
11/09/18	6pm	Year 5 Parents Information Evening
11/09/18	7pm	Year 6 Parents Information Evening
13/09/18	6pm	Year 1 Parents Information Evening
13/09/18	6pm	Year 2 Parents Information Evening
13/09/18	7pm	Year 3 Parents Information Evening
23/09/18	1pm	Car Boot Sale
24/09/18		Year 6 Residential
27/09/18	7pm	Year R Curriculum Evening
05/10/18	10am	CAFOD Assembly

Full calendar

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

A note from the Head of School



Dear Parents,

These final few weeks of term have been packed with events. Year 6 enjoyed a very active and fun-packed leavers' party last Friday. Despite the threat of rain an excellent time was had by all and the children really appreciated all the effort their parents had put into making it such a joyous occasion.

This week commenced with the excellent production of WW2—Secrets, Spies and Sabotage, led and performed by the Year 6 children. Their team work and drive for excellence was paramount throughout the delivery of each performance. The retiring collection, which was in aid of Help for Heroes raised a very impressive £133.13.

Yesterday the whole school walked down to church for Mass with Fr Chris at Our Lady Help of Christians, to pray for and celebrate our Year 6 children and all those who are leaving our school this year. Each Year 6 child was presented with a special Bible as a

reminder of their spiritual journey with us, in their time with us at St Patrick's. The Bibles were kindly funded by the PTA—who generously give these as a gift each year to our leavers. It provided a perfect opportunity to stop and reflect upon all they have achieved over their time with us.

School has closed today with a final whole school assembly to wish everyone well for the summer and to bid farewell to our leavers. Mrs Gray was presented with flowers, gifts and a card which all the children had made and we thanked her for all her work and support with music this year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September and hope that our leavers will come back in due course and let us know how they are getting on.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Mulholland



A note from St Patrick's PTA

This year we are working with the school to support their year of fundraising as they aim to raise funds for the new sport's pitch which I am sure you all agree would be a fantastic asset to the school.

The more people who get involved with fundraising activities the easier the events are to manage. If you can help with any events throughout the year please do let us know!

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

Holiday Support

Please be aware that Linda Parry, our Parent Support Advisor will still be available over the summer holiday for advice and appointments. Her contact details are:

Mobile: 07793 308974

Email: Linda.Parry@wavell.hants.sch.uk

Water Safety

Please see below some information and advice from Hampshire regarding water safety:

As school holidays approach and the country experiences the current warm weather, children want to cool down quickly and have fun in the water.

It is important to remember that a child can drown within seconds. In particular, babies and small children can drown in very little water as they do not have the range of motion to move their heads. Child drowning is often silent and without struggle.

Wherever a child is enjoying the water there are a number of steps that can be taken to reduce risk and accident:

- ⇒ Be vigilant, make sure your child is supervised at all times in or around water.
- ⇒ Always swim at beaches and pools where there is a lifeguard.
- ⇒ Make sure there is a fence around any garden pools or ponds.
- ⇒ Familiarise yourself with the location of ponds, lakes or pools at new locations.
- ⇒ Make sure your child stays hydrated and takes regular breaks.
- ⇒ Satisfy yourself that your child is not out of their depth when in water.
- ⇒ Make sure paddling pools are emptied and turned upside down when not in use.
- ⇒ Keep paddling and swimming pools free of trip hazards.
- ⇒ Don't leave toys in paddling and swimming pools.
- ⇒ Make sure your fence and gate are secure to ensure that your child can't access water hazards in neighbours' gardens.
- ⇒ Supervise your child in the bath at all times, even if their elder sibling is present.
- ⇒ Don't expect an elder child to be responsible for the safety of younger siblings.

Attendance

This year we have noticed an increase in the number of children who have been absent from school with the parents claiming sickness only for us to discover that they were actually away on holiday.

Please do not give false reasons for keeping the children off school. Although your holiday may not be authorised it is important that you still complete an absence request form so we have accurate records of the location of the children.

It is at the headteacher's discretion to authorise leave due to illness and unfortunately due to the abuse of this system, illness which is reported on the days before or after a school holiday, particularly when this 'illness' affects all the siblings of the family, may be marked as unauthorised unless it can be supported with medical evidence.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding attendance in the coming year, please get in contact with the school.