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Headteacher Notice

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Christmas Lunch with St Patrick's Parish & Bishop Ralph

On Wednesday this week we welcomed our parishioners for Christmas lunch in McAuley with Bishop Ralph. Thank you to all the staff including our wonderful cooks for preparing the food. We would also like to thank our Governors, Krysha and Angela who helped to organise and set up this event. Some of our children had the opportunity to sing to them as well which they thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you for the kind donation of **£110.49**.



Parking in Iceland

Please can Parents/Carers refrain from parking in the loading bay/delivery drop off at Iceland. This area is **not** a car park.

Travelling Cribs

If you have a travelling crib at home please can you return it to school after the holidays for next year's Advent time. Thank you.

FS1/2 & KS1 Nativities

Congratulations to all the FS1/2, KS1 children and staff on their Nativity preparation and hard work on their two performances this week. It was lovely to see our school community come together, especially to support our youngest children in school.

KS2 Carol Service

KS2 Carol service was on Thursday 21st December @ 6pm. Thank you to all the staff, Father Albert, Governors, parents and everyone who attended, helped and supported our school at this special time of year. The children were amazing. Thank you to the dancers and African choir who sang beautifully and gave up their break times to learn the song. Well Done everyone.

Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust collection was **£204.20**. Thank you for your kind donations.



Goodbye

We would like to say goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Palmer for everything she has done for the children past and present here at St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy. We wish her health and happiness for the future.

Stars of The Week

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| ★ Owls- Esmae Clifford | ★ Grenoside Woods- Daniel Saeed |
| ★ Owls- Shayna Yankey | ★ Beeley Woods- Erin Moylan |
| ★ Hedgehogs- Siyon Sobin | ★ Lees Hall Woods- Victoria Abratkiewicz |
| ★ Squirrels- Callie Rae Carrigan | ★ Woolley Woods- Mia Sibanda |
| ★ Badgers- Jovan Lawrence | ★ Ecclesall Woods- Joshua Burrows |
| ★ Otters- Kayon Rowe | |

Happy Christmas 2023

On behalf of all the Staff & Governors at St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy, we wish all the Parents/Carers a Blessed, Holy, Safe and Peaceful Christmas 2023 with your family and friends. School reopens on Monday 8th January 2024.

God Bless Mrs SM McKeown

Notice from Mrs Fox

Attendance (including lateness)

We are increasingly having the same children come to school late on a regularly basis.

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning. Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to nearly an hour a week of lost learning. This adds up to one week of school missed in a year! Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted.

Of course, we are aware of the struggles sometimes in getting children ready and into school on time, but this shouldn't be on a regular basis.

We have to report to the local authority on persistent absentees and persistent lateness. Therefore, in the new year any child late regularly will need to have a meeting with the Headteacher to explain why.

Every day counts in school. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. That's why school attendance is so important.

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities. As well as this, going to school helps to develop friendships.

Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in school. Children who regularly miss school may also feel more socially isolated as a result.

Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life.



Online Safety Notice

Over the holidays children will inevitably want to keep in touch with their friends and this is often done via group chat on apps such as WhatsApp. Along with the newsletter this week we have attached an information sheet all about what parents need to know about group chats. It offers some information about the potential risks and some advice for parents. Please take a look and please help your child to understand the potential pitfalls and how to remain kind online.

Also, see attached this week's WakeUpWednesday Poster about Top Tips for setting up parental controls on new devices

Logo Leisurewear Ordering

Order School Uniform using the following link: <https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-patricks-primary/>

Afterschool Clubs

DAY	CLUB	TIME	START	FINISH
Monday	KS2 Dance	3:15 – 4:15pm	11/09/23	08/07/24
Wednesday	Y2 Karate Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	13/09/23	10/07/24
Thursday	Y3 & Y4 Girls Football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	14/09/23	11/07/24

Weekly Attendance – Commencing 11th December

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	Beeley Woods	97.5%	9	81	4 th
2	Lees Hall Woods	97.4%	8	55	8 th
3	Badgers	97.2%	7	54	9 th
4	Otters	96.7%	6	62	5 th
5	Woolley Woods	96.6%	5	86	2 nd
6	Grenoside Woods	95.6%	4	85	3 rd
7	Ecclesall Woods	94.2%	3	93	1 st
8	Hedgehogs	93.1%	2	59	7 th
9	Squirrels	89.3%	1	61	6 th

Dates for the Diary

Friday 22nd December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Monday 8th January – First day back after the holidays

Gratefulness Board



Henry was awarded with a Football Birthday Trophy. He was been with Little Messys for 6 years! Fantastic!



Aadhish won the Merit Football Award Trophy. Well Done!