



Newsletter

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Executive Headteacher Notice

The Season of Advent

The Season of Advent begins this Sunday 1st December, below is some information about this liturgical season.

Sunday 1st December 2024 marks the beginning of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year in the church calendar.

What is advent?

Advent means 'coming'. It is a four-week season dedicated to preparing for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas time and the return of Christ at the second coming. Each week of advent focuses on a different theme—hope, peace, joy and love. In school we will be helping all children prepare through liturgies, prayer and assemblies. In classrooms and shared prayer spaces our altar cloths will change to purple. A colour that signifies repentance. Each class has their own advent wreath and will gather around it daily to think and reflect upon the advent season. We wish you and your families a peaceful and prayerful Advent season.



Changes from Monday 2nd December

Having spent a few weeks at St Patrick's getting to know the school and its routines we need to make some changes starting from next Monday to ensure that the children are safe and well supervised at all times. Our first focus area is Breakfast Club.

From Monday:

- Breakfast Club doors will be shut at 8.30am.
- After 8.30am KS2 children who are not in Breakfast Club will wait on the school yard for their teacher to collect them and take them to class.
- KS1 children will go to their classes as normal.
- No food will be served after 8.30am either in Breakfast Club or on the yard. No toast will be available from the office.
- Staff will provide more structured activities for children in Breakfast Club
- Teachers will be present in Breakfast Club from 8.40am
- KS2 teachers will take Breakfast Club children onto the yard and will line them up there and then take all children to class.
- All school gates will be closed at 8.45am – this is the start of the school day. After this time children will enter through the main entrance next to the Church and come through the school office.

We are all role models for our children

I understand that this is a very difficult time for St Patrick's community and that Parents may well have frustrations, concerns & questions. Please contact school with any issue that worries you have.

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We will make sure that we are in contact with you to help find solutions in the best interest in children, families & our school community.

We ask that all parents are respectful to each other, to all children & to staff. Our children learn from the adults around them, we are role models for our children.

Healthy Eating & Healthy School – a reminder

At St Patrick's CVA, we have an ongoing commitment to promote and develop healthy eating habits amongst our pupils, staff and families. Developing healthy habits at an early age sets the foundations for our children to lead healthy active lifestyles. To support this, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

Packed Lunches:

Packed lunches should contain a range of healthy foods such as:

- Some starchy foods such as bread (sliced bread, pitta bread, wraps, bagels), pasta, rice, potatoes, couscous; choose wholegrain where possible (at least once a week)
 - 1 portion of fruit and 1 portion of vegetables or salad
 - Dairy food such as cheese or yoghurt
- Meat, fish, or another source of non-dairy protein such as eggs, beans/pulses, hummus, falafel
 - Oily fish once every 3 weeks

Sweets & chocolate should not be included in pack lunches

Nut-free school: As there are several children in school who suffer from nut allergies, we are a nut-free school. No products containing nuts (including Nutella) should be brought into school.

Water-only school: We are a water-only school, so please do not include any other drinks in your child's packed lunch; water is freely available in the lunch hall and in the classrooms.

After-school Clubs: The same rules apply to after-school snacks for clubs.

Celebrations and birthdays: On special occasions, such as birthdays, a small treat may be brought in to share with the class. Some suggestions could be plain individually wrapped cupcakes, biscuits, fruit, fun-size chocolate bars such as Maltesers, Mars, Twix, Milky way or Kit Kat.

Birthday treats will be handed to parents at the end of the day so that parents can check for allergy contents.

We ask that no large cakes that require cutting are brought into school. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff available to cut and distribute this type of cake.

Break time: Children may bring in a breakfast bar, piece of fruit or a vegetable snack (such as raw carrots) to eat at break time.

Children should not bring sweets, chocolate or crisps into school.

We hope that you will support our efforts to improve the well-being and health of our children and encourage them to make healthy food choices.

Stars of The Week

- ★ *St Teresa of Calcutta* – Luca Joseph-Pancaro
- ★ *St Teresa of Calcutta* – Olamide Obayomi
- ★ *St Margaret of Scotland* – A'miyah Sawaneh-Patterson
- ★ *St Francis* – Freddie Robin
- ★ *St Columba* – Elissa Fauvel
- ★ *St Martin De Porres* – Darin Shijo
- ★ *St Ambrose* – Myles Clifford
- ★ *St Vincent De Paul* – Mekilit Tulu
- ★ *St Joan of Arc* – Malakai Dube
- ★ *St Christopher* – Mathew Alex
- ★ *St Maximillian Kolbe* – Victoria Abratkiewicz

Notice from Mrs Hudson & Ms Keen - reminder

Family Learning – Zones of Regulation Workshop – 5th December 2024, 1-3pm

I am delighted to announce that a new Family Learning SEND Workshop – Zones of Regulation, this is a 2-hour workshop 1-3pm based in the McCauley Centre.

The workshop is aimed at providing support to families, parents and carers by teaching about Zones of Regulation and how it can be used to help your child regulate as well as supporting positive mental.

This workshop is suitable for all parents and carers who may want to learn more about how to successfully support children with their emotions and behavior, refreshments will be included.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please speak to the school office.

Thank you

Mrs V Hudson/Ms R Keen

Weekly Attendance – Commencing 18th November

Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	<i>St Martin De Porres</i>	99.3%	9	68	3 rd
2	<i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	99%	8	70	2 nd
3	<i>St Francis</i>	98.3%	7	57	Joint 6 th
4	<i>St Columba</i>	97.6%	6	67	4 th
5	<i>St Vincent De Paul</i>	96.8%	5	75	1 st
6	<i>St Christopher</i>	94.8%	4	57	Joint 6 th
7	<i>St Margaret of Scotland</i>	94%	3	24	9 th
8	<i>St Joan of Arc</i>	93.3%	2	58	5 th
9	<i>St Ambrose</i>	89.5%	1	25	8 th

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Nursery

This half term Nursery have been learning about careers. Here are some pictures of the children using a stethoscope!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th December – St Teresa, St Margaret & St Francis Nativity at 1:30pm (Tickets released closer to the date)

Tuesday 17th December – St Teresa, St Margaret & St Francis Nativity at 9:30am (Tickets released closer to the date)
 St Columba & St Martin Nativity at 2pm ((Tickets released closer to the date)

Wednesday 18th December – St Columba & St Martin Nativity at 9:30am (Tickets released closer to the date)
 Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December – KS2 Carol Service in Church at 3:45pm (Please note the earlier start time of 3:45pm) – letter to follow shortly

Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January – First day back after the Christmas Holidays

Afterschool Clubs *Autumn Term 2*

DAY	CLUB	TIME	START	FINISH
Monday	Y3 & Y4 Dance Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	11/11/24	09/12/24
Tuesday	Y4 & Y5 Basketball Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	05/11/24	10/12/24
	Y5 & Y6 Football Club	3:15 – 4pm	05/11/24	Finished
	Y3 STEM Club	3:15 – 4pm	24/09/24	Finished
Wednesday	Y1 & Y2 Karate Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	06/11/24	11/12/24
Thursday	Y2 - Y6 Girls Football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	07/11/24	12/12/24
	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Choir Club	3:15 – 4pm	19/09/24	05/12/24
	Y3 Gymnastics Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	07/11/24	12/12/24