



NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher Notice

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Our Virtue to Live by: -

Citizenship

I am a good citizen.

I show love for my neighbour through my actions.

*“Do not forget to do good and to help one another,
because these are the sacrifices that please God.” Hebrews 13:14; 16*

Virtue to Live by ‘Love of Learning’ Certificates go to: -

- **Hedgehogs - Alysia-Jo Wingell** – Alysia is always ready to learn. She listens carefully and uses questions well to extend her own learning. She is proud of her achievements and learning.
- **Squirrels - Eden Dube** – Eden has such enthusiasm for all her learning. Every day she comes into school happy and excited to learn new things. She is always open minded about everything she does. Keep it up Eden!
- **Badgers - Lois Oluyide** - Lois is always excited to learn new things and she has been waiting so patiently to learn her phase 5 phonics! Lois gives lots of time to her learning, taking care of all work she does.
- **Otters - Syed Mahdi** – Syed is always on task, always listening and is always ready to learn.
- **Grenoside - Firesayemi Adegbola** - Firesayemi always tries her best and shows enthusiasm for learning new things.
- **Beeley Woods - Erin Moylan** - Erin is an always child. She is always interested in new learning. She always tries her best with new learning. She also extends her learning beyond school
- **Lees Hall Woods - Hosanna Seleba**- Hosanna is always enthusiastic about her learning. She asks lots of questions and always gets involved in class discussions.
- **Woolley Woods – Aniya Robinson** - Aniya is always willing to learn new things even when she finds something challenging. She shows enthusiasm when learning new things and often wants to do more learning at home.
- **Ecclesall Woods – Karolina Chojnacka** – Karolina always puts 100% into her learning and enjoys all her lessons. She is always asking questions to further her learning and is keen to share with everyone

Parish Lunch in McAuley 12 noon

Thank you to everyone who attended the first monthly parish lunch in McAuley this year. We hope you enjoyed it and we look forward to seeing you all again next month on Thursday 20th October.



Stars of The Week

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| ★ Owls- Grace Okoso | ★ Grenoside Woods- Marcelina Ronikier-Raza |
| ★ Owls- Caylin Nikhil | ★ Beeley Woods- Tami Oluwole |
| ★ Hedgehogs- Ruben Price-Beech | ★ Lees Hall Woods- Kai Maybury |
| ★ Squirrels- Umar Hussain | ★ Woolley Woods- Reilly O'Neill |
| ★ Badgers- Ann Dhaneesh | ★ Ecclesall Woods- Kester Agleby |
| ★ Otters- Jessica Azundow | |

Reminder about bringing things in from home

Parents please ensure all toys/books are left at home and not brought into school. Thank you.

School Library

This is open after school each day for all our families.

Harvest Festival Food Donations and Own Clothes days

A Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. As a school community we will celebrate the annual harvest, and gifts of food into school.

Thursday 5th October - The FS / KS1 children (Owls, Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Badgers & Otters) will come in Own Clothes and donate Harvest Festival goodies on Thursday 5th October. Donations can be brought in throughout the week to give staff time to sort them out. There is a Harvest assembly @ 2:45pm in the school hall and all parents and carers are welcome.

Friday 6th October - The KS2 children (Grenoside, Beeley, Lees, Woolley & Ecclesall) will come in Own clothes and donate Harvest Festival goodies on Friday 6th October. Donations can be brought in throughout the week to give staff time to sort them out. There is a Harvest assembly @ 2:45pm in the school hall and again all parents and carers are welcome.

The children have been learning about the Harvest Festival and have produced some magnificent work to showcase. After the donations, we will sell and donate all food on both days. Thank you for your support.

What items can be donated?

Please donate any of these items:

- tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish)
- fresh vegetables & fruit
- long-life milk, juice and drinks
- dried pasta
- cooking sauces
- condiments
- tea and coffee
- rice
- cereal



Notice from Mrs Fox

We are delighted to inform parents/carers that we have become a Trauma Informed School. Members of staff are now Trauma Informed Practitioners. Mrs McKeown, Mrs Hudson and myself are now qualified and Mrs Verdon-Smith is in training.

We believe that all schools should become trauma and mental health informed.... Why? mental health professionals are at breaking point and supporting children with trauma or mental health is now falling considerably on schools.

Teachers did not come into the profession to deal with mental health issues. They are not trained in this area and many feel frightened or worried if they make things worse. They simply do not have the time to support a child that needs emotional support whilst supervising a class of 30 pupils. We need an army of emotionally available adults (EAAs).

With this in mind we have expanded our Pastoral Team to include 3 Pastoral Support Assistants. These are not new positions per se, as these members of staff were already acting as pastoral support to children in their previous roles. We have simply reorganised the resource into a dedicated team. We are excited about this massive commitment to pastoral support and will be working with parent/carers, pupils and staff to impart our knowledge to you and bring you along with us on our journey.

What is pastoral care in schools?

The provision a school makes to ensure the physical and emotional welfare of pupils. It is the essential foundation upon which learning can take place. Schools with high standards of pastoral care go far further than a basic commitment to welfare, with pastoral care extending to every aspect of school life in order to foster pupils' personal development as much as their academic progress.

Why is pastoral care important?

All parents want their children to be safe and happy at school. The importance of pastoral care goes well beyond this, however. Education and health are closely linked, and recent studies have shown that pupils with better health and wellbeing are likely to achieve better academically. What is more, life skills, such as those taught in a successful PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) programme, are associated with greater wellbeing and higher achievement. Good pastoral care in school is also fundamental to the development of character and social skills, which will be of critical importance to pupils in later life.

How do I recognise good pastoral care?

Schools dedicated to high standards of pastoral care will have put this at the centre of their operations. It should be reflected in every aspect of school life, from its ethos, the environment for learning, and the way personal development is fostered in the curriculum and co-curriculum. It should also be apparent in the friendly and respectful staff-pupil relationships, and how far pupils are known and treated as individuals by the staff.

What does pastoral care at St Patrick's look like?

- ✚ Providing vulnerable children with daily access to at least one named, emotionally-available adult, who believes in them, relates to them with compassion, empathy and unconditional positive regard (Carl Rogers), provides appropriate limit setting, understands their attachment and mental health needs, knows their life story, and offers repeated enriched relational, regulatory and reflective opportunities.
- ✚ Catching children as they are 'falling' not after they have fallen. When the child is experiencing a painful life event, the emotionally-available adult/s will help them process, work through and make sense of what has happened, rather than waiting until the pain of the trauma has transformed into challenging behaviour and/or physical and mental health problems.
- ✚ A commitment to relating to children in a school or other setting in ways that help them feel calm, soothed and safe, instead of over- stimulated, bombarded and anxious. This means protecting them from toxic stress inducing situations.
- ✚ Staff/adults interacting with all children in such a way that they feel valued as individuals throughout their day
- ✚ Staff/adults adjusting their expectations of vulnerable children to correspond with their developmental capabilities and experience of traumatic stress.
- ✚ Training staff/adults in key conversational skills to enable children to address negative self-referencing and to help them move from 'behaving' their trauma/painful life experiences, to reflecting and developing coherent life narratives.

Which staff are involved in pastoral care?

Mrs K Fox - Pastoral Team Lead (Trauma Informed Practitioner)
Mrs S McKeown - Headteacher (Trauma Informed Practitioner)
Mrs S Verdon-Smith - SENCO
Mrs V Hudson - Learning Mentor (Trauma Informed Practitioner)

Our Pastoral Support Assistants are:

Mrs J Leary
Mrs E Rowe
Miss L Ruddiforth

Afterschool Clubs *Autumn Term 1*

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 18th September

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	Grenoside Woods	99.7%	9	18	4 th
2	Ecclesall Woods	98.7%	8	19	1 st
3	Beeley Woods	98.1%	7	15	6 th
4	Hedgehogs	97.9%	6	19	1 st
5	Lees Hall Woods	96.4%	5	16	5 th
6	Woolley Woods	96.3%	4	12	8 th
7	Badgers	95.3%	3	19	1 st
8	Squirrels	90.3%	2	15	6 th
9	Otters	90%	1	3	9 th

Logo Leisurewear Ordering

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

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th October – Rec to Y6 Pupil Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5th October – Owls, Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Badgers & Otters Harvest Festival, Own Clothes Day (Donate Harvest Festival goodies) & Assembly at 2:45pm (parents & carers welcome)

Friday 6th October – FOSP Coffee Morning at 8:50am

Friday 6th October – Grenoside, Beeley, Lees, Woolley & Ecclesall Harvest Festival, Own Clothes Day (Donate Harvest Festival goodies) & Assembly at 2:45pm (parents & carers welcome)

Monday 9th October – Y6 Trip to Kingswood until 11/10/23

Gratefulness Board



Eden participated in her first gymnastics competition (4-7years) and managed to finish her entire routine without stopping!

If you would like to share some of your child's/children's achievements on our Gratefulness Board please send them over to Mrs Fox, Mr Rodgers or email them to enquiries@st-patricks.sheffield.sch.uk