



# Newsletter

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## **Executive Headteacher Notice**

*We have had a great week in school. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at St Patrick's Day Mass and to our children who read beautifully and sang their hearts out. Thank you to Miss Kirk for helping to prepare the children and to Father Albert too. It was also lovely to welcome Peter Heaton from Learn Sheffield to look at our school curriculum and the journey we are currently on. He was really positive and complimentary about our children and staff.*

## **Staffing update**

*Miss Rutter will begin her maternity leave after Easter. Her class will be covered by Mrs Verdon-Smith. Mrs Verdon-Smith returns on Monday following her period of absence.*

*Mrs Ledger is expecting her first child in June. We would like to congratulate her and her husband on their wonderful news.*

## **Easter Activities**

*From Monday 23 March, we will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Tombola. Tickets will be 20p each or 5 for £1. Mr Rodgers will visit classes with these tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 31 March.*

*Design an Easter egg competition – we are inviting our children to boil an egg and decorate the egg as a book character. There will be a prize per class. We are asking all entries to be brought into school on Wednesday 1 April*

## **Bags**

*Please can I ask that children bring suitable size bags/back packs to school? Some children who are not packed lunch are bringing large bags which are taking up too much space. We will be asking children to take their lunch out of their bag to take to the dining hall from Monday.*

## **Y6 Parents Evening**

*Miss Rutter will be hosting her final Parents Evening on Thursday 26 March before she begins her maternity leave at Easter. Parents/Carers can now make bookings via the normal booking system:*

<https://www.st-patricks.sheffield.sch.uk/parentportal/?redirect=parents-evening>

## **Read Write Inc. Books Heading Home!**

*This week was the first week where children started to take Read Write Inc. Books home. Every Wednesday children will take their book bags to their phonics groups and their group leader will swap the books. The children will then take them back to class where class teachers will send them home at the end of the day.*

### PE days

Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Friday (Indoor)	Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Monday (Indoor) - Friday (Outdoor)
Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Monday (Outdoor) - Tuesday (Indoor)	Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Monday (Outdoor) - Wednesday (Indoor)
Y2 Miss Hobbs – Monday (Outdoor) - Thursday (Indoor)	Y5/6 Mrs Verdon-Smith's – Wednesday (Outdoor) - Thursday (Indoor)
Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Thursday (Outdoor) - Friday (Indoor)	Y6 Miss Rutter's – Tuesday (Indoor) - Friday (Outdoor)

### Virtues to Live By – Lenten Reflection

• F2 Ms Boardman's – Tommy and Zikora	• Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Samuel and Amelia
• Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Andre and Elijah	• Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Alexander and Jenson
• Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Sara and Elaina	• Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Esrom and Aram
• Y2 Miss Hobbs – Lotanna and Shania	• Y5/6 Miss Sheeran's – Firesayemi and Keeley
	• Y6 Miss Rutter's – Nylah and Joshua

### Weekly Attendance – Commencing 9 March

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	Miss Kirk	99%	9	117	6 <sup>th</sup>
2	Miss Rutter	97.8%	8	142	4 <sup>th</sup>
3	Mrs Verdon-Smith	97.5%	7	146	1 <sup>st</sup>
4	Mrs Johnson and Miss Keeton	97.1%	6	145	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Joint 5	Miss Hardwick	95.2%	5	107	8 <sup>th</sup>
Joint 5	Ms Boardman	95.2%	5	144	3 <sup>rd</sup>
7	Mr Fidler	94.6%	3	122	5 <sup>th</sup>
Joint 8	Miss Hobbs	93.9%	2	109	7 <sup>th</sup>
Joint 8	Miss Chamberlain	93.9%	2	60	9 <sup>th</sup>

### Logo Leisurewear Ordering



Order School Uniform using the following link:

<https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-patricks-primary/>

**Holy Week and Easter Triduum Service at St Patrick's Church**

**29th March - Palm Sunday**

Masses - 9am St Catherine's Church Procession with Palms and Mass  
11am St Patrick's Church Procession with Palms and Mass

**1st April - Wednesday**

Mass of the Chrism 11am Cathedral St Marie's

**2nd April - Holy Thursday**

Mass 7pm at St Catherine's also same time 7pm at St Patrick's

**3rd April - Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's at 10am  
The Service of our Lord's Passion takes place at both the Churches at 3pm

**4th April - Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil Services at St Catherine's and St Patrick's at 7.30pm

**5th April - Easter Sunday**

Masses at St Catherine's 9am and St Patrick's 11am

**Sheffield Music Hub - Reminder**

Felicity Atkinson provides keyboard lessons in school for pupils each week.

There are places available for children in Y1 and above. For details, pricing and booking please use the following link:

<https://www.sheffieldmusichub.org/pages/music-lessons-in-schools>

**Dates for the Diary**

**Thursday 26 March** – Y6 Parents Evening – Parents/Carers can now book appointments

**Monday 30 March** – Palm Sunday – Y3 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)

**Tuesday 31 March** – Last Supper – Y3/4 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)

**Tuesday 31 March** – Easter raffle drawn

**Wednesday 1 April** – Garden of Gethsemane – Y5/6 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)

**Wednesday 1 April** – Design an egg competition

**Thursday 2 April** – Break up for the Easter Holidays at 3.15pm

**Monday 20 April** – First day back after the Easter Holiday

**Friday 22 May** – Break up for May half term at 3.15pm

**Wednesday 8 July** – Y6 Leavers Disco 5.45pm – 7pm

**Saturday 11 July** – Summer Fair 11am – 2pm

**Friday 17 July** – Break up for the summer holidays at 3.15pm

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## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

Reminder of Penalty Notice Fines issued for term time leave absence.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Where there is 4 days of absence during a week where there is also a training day, a penalty notice may still be issued.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines can also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19<sup>th</sup> August) for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance this will be considered the first offence, and the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

### Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate.