

# Whole School Newsletter



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS BLAIR

Dear Parents,

I have to begin with a massive thank you for your continued support. You, as parents and our local community, have done us proud with your kind donations over this term by supporting us in our fundraising efforts through the Book Fair, as well as for Comic Relief and our current fundraising for CAFOD and our Easter Raffle.

This term it has been lovely to be able to celebrate World Book Day. This is definitely a favorite day amongst the children and staff in school. It was fantastic to have so many of you join us for our Afternoon Tea in the hall and spend some time reading with the children.

We have also been able to attend many sporting events once again this term, in which our children performed extremely well and represented our school brilliantly. A big well done to our Netball Team who came 1<sup>st</sup>; our Basketball Team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and our Archery Team who came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Some of our classes also enjoyed lovely trips out of school, including our Reception Class who visited West Lodge Farm; our Year 4 Class that went to Cadbury World and our Year 5 and 6 Classes who visited Warwick Castle.

As we approach the end of this term, we are already looking forward to next term with lots to expect too. Please look out for more details of upcoming events, which will be shared on Class Dojo.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very enjoyable and peaceful Easter. Let's hope the sunshine continues. Easter is a special time to be enjoyed with your family and friends. Jesus died in order to give us new life and I end this section with a lovely prayer for you to share over this period.

### *Mission Statement*

*"Christ be with me and Christ be within me"*

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen

Kindest Regards, Mrs Louise Blair, Head Teacher

## EASTER BREAK

A gentle reminder that we close for the Easter break on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3:15pm. School will reopen to all children on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## UNIFORM/PE KIT

To confirm, the school PE Kit is compulsory and all children are expected to wear this to participate in all PE lessons and sporting activities, those who are not may result in non-participation of any sporting activities. Whilst we promote the school uniform, you do not have to purchase the sweatshirts or polo shirts from our uniform provider, but children must be in white blouses/shirts/polo shirts, red jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, black or grey trousers or skirts and black shoes. If any parents have any queries regarding school uniform or need any support with this, please do not hesitate to speak to me.



## TWITTER

Please follow us on here for all the latest updates and news about our school. You will find us at @St\_PatrickCorby

## WEBSITE

Please also visit our school website for school information. [www.stpatricksprimaryschool.com](http://www.stpatricksprimaryschool.com)

## EASTER RAFFLE

A reminder that we are still selling tickets for our Easter Raffle. There are lots of prizes to be won. Tickets cost £1 a strip and can be bought from the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

We are very fortunate to be able to offer the children a wide range of after school clubs. These will continue after the Easter break. There are some small changes to the clubs that we are offering. Further details regarding clubs for next term will be shared through Class Dojo.

## SAFEGUARDING

The most important job we do as a school is keep our children safe. I would, therefore, like to remind all parents that if you have an issue or concern about your child or another child in the school, then you should bring this to the attention of the school. It is unacceptable for a parent to approach another parent or a child about any concerns they have.

The Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSLs) are myself, Mrs Ager and Mrs Stewart.

If you have a serious concern outside of school hours then you can contact the MASH team on 0300 126 7000.

## ATTENDANCE

As you know children's regular attendance at school is very important for them to make good progress and to keep up with the work in class. We are not able to authorise any absences from school unless they are for 'exceptional circumstances'. Please always speak to me before arranging any holidays or planned absences from school.

Unfortunately, some parents have thought that by ringing to say their child is ill we will automatically authorise the absence, even when their child is not ill. This is a very poor example to the children who are very confused when we ask them if they feel better and they tell us about a trip away or worse are instructed to lie to us about their absence. We have no obligation to authorise any absence from school and may need to have medical evidence proof in some cases.

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office to details their reason for absence. You can leave a message on our answer phone or speak to a member of the school office. Please do not message class teachers on Class Dojo as these messages may not be received until later in the day.

Failure to make contact may result in a home visit or contacting other agencies to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child.

A gentle reminder that school starts at 8.40 a.m. and finishes at 3.10 p.m. for Nursery and Reception and 3.15 p.m. for the rest of the school year groups.

## END OF TERM CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We are delighted to be able to once again invite parents in to our End of Term Celebration Assembly. This will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9:15am. All are welcome to join us.



## SCHOOL MEALS/LUNCHES/SNACKS

A reminder that Kingswood Catering provide hot meals from our school kitchen each day. If you require meals for your child after the break, the deadline for ordering meals is midnight on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. We have a number of children with severe nut allergies, therefore please ensure you do not give your child any nut-based products in their packed lunch.

A reminder no sweets or fizzy drinks are permitted to be sent in as part of your child's packed lunch. If these are seen in your child's lunch box we will ask them to take them home.

With regards to snacks for playtimes, children in Year 1 and 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit each day. Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) are welcome to bring in a fruit snack from home. Only fruit will be permitted.

## CAFOD - THE BIG LENTEN WALK

This week during Holy Week, we will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD.

Each class will take some time during the week to complete their section of the walk - using the daily mile track on the KS2 playground.

During the course of the week, we will walk a combined minimum distance of 250km!

Please help us to raise money for this very worthy cause by sponsoring us here:

[St Patrick's Fundraising Page is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

## MASS TIMES

St Brendan's and St Patrick's Church - Saturday at 6:00pm and Sunday at 9.30am & 11:00am

## CLASS DOJO

Most of you have now signed up for our School Class Dojo and are enjoying the full benefits of everything the app provides. This site brings you all your child's day-to-day news, individual achievements as well as the most up-to-date information from the school.

Should you need any further information regarding this app, please speak to Miss Shocklidge in the school office.

## TERM DATES

Please see below a reminder of term dates for the remainder of this school year. Please could we ask that you take into consideration these dates when booking your family holidays or any trips. Any holidays or trips within these term dates will not be authorised and may incur a penalty notice from the local authority.

Easter Break - school closes at 3.15p.m. on Thursday 3rd April and reopens on Tuesday 22nd April

May Bank Holiday - school closed on Monday 5th May

Half Term - school closes on Friday 23rd May and reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

School closes for summer break on Tuesday 22nd July