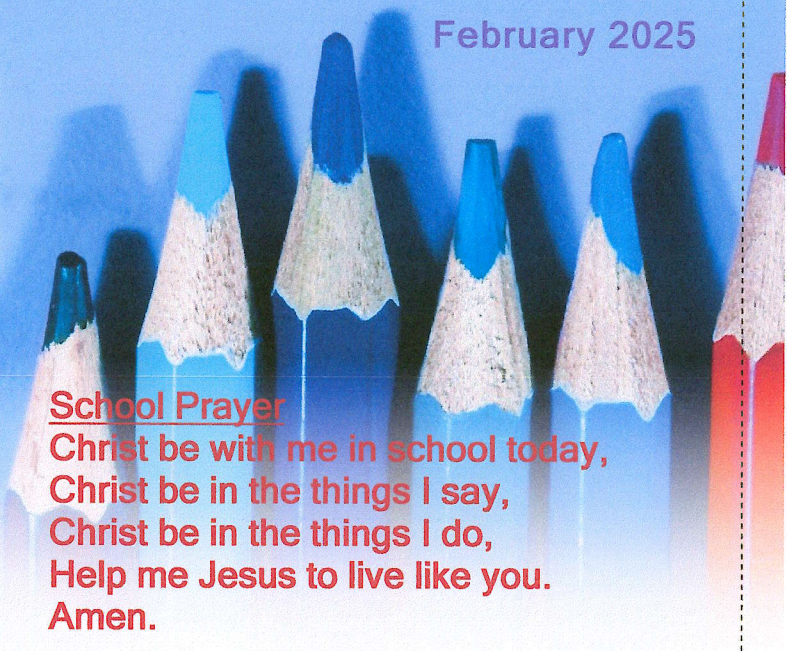


# Whole School Newsletter



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS BLAIR

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are approaching the end of another term. That is us now half way through this academic school year.

There is lots to look forward to next term. This newsletter contains more information of upcoming events. Please keep these key dates safe and keep checking Class Dojo for further updates, so that your child doesn't miss out.

Myself and all the staff hope that you and your families have a lovely and enjoyable half term break and we will all look forward to seeing you on our return on Monday 24th February.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Louise Blair

### School Prayer

**Christ be with me in school today,  
Christ be in the things I say,  
Christ be in the things I do,  
Help me Jesus to live like you.  
Amen.**

## 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.

A reminder that 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.

Over this term we have had several children arriving after 8:40am. A gentle reminder that school starts at 8.40 a.m. It is really important that children are here for the start of the school day to ensure that they do not miss any valuable learning time.

hesitate to contact the school office if you require any assistance.

### *Mission Statement*

*"Christ be with me and Christ be within 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)

## RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March it will be raising funds for Comic Relief. More details to follow after the half term break. After the half term break, we will also be selling Red Noses in school, more information regarding these will also follow.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will continue after the half term break. There are some small changes to the clubs that we are offering. Further details regarding clubs for next term will be shared later this week 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.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will celebrate World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded to the 'Best Dressed' in each class.

We would also like to invite parents in from 2:30pm to join us for a 'Book Afternoon Tea', where you can share a story and some tea and biscuits with your child/children.

## PARKING - OPERATION SNAP

Despite previous reminders and requests regarding responsible parking, a small number of parents are consistently parking in a way that is both illegal and dangerous.

After taking advice from the Police, I have now been informed that we can not only send photos of illegal and dangerous parking to them, but for a quicker response we or you as members of the school community can report it directly via Operation Snap (more information using this link: <https://snap.northants.police.uk/snap>)

This will result in the police sending letters to the named drivers and fines being issued where there is evidence of an offence being committed.

I have a duty of care to all the children in our school and therefore, I will be reporting, with photographic evidence, anyone who is seen to be parking in a dangerous or illegal manner in the vicinity of the school.

I know that the vast majority of parent's park legally and safely and I thank you for your consideration to our children.

School staff will be monitoring the parking and will be taking photographs as evidence to submit to Operation SNAP. Please be aware that this is happening to try and secure the safety of the children and aggressive or abusive behaviour towards them will not be tolerated and will be reported to the Police.

Please remember to use the Grampian and Irish Centre car parks - we are very fortunate as a school to have these available for our parents. Please, keep the entrances and exits to these car parks clear. Also, a reminder that stopping or parking on the zebra crossing or zig zag lines is illegal.

I thank you for your co-operation in this matter and know you will support the school in keeping our children safe.



## 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 half term break the deadline for ordering meals is 10am on Thursday 20th February.

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.

## PARENTS EVENING

Parent's Evening next term will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. These will again be booked through your ScoPay account. Bookings will go live on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am. Please do not

## MASS TIMES

St Brendan'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.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March our School Photographer will be in school to take class photographs of each class.



## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

This term has been another busy term with lots of children attending many different sporting events. I would just like to highlight 2 of our teams who represented our school at County Finals. Earlier in the term our Year 5 and 6 Girl's Football team played in the County Finals up against 15 other schools from around Northamptonshire. They represented our school brilliantly and did so well to finish 7<sup>th</sup>.

Yesterday, our Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Team played on the Northampton Saints Training Ground in the County Finals. Again, they represented our school brilliantly, lots of them playing a sport they have never played before and did so well to finish 6<sup>th</sup> out of 14 schools.

Considering we have around 270 school in Northamptonshire, for our school to get to a County Final and perform so well is outstanding. Well done to all of the children and a special thank you and well done to Miss Shocklidge for her hard work in preparing the children for these events and attending them with our children.

Also, a big well done to Annie, Qwinn and Vanessa from Year 6 and Nadia from Year 5 who all qualified through to the County Finals for Cross Country. After competing and finishing in the top 20 children at the district and regional events, they then had the opportunity to participate in the County Finals at Northampton. An amazing achievement from all of the girls.



## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Please can we take this opportunity ahead of the new term to remind you all of our uniform expectations. 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 or red blouses/shirts/polo shirts, red jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, black or grey trousers or skirts. With regard to shoes, children should be wearing flat black shoes or trainers. 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. If any parents have any queries regarding school uniform or need any support with this, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

## WRAPAROUND CARE

At St Patrick's we offer an After-School Club to help reduce the stress of parents who have childcare issues after school. It is also a great way to children to learn new skills and gain new experiences. Activities after school don't just keep children entertained, they offer great developmental benefits that will help them academically and socially. Children have a snack each day and this consists of hot dogs, wraps, mini pizzas etc and juice.

**After-School Club is charged at £5 until 5pm and £7 until 6pm.**

**All bookings can be made through Scopay.**

## 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.

Half Term - school closes on Friday 14th February and reopens on Monday 24th February

Easter Break - school closes at 3.15p.m. on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3rd

School closes for summer break on Tuesday 22nd July