

# Whole School Newsletter



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS BLAIR

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our first term, I must say how impressed I have been with all the children's efforts and achievements in their new classes. Our new children in Nursery and Reception, have settled in well and made a fantastic start to their time with us. It is lovely to walk around the classrooms and witness their wonderful attitudes to learning and their excellent behaviour.

We have had a busy start to the school year with lots of activities already having taken place. This includes many sporting events attended, children attending the Diocesan School's Mass and our Year 3 children visiting Flag Fen.

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.

As this week is the end of the term, I wish you all a safe and happy half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

Kind regards,

Mrs 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 message or speak to me before arranging any holidays or planned absences from school.**

We would ask you to work with us and support the school with your child's attendance, including by being honest with us about reasons for a child's absence. No absences are automatically authorised, even when contact is made declaring illness as the reason. We may need to request medical evidence as proof in some cases. Please do not place the school in the situation of learning of holidays through social media, other parents or your children. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office to give full details of the reason for the 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 in time to provide accurate registers.

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



## 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)

## END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

This will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend but we do ask that you are respectful throughout the assembly and that any young children that attend are with you and kept quiet as possible. We thank you for your support with this.

## 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 through Class Dojo.

## NON UNIFORM DAY

On Friday the children are welcome to wear their own clothes for a £1 donation. All monies collected will be put towards our Christmas Fayre and other Christmas events.

## 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.

## POPPY APPEAL

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November we will be selling merchandise to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This is an important charity and we thank you for your support and donations.



## 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.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding our Harvest Festival in the school hall at 2:15pm. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. If you are able to, we would be grateful for any donations that we can share with our local foodbank. They need any tinned food or dry packet food, for example, pastas, rice, cereals etc.

## EMOTION COACHING COURSE FOR PARENTS

We are excited to share that our Educational Psychologist will be coming in to school to run a parenting course. This is an exciting opportunity to ask questions and benefit from the expertise of our Educational Psychologist. The course will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 - 11am.

If you would like to attend, please send Mrs Stewart or the school office a message and they can pop your name on the register. This will allow us to know numbers and ensure we have enough tea, coffee and pastries!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

## MASS TIMES

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

## CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be supporting the charity Children in Need again this year. From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will have a range of Children in Need merchandise available for you to buy, including Pudsey Ears, pin badges and wristbands.

In addition to selling the merchandise, we will be running a colouring competition. All entries cost 50p. There will be a prize for the best picture for EYFS (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Years 1 & 2) and KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6). The colouring picture will be sent home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. **GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY COLOURING!**

There will also be a raffle held and the prize will be a giant Pudsey Bear. Tickets will be on sale after the half term break for £1 per strip.

On Children in Need Day (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November), we invite all children to come to school in their pyjamas for a donation of £1.

## 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.



## 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 midnight on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

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.

## ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Have you downloaded Asda's rewards app and selected St Patrick's as who you'd like Asda to donate to?

This doesn't affect your cashpot, but Asda give us £1 for everyone who selects our school, and they also give us an amount if you shop there and scan the app.

If every parent even just did this, we'd have over £200 in our cashpot to spend on things to benefit the children of our school. We currently have £173.10 in ours.

If you need any help with the app, feel free to contact the school office.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. For a donation of £1, children may come into school in their Christmas Jumper, Christmas T shirt, Christmas hat or any themed Christmas wear. All monies on this day will be donated to Save the Children.

## 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.

**Term 2** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Term 3** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4** - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

**Term 5** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

**Term 6** - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025



# IMPORTANT PLEASE KEEP SAFE

Please find below some key dates for upcoming events due to take place next term.

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 15 <sup>h</sup> November	Children in Need - wear your pyjamas
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 Trip to the Cinema to watch The Wild Robot
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Trip to the cinema to watch Migration
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 4 trip to Roman Lunt Fort
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day - we ask for donations of bottles for our tombola stall (e.g. toiletries, pop, alcohol)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Nativity at 2pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-Uniform Day - we ask for donations of chocolate for our tombola stall (e.g. tins, tubs, selection boxes)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre (2:30pm - 4:30pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance (2:00pm and 6:30pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to Core Theatre to watch Jack and the Beanstalk
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner (to be booked through Kingswood Catering)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Carol Concert 2:00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Discos (EYFS and Key Stage 1 4:00pm - 5:30pm and Key Stage 2 6:00pm - 7:30pm)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Celebration Assembly (1:00pm) and school closes for Christmas (2:00pm)