



# St Patrick's Early Years Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a great summer break - welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to our new pupils starting this term; we are sure they will be very happy at St Patrick's.

Our themes this term are 'All About Me' and 'It's Getting Colder'. We are enjoying learning about ourselves, our bodies and our family and home. We are learning that everyone is different but everyone is special. We are also learning about seasonal changes and will be looking at things that happen in the Autumn and Winter. We will be observing the leaves on the trees as they change colours and as always will be spending lots of time outdoors experiencing first-hand the changes that are taking place in nature.



As a voluntary aided school we rely on donations to help buy resources for the children. We ask each family to make a voluntary contribution to our Early Years fund. Please send the money in with your child on a Monday and they can put it into our Early Years piggy bank.



## School Uniform. Label! Label! Label!

We do spend lots of time outdoors so please ensure children have warm, waterproof coats and sensible footwear. Nursery children can bring wellies to leave at school.

Please could you ensure that you put names on all of your child's items such as bags, shoes and all clothes.



## Dates for your Diary - ( more information to follow)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - PD Day- School will be closed

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Nativity play- 10:30am & 2:30pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas play- 2:00pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Craft Stay and Play

## Our Catholic Community

As we are a Catholic school, we urge parents to spend time praying with their children and remind you that our community mass at St Patrick's Church is at 9.00 a.m. on a Sunday morning - everyone is welcome! During school time, we use the following prayers with the children at certain times of the day:

### Beginning our day prayer

Jesus friend of little children at the start of this new day,  
Be thou my guide and helper,  
In my work and in my play.

### Prayer before Lunch (Reception only)

Bless us O Lord as we sit together,  
Bless the food we eat today, Bless the hands that make the food,  
Bless us O Lord,  
Amen.



### Prayer at the end of our day

God our Father I come to say,  
Thank you for your love today,  
Thank you for my family,  
And all the friends you give to me,  
Guard me in the dark of night,  
And in the morning send your light,  
Amen.

### Prayer after Lunch (Reception only)

Thank you God for the food we have eaten,  
Thank you God for all our friends,  
Thank you God for everything,  
Thank you God, Amen.

Timetable	<b>Nursery</b> Mrs Clark	<b>Reception</b> Mrs Railton
Monday	Weekend challenge returned. Show & Tell	Homework returned. Show & Tell, no toys.
Tuesday		
Wednesday	PE	
Thursday		
Friday	Library Weekend Challenge given out	PE Library Homework given out

*Nursery children will be given a 'Weekend Challenge' on Fridays. These are fun activities that you may choose to do with your child, to consolidate their learning. Your child does not need to return these to school, but they may enjoy bringing them in for 'Show & Tell' session. They can also be used as evidence of your child's learning.*

Your child is our priority; therefore communication between us ensures that your child feels happy and safe in school. Please feel free to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress and welfare with us, if you have any concerns.

Regards,

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