



RE Newsletter - St. Patrick's VA RCP School

Spring 2019



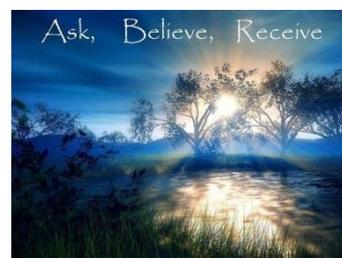
From their very first days in St. Patrick's our children continue the journey many began when they were baptised. One of the first hymns they sing is " He's got the whole world in His hands..... and Jesus' love is very wonderful." Their friendship with God is nurtured throughout their time in St Patrick's.

Each class has an altar which constantly changes; the children choosing what they wish to put on their altar. As the Liturgical season changes so too does the appearance of our altars. We pray in many different ways. Traditional prayers are encouraged but Collective Worship can be listening to music, looking at and reflecting upon an image or there can be Liturgy which will have The Word of God at its heart.

The children in all classes, Nursery to Year 6, are given opportunities to lead worship.

In class, this can be in the form of

- Choosing how they GATHER.
- Choosing how they RESPOND to the WORD.
- Choosing the MISSION; (what we have to do now we have listened to the Word.)



*Please pray with your children.

St. Patrick's School Mission Statement

The School Motto, 'May Christ be seen in us', summarises the intent behind our work here at St. Patrick's. When we are open to Christ we move towards achieving our full potential in all things. With this in mind we seek to:

- provide opportunities and to allow for prayer, worship and liturgy to become meaningful, pivotal and valued aspects of our lives in faith
- develop the partnerships among the Home, School, Parish and Community to support and enrich the work of both pupils and staff
- provide opportunities, a quality curriculum and a sound delivery of programmes of study through which knowledge, skills and understanding will equip our pupils for the responsibilities and experiences of life now and in time to come
- promote a climate of justice, care, honesty, diligence, respect, tolerance and forgiveness so that children and staff can relate with each other with confidence and to good purpose
- foster a sense of concern and care within the school so that we can serve each other and the community both locally and beyond.

Nurturing Human Wholeness

Each week all staff and children share a statement to live by which is designed to promote confidence and consideration in all members of the school family. Please join us in living out these statements as extended members of our family.

9/1/19	Mr Williams	I try to follow our school and classroom rules.
16.1.19	Mr Duffy	I know that I belong to a community that includes school.
23.1.19	Mrs Hughes	I know we are happiest when we are united.
30.1.19	Mr Williams	I listen to what you say. I show I am listening to you.
6.2.19	Mr Duffy	I cooperate with others in work and play.
13.2.19	Mrs Hughes	I try to use words that make the world a better place.
	HALF	TERM

27.2.19	Mr Williams	I try to appreciate the beauty and the wonder in the world around me.
6.3.19	Mr Duffy	I know it is OK for me to make mistakes.
13.3.19	Mrs Hughes	I can learn from my mistakes and failures.
20.3.19	Mr Williams	I try to keep going when things get difficult and not give up.
27.3.19	Mr Duffy	I know what humility means.
3.4.19	Mrs Hughes	I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from.
10.4.19	Mr Williams	I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.
17.4.19	Mr Duffy	I know how to help others when they are in trouble.
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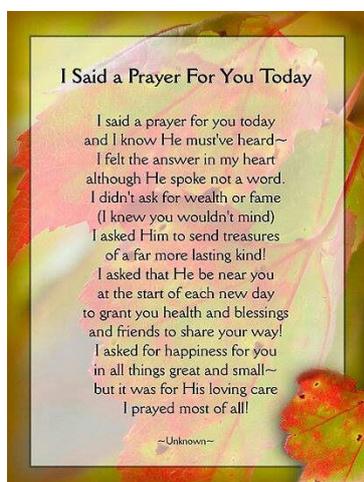
We believe that worship in a Catholic School names and celebrates God's presence in our lives.

Each time we pray in class it is *Collective Worship*. However, it is also planned with a structure, with reference to the Church's year, CAFOD, HARVEST and CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day, Remembrance Day, World Peace Day, Christian Unity Week, St Cuthbert's Care Focus during Lent, Mother's Day, May the Month of Mary, October the Month of the Rosary, Lent, Advent and Feast Days.

These acts of Worship are incorporated into our termly Collective Worship plan. On Wednesday all of the children Worship in the hall, the theme is recorded in our Termly Worship timetable. We usually follow "Nurturing Human Wholeness." At other times these acts of Worship follow the Liturgical Year or are appropriate to what is happening in the world/country/ locality.

Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us for Collective Worship once every 3/4 weeks Friday afternoons at 3:00 pm in the school hall. These will be led by different groups each time.

Y3/4—Mrs Williams	15.2.19
Y3—Mr Fletcher	15.3.19
Y2—Miss Brown	12.4.19
Y1/2—Mr Duffy	17.5.19
Y1- Mrs Dalgleish	21.6.19
Rec—Mrs Railton	12.7.19



***Whole School mass will take place on the first Friday of each month at 9.15, depending on Fr. Cooper's commitments, please join us if you can.**

Sunday mass at St. Patrick's Church is 9.00 each week and children can attend a special liturgy which is age appropriate. We would be delighted if you could join us.

During their time at St Patrick's we try to nurture each child's love of God and their understanding that they are very precious in God's eyes. We do this each and every day.

We try to deepen their Faith journey so that as they get older their faith journey develops. We want the children in Year 6 to leave us having grown in Friendship with God.

Autumn was a very busy time; here are a few of the things we did:-



We had a great day – proudly wearing Pudsey colours! A total of **£536.65** was raised for Children in Need.



Thank you for the donations given for our Harvest Festival. Donations of food were given to Bridge House homeless men's refuge. Flowers and chocolates were distributed to members of our parish. They much appreciated our visit!



Thank you for your donations of milk bottle tops.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day raised a fantastic **£130** which will be used to support children in our world today.



In December our Mini Vinnies group held a book sale which raised **£127.65**. We then used this money to buy new books, which were given as Christmas presents to children in North Tees Hospital and the Butterwick Children's Hospice.



“Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others.”

~ Danny Thomas



If you want happiness for a lifetime

Help someone else
(Chinese Proverb)



Our School is part of the Mini Vinnies. Check out their website at minivinnies.org.uk

St. Patrick's 200 Club

As a Catholic school we receive 10% less funding than state schools, a small price for being able to offer the added dimension of our Catholic faith! The 200 Club exists to provide funding for our school to help make up the difference.

To buy a number costs just £1 per week. Every 13 weeks there is a club draw with the following prizes:

1st prize £1000

2nd prize £250

3rd prize £100

4th prize £50

The remainder of the money is used to support the school, so we all benefit!

Act without delay to avoid disappointment.

Standing order mandate forms can be obtained from Mrs. Hughes or arrangements can be made to pay by cheque or cash.

Thank you for your support and thank you to the current members for their continued support, it is much appreciated.

Please send me a bank mandate form for the 200 Club.

Name

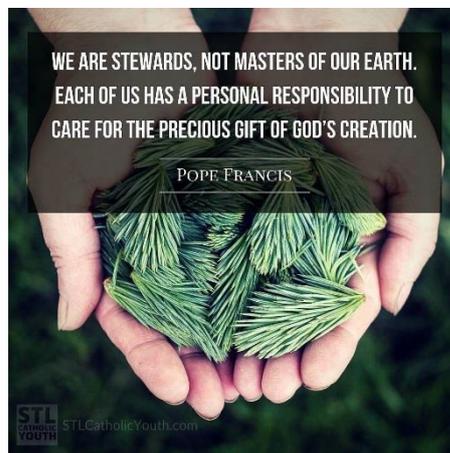
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- Fifteen numbers have are now available, please help us if you can.

Do you have a favourite charity you would us to consider supporting?

I would like you to raise funds for.....

Signed.....



Pope Francis has called us to 'Care for our common home.' He asks that we look after our world and the people in it. Please encourage your children to play their part and send any photos or stories about what they have done.

