

# St Patrick's RC Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Welcome back!

The Summer Break may be over but there will be a great deal to look forward to in this coming year. Keep an eye on the newsletters for dates of book fairs, Masses, plays and more.

Reminder!

### Keep it somewhere safe!

As you know we issue a Newsletter every half term and we hope that you find it useful!

Please make sure you read it and keep it somewhere safe as it has important information and dates in.

Find this Newsletter and much more by visiting.....

[www.sbcschools.org.uk/stpatsff](http://www.sbcschools.org.uk/stpatsff)

### E-Safety

Dear Parents/guardians,

As I am sure you are aware E-safety is vitally important in keeping children safe online.

Here at school the children are taught about E-safety and we strive to teach our pupils the importance of safe internet use in all aspects of their lives, whether at school, the library or at home.

To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please click on the links on our website or log on to <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Other useful websites you might like to visit:

<http://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-live/online-privacy-and-safety/online-safety>

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parent-Factsheet-0413.pdf>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ufiles/Facebook-checklist-Nov2013.pdf>

<http://www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullyingOverview.pdf>

<http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

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## School Uniform

A reminder that **school uniform should be worn at all times**. Please visit the school website to see uniform regulations. Items can be purchased from Elizabeth’s embroidery or Rawcliffes. It is essential that items of clothing are marked with your child’s name to avoid confusion.

## Jewellery Policy within School

We have a policy that **no** jewellery should be worn for school.

**Health and safety – Allergic reaction** We are unable to accept birthday cakes for distribution in classes. If you wish to send in a small bag of sweets to celebrate your child’s birthday and to be shared with class friends staff would be happy to distribute them. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Absence

Please ensure that if your child is going to be absent from school that you inform the school, by telephoning the reception on 01642 580850 **before 9.00am** on the first day of absence.



## Harvest Festival

Donations of tinned goods and non-perishable items gratefully received.

Fresh items can be sent into school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Hampers will be distributed to the elderly and families in need in our Parish Community.

## Mass

You are always welcome to attend

School Mass held every Friday morning at 9.15am.



## Parking

When parking around the school at drop off and pick up times, please make sure you **do not block** neighbours drives as they do need access to their homes. Also please ensure cars are not blocked in the church car park.

Please show consideration to our neighbours at all times.



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### School Lunches

All our Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children are eligible for a free school lunch, and many, many families have taken up the offer which is great.

Parents of Junior children please enquire at the school office if you think you may be entitled to free school meals. Could we remind our school community we have children in school with allergies, and one child in school who has a severe allergy to nuts. Could we ask all our families to avoid sending nuts in packed lunch boxes? This would include some cereal bars, cakes etc. The staff too are avoiding nuts and nutty biscuits, chocolate etc. As we are a healthy school could we also remind parents not to send sweets or chocolate bars in a child's packed lunch box. Thank you for your support.

### Dinner Money Reminder

**Prices:** £10.25 per week or £2.05 per day

Please ensure that all dinner moneys are sent in on Monday morning. If payment is not received after two weeks pupils will automatically revert to packed lunch.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

**Healthy Tuck Shop** Our healthy tuck shop is up and running again this year, selling only healthy choice crisps, cereal bars and water. Some Year 6 children are running the tuck shop and are doing a great job. All children are able to attend on Thursdays and Fridays. Any profits from the tuck shop are used to buy resources for the children to use as part of the curriculum e.g. ipads etc.

The Topics for the coming Half Term	
Key Stage	Topic
Early Years	All about me Autumn
KS1	How can I be the next Jessica Ennis or Steven Gerrard? What toys did my Grandparents like?
Lower KS2	Magnets Why do people visit the Mediterranean?
Upper KS2	Forces Ancient Greece

### How can I help my child?

The Topics for the coming Half Term offer a range of ways that you can help your child. You can support your child's investigations by taking them to visit the local library or by helping them conduct a safe internet search, if possible.

You can also make a big difference to your child's education by sparing a few minutes a week to hear them read, help them with their homework or help them to learn their times tables.



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## Dates for the diary...



Term start date	Term finish date	Holiday
	Thursday 22nd October 2015 <b>PD Day: Friday 23rd October</b>	Half Term (1 week)
School Nurse: Parent Drop-in session Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 8:45am-9:30am		
Monday 2nd November 2015	Tuesday 22nd December 2015	Christmas Break (re-opens 5 <sup>th</sup> January)

**Cake sale for pupils:** There will be a cake sale for pupils at break-time on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. This is in support of MacMillan’s World’s Biggest Coffee Morning.

### MacMillan’s World’s Biggest Coffee Morning

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9am -11am in the school library.**

**All parents and parishioners are welcome to join us in the school library for a cup of coffee and a slice of cake.**

<b>Christmas Productions</b>		
Date	Time	Event
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Nursery am and Reception production
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm	Nursery pm and Reception production
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Infant play to parents
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm	Infant play to parents
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Lower Junior play to parents
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Lower Junior play to parents
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Upper Junior play to parents
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Upper Junior play to parents
<b>Christmas Parties</b>		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	Nursery and Reception party
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	Infant Party
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	Lower Junior Party
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	1:30pm	Upper Junior Party
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December school closes for Christmas</b>		



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ST PATRICKS R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015/2016		
School re-opens	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015
Closes	Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2015
<b>Half Term</b>		
Re-opens	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2015
Closes	Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015
<b>Christmas</b>		
Re-opens	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
Closes	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
<b>Half Term</b>		
Re-opens	Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016
Closes	Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
<b>Easter</b>		
Re-opens	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Closes	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
<b>Half Term</b>		
Re-opens	Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Closes	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
<b>Summer Break</b>		

- Bank Holiday: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
 PD Days: 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July