

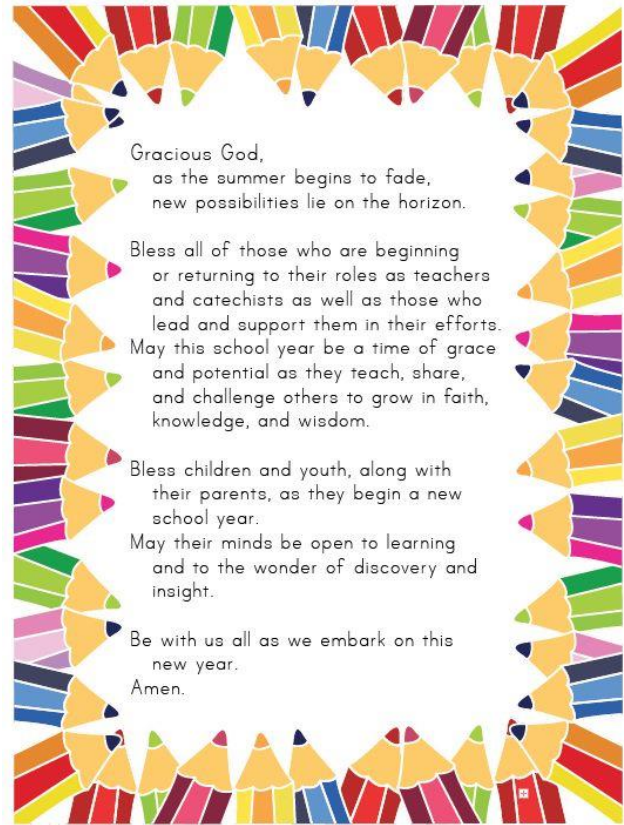


RE Newsletter - St. Patrick's VA RCP School

Autumn 2016

Welcome back to all our pupils, families and staff. We are delighted to be joined by new children in Nursery and by those starting in Reception. We welcome Miss Brown, Miss Wharry and Mr Reid to the teaching staff. Our good wishes go with the Y6 pupils who have moved on and to Mrs McKenna, Mr Mansell, Miss C Cox and Mrs Williams who have moved on to pastures new. May God Strengthen and protect us all in the year ahead.

N Hughes



Gracious God,
as the summer begins to fade,
new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning
or returning to their roles as teachers
and catechists as well as those who
lead and support them in their efforts.
May this school year be a time of grace
and potential as they teach, share,
and challenge others to grow in faith,
knowledge, and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with
their parents, as they begin a new
school year.
May their minds be open to learning
and to the wonder of discovery and
insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this
new year.
Amen.



Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9

Summer 2016

RE inspection 24-25th May 2016

We were delighted with the outcome of the denominational inspection. The school was judged to be outstanding in every area. Please read the full report on the school website. Thank you for all you do to support us in promoting the Catholic identity of the school.

N Hughes

First Holy Communion June 2016



The children were well prepared and were beautiful inside and out!

Mini Vinnies

Last term Mini Vinnies supported the wonderful work of the SVP in Sudan and South Sudan. The children collected loose change at home and raised over £100.

Tinned food brought in every Friday was taken to local foodbanks – thank you for your donations.

Collective Worship Autumn 2016

Fridays 2:45pm in the classroom, followed by refreshments in the library. Parents and parishioners welcome to attend.

16.9.16	Mini Vinnies	
23.9.16	Y6	Miss Hamilton
23.9.16	Y5/6	Miss Cox
30.9.16	Y4/5	Mr Reid
7.10.16	Y3/4	Miss Wharry
14.10.15	Y3	Mr Fletcher
	HALF TERM	
4.11.16	Y2	Miss Edgar
11.11.16	Y1/2	Miss Brown
18.11.16	Y1	Miss Obarzanowska
	Break for Christmas activities	

Mass Rota Autumn 2016 - Year II Cycle C

9.9.16	Whole School	23rd week of ordinary time
16.9.16	Upper Junior	24th week of ordinary time
23.9.16	Lower Junior	25th week of ordinary time
30.9.16	Infant	26th week of ordinary time
7.10.15	Whole School	27th week of ordinary time Our Lady of the Rosary
14.10.15	Upper Junior	28th week of ordinary time
	HALF TERM	Year 11 Cycle C
4.11.16	Whole School	31st week of ordinary time
11.11.16	Lower Junior	32nd week of ordinary time
18.11.16	Infant	33rd week of ordinary time
25.11.16	Upper Junior	34th week of ordinary time
2.12.16	Whole School	1st week of Advent
9.12.16	Lower Junior	2nd week of Advent
16.12.16	Whole School	3rd week of Advent

**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



St. Patrick's school hall 10-11.30 am 30th September 2016

On that day there will also be a cake sale for the children all cakes 30p each. Please support this fantastic cause!



Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival 20th October 2016

Tinned or packaged food items can be brought in any time - fresh produce should be brought in on the day of the assembly. Gifts will be taken to parishioners, local food banks and charities. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2016

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it **"We show God's Love to one another."**
Include those who have died.

JUDAISM

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.
Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.
Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November
we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(20 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 27 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.