



St Patrick's

Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Painsley MAC Mission Statement

Through our Catholic faith we grow in the love of God and each other;
We show respect in our words and actions;
We serve our communities and the world;
We learn to be the best we can be;
Becoming better together as children of God.

Dear Parents/Carers

As the Autumn term closes and I have undertaken my duties as the interim Headteacher of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery for a period of some 7 weeks, I promised to write to parents to inform you of the actions that members of staff, parents and Governors can take to ensure that each child who attends St Patrick's School learns to be the best that they can be and achieve all that they are capable of whilst they are a pupil here.

Since being in post I have identified that there are some areas of learning that can be improved and these include handwriting, spelling and the children's knowledge, understanding and use of number bonds and time tables facts. I have discussed with my staff the actions that will be taken to secure improvements in these identified areas.

With effect from January 2019 each pupil will have daily practice to develop a cursive style of handwriting. Your child will return home with a cursive handwriting guide in order that you can encourage your child to practice their handwriting skills at home too. Further information will be accessible on our school website should you wish to view this.

Spelling

From Year One onwards pupils will be given weekly spelling tests. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday with the spelling test being given to pupils on a Thursday of each week.

Reading

Pupils need to regularly practice their reading skills in order to become fluent and able readers. As part of their reading development, children will be expected to read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes per day. Children will of course have their reading development supported on a daily basis through taught sessions in school.



Please ensure that you complete and sign your child's reading record diary before returning the book to school on a daily basis. Thank you.

Parental Support Needed

The school is looking to establish a team of parent volunteers who may wish to support the school by listening to pupils read in school. All volunteers must be DBS checked. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please do see your child's class teacher and then further details can be shared with you.

Mathematics

With effect from January 2019 pupils will engage in a weekly mathematical challenge through the introduction of the 99 Club – a weekly times table and number bond test that will encourage pupils to increase their knowledge, understanding and application of the times tables facts. A separate letter has been sent to parents about this and future information can be found about the 99 Club on our school website under the heading Curriculum.

Extended homework projects

It is important that pupils develop skills of research and also explore independent learning strategies. As the children return to school in January they will be introduced to a new focused learning topic. As part of their engagement in the topic, they will be asked to complete various homework task that will encourage them to complete independent research and produce a project that can be shared with other classes across the school. Parents will be invited into your child's class to see the completed projects that the children have produced.

The introduction of Active learn interactive teaching and learning programmes

During the past half term new teaching and learning resources have been purchased to enhance your child's learning in mathematics and literacy. Early in the new term, parents will be invited to attend a curriculum based meeting where you can discover more about the programmes of study that your child is following in school and consider how as parents you can support your child to attain his or her learning goals.

SEND provision at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Re Development of SEND team at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Since I commenced my duties at the school we have reviewed practice in a number of areas of the schools practice and one of these has been in the area of SEND.

The SEND team now comprises of Mrs Compton as SENCO lead, Mrs Dunn as Deputy SENCO and Mrs Wright who provides emotional and pastoral support for pupils. This team development is proving to be most successful in ensuring the needs of all pupils are being addressed.

I trust that parents will find this information useful. Please do look on the schools website for updates re curriculum and other important information that you will wish to be aware of.

As the Headteacher of St Patrick's School parents should not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns relating to your child's education or welfare.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Williams
Headteacher