



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are approaching the end of our first busy term, may I take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for their continued support and on behalf of everyone at St Patrick's wish you all a happy and grace-filled Christmas!

Mrs Goodison

Back to School

Please note that after the Christmas break, school re-opens for staff & children on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017.**

Mother Goose

On Friday 16th December the PTFA have arranged for the children to watch the "Mother Goose" pantomime in school.

Cold Weather

Now that the cold autumn / winter weather has arrived please ensure that your child comes into school with a warm coat and scarf, hat, gloves (if appropriate).

Attendance

The Education Welfare Officer visited the school on Monday and expressed concern over the number of children who arrived late on a regular basis. School starts at 8.50am and children are expected to be in school by this time. School finishes at 3.15pm (3.10pm for Reception children) and again Parents/Carers are expected to collect their children at this time. If you have a problem collecting your child or problems getting your child to school on time, please contact the office.

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December 2016

If your KS2 child normally has sandwiches but would like to have Christmas lunch, payment must be made by **Monday 12th December (by 9am)**. Payment must be made via ParentPay. The minimum payment has been amended to allow a **one-off payment of £2.15.**

Should you have any queries regarding ParentPay, please contact Mrs Lester in the school office.

All children will then just need to order their Christmas lunch on the day.



Big Thank You

All the staff and children would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Sliwinska and the rest of the PFTA for their hard work this term. The children loved their visits to Santa this week and the whole day was a great success!



Illness

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return to school for at least **48 hours.** If you have any concerns regarding your child's return to school, please contact the office staff.

Please note, that it is the parent/carer's responsibility to contact the school office if your child is ill and will not be attending school.

If a reason is not provided, your child's attendance will be unauthorised.

Attendance

Well Done Class 1!
You won the attendance award
last week.
Mrs Boughey

St Patrick's Stars

Well done to all of KS2 on their wonderful Carol Concert last week. It was a perfect start to the Christmas season.

Also a big well done to all the Reception & Nursery children for their Christmas play this week. It was a great success and all your teachers are very proud of you.



Diary dates

Friday 9th December
Parish Carol Concert—6.30pm at Church

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th December
KS1 Christmas Play

Friday 16th December
Christmas non-uniform day
School closes for Christmas

Tuesday 3rd January
School reopens



Children's Christmas Disco / Adult Live Band Fundraiser Evening!

Date: Saturday, 17th December, @ 6.30pm

**Adult's Live Band to start from 8 pm, until 11 pm*

Location: Sir Graham Balfour Main School Hall, North Avenue, Stafford, ST16 1NR
Adults: £3.00
Children: £2.50

Please join us for a fantastic, fun evening!
All proceeds will go towards the charity Asthma UK, both Nikki and Mark are running the London Marathon next April for this charity.

Evening will include:

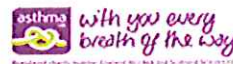
- > Children's Disco, and Live Band courtesy of "The Boogie Shoest"
- > Bar service, courtesy of Gossell Mobile Bar Services, including soft drinks and a variety of alcoholic drinks available to buy
- > Candy Cart with a variety of sweets and cakes to buy at a small cost
- > Eliza to be here (FREE) all children welcome to come in fancy dress, with prize given for best dressed child!



Raffle during the evening at £1 a ticket, with some amazing prizes which include:

Nando's Meal and drinks for two, Revolution meal and cocktails for two, Alan's haircut, Wine, Prosecco, Costa Coffee gift set, beauty and hair vouchers, Professional photography voucher worth £40, and lots more!

Tickets can be bought in advance, or on the night. Please contact Nikki on 07900 944083, or Mark on 07519 200328



SkillShare is a project funded by the Big Lottery and managed by SEND Family Partnership (information, advice and support service) to provide FREE training for PARENTS of children and young people with special needs in Staffordshire and we are delighted to bring you...

Understanding Children

with Pathological Demand Avoidance syndrome.

presented by:

RUTH FIDLER, EDUCATION CONSULTANT
Complex autism, interactive approaches and well being BA (Hons), PGCE



The session will focus on developing an understanding of the characteristics and support needs of children and young people with PDA.

Ruth is an Education Consultant specialising in complex autism, Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA), interactive approaches and emotional well being.

The workshops will be held on:

17th January 2017
Uttoxeter Race course, Uttoxeter

or

7th February 2017
The Barnes, Cannock

Both workshops will start at 10am and finish at 1.30pm and will be followed by a free lunch.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and booking is essential. To request a booking form email Tracy Munday, SkillShare Co-ordinator at: skillshare@staffordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01785 356930



Jesus,
You are joy even in the saddest times.
Help us to praise you when we are up-
set or grieving.
Shine joy into our hearts we pray.
Amen.

