



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carers,

Are you aware that St Patrick's has been listed as one of the top 10 performing schools in Staffordshire?

St Patrick's is 9th in the recently-published table, which measures standards achieved and expected progress by pupils in reading, writing, mathematics, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We are very proud of our achievements and the hard work of our children, staff, parents and Appointed Representative Committee members (previously known as Governors).

WELL DONE!!

Mrs Goodison

Home Time

From Monday 6th February, there will be a slight change from where you collect your child at home time.

Nursery - only children in Nursery will be allowed out through the Nursery classroom.

Reception and Year 1 - older children who have siblings in these year groups can continue to leave with their younger brothers and sisters.

Year 2 to Year 6 - as children are all collected from the same area (outside Years 2/3), parents/carers must now collect their child from their child's class teacher.

We apologise if this system may cause difficulties but the welfare and safety of your child is of the utmost importance.

May we also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that school closes at 3.10pm for Reception and 3.15pm for the rest of the school including Nursery.

Leave of Absence

Should you wish to take your child out of school please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form, which is available from the school office. You will then receive a letter stating whether your request has been authorised or not. Authorisation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please send your completed form into school at least 2 weeks before the planned absence.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Medical Appointments

Please inform the office if your child has a doctors, dentist, hospital etc appointment. A copy of the appointment letter/card will be kept for your child's file. Where possible, please try and arrange appointments outside of the school day as appointments can affect your child's attendance. If you have any concerns regarding appointments and your child's attendance, please speak to a member of the office staff.

Parking

We have been receiving a number of complaints from local residents (Rowley Street, Lovatt Street area) about the manner in which parents/carers are parking. Garages have been blocked, cars parked on double yellow lines and cars have been left with their engines running whilst parents/carers collect their children from school.

Parking around the school is very difficult but we do ask everyone to park in a considerate manner. Local residents should be able to access their own property at all times of the day.

The council have been informed and have agreed that traffic wardens will make extra patrols in the area.

Healthy Snacks

Please do not send your child to school with crisps, biscuits or chocolate bars for snack time - healthy snacks only please.



Road Safety

The school has been made aware of an incident that occurred at home-time on Tuesday. A child on a scooter, crossed the road and narrowly missed being hit by a car. The pupil had decided not to use the crossing patrol officer and crossed the road in front of the school staff carpark instead. The driver was very shaken and contacted the school to inform us.

Please speak to your children about the dangers of crossing the road. If your child is making his/her own way home, please stress the importance of crossing the road with the crossing patrol officer.

Year 5 and 6 class teachers have already spoken to the children in their class about road safety.



Well done Class 3 who won the attendance award last week. Keep a look out for who wins in next weeks assembly.

Please remember that late arrivals to school affect attendance. There will be a special award for the class with the least amount of late arrivals throughout the year.



Mrs Boughey

Important Dates.

- 09.02.17 Whole School Mass 9.15am
- 10.02.17 Congratulations Assembly 9am - to be led by Y4
- 12.02.17 Family Mass 9.30am
- 15.02.17 Year 1 trip to the Ancient High House
- 20.02.17- 24.02.17 **Half Term**
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- 01.03.17 Ash Wednesday Mass - 9.30am
- 02.03.17 World Book Day - children to dress up as their favourite character
- 03.03.17 Congratulations Assembly 9am - to be led by Y3
- 05.03.17 First Holy Communion Commitment Mass - 9.30am in St Patrick's Church
- 17.03.17 St Patrick's Day Mass followed by Key Strings
- 28.03.17 Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- 29.03.17 Parents Evening 3.30pm- 6.00pm
- 30.03.17 Whole School Mass 9.15am
- 31.03.17 Congratulations Assembly 9am
- 07.04.17 Non Uniform Day
- 10.04.17 - 21.04.17 **Easter Holiday**
- 13.05.17 First Holy Communion—11am

The logo consists of the letters 'WWW' in a white, serif font, centered on a dark blue rectangular background.

Our new web-site will be going live very soon - we will contact you with the details as soon as they become available.