



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a number of injuries, in the last few weeks, through children playing roughly. We have spoken to the children regarding 'play fighting' including karate moves etc. Please will you help us reinforce the message that rough play can lead to very serious injuries. Will you also remind your child to inform a member of staff straight away if they are injured.

An important message from Joseph Brown....one of St Patrick's previous pupils!

**Community Party at Blessed William Howard on the 15th Feb.**

Dear Parent/Carer

Come along to the community party at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School, Stafford, where you will have a delicious afternoon tea, entertainment and refreshments. This event is held on Thursday 15th February from 12 till 2pm. Tickets are FREE!

For tickets please contact :-

Head of Events and Charity, [11-brown-j@bwh.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:11-brown-j@bwh.staffs.sch.uk)

Thank you and best regards,  
Joseph Brown



Good Shepherd Appeal 2018

As we approach Lent each child will be given a collection box and a leaflet outlining the work of Father Hudson's Care. It is hoped that each child will donate part of their sweet/pocket money to help people in need. The money raised will help support many good causes.

Thank you for your support.

## Attendance

	15.01.18 -26.01.18 %
Reception	95.97
Year 1	90.19
Year 2	93.15
Year 3	93.83
Year 4	91.83
Year 5	97.14
Year 6	95
Whole school	93.91



Congratulations to Year 5

### Late Arrivals

Letters have been sent out this week to those parents/carers whose children arrive late on a regular basis. Gates open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.50am. Late arrival can affect your child's attendance. It is important that your child arrives on time. School finishes at 3.15pm (3.10pm for Reception). If you are going to be late please inform the office.

If you have concerns or queries regarding your child's attendance please contact the office.

### School Dinners

Dear Parent/Carer, if your KS2 child has a school dinner, it is expected that parents/carers will pay for the meal in a prompt manner. Payment is due at the beginning of the week and is made via ParentPay. If you are having problems with ParentPay or if you are having difficulty in paying your bill, please contact the office staff.

### Diary Dates

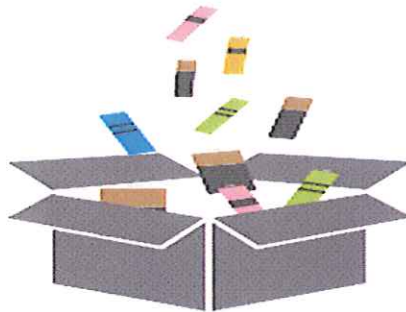
06.02.18	Heights and Weights check - Reception and Year 6
07.02.18	Well Being Wednesday - see attached letter
08.02.18	Whole School Mass 9.15am
08.02.18	Year 4 trip to BWH (re: The Wizard of Oz)
08.02.18	First Holy Communion meeting for Y3 parents 3.30pm
09.02.18	Congratulations Assembly
11.02.18	Commitment Mass 9.30am
12.02.18	Tri Golf
14.02.18	Ash Wednesday Mass
14.02.18	Valentines Shop (items for sale during lunch)
16.02.18	PJ/Onesie day (in exchange for an Easter egg/Easter chocolates)

19.02.18-23.02.18          Half term

01.03.18	Whole School Mass 9.15am
02.03.18	Congratulations Assembly
07.03.18	Mothers Day shop (items for sale during lunch)
08.03.18	Whole School Mass 9.15am
08.03.18	Mothers Day shop (items for sale during lunch)
16.03.18	St Patrick's Day Mass - time to be confirmed
21.03.18	Egg Decorating Competition
22.03.18	Whole School Mass 9.15am
22.03.18	Easter Egg Bingo 5.30pm
26.03.18	Colours of the Rainbow non uniform day
27.03.18	Parent's Evening 3.30pm -6pm
28.03.18	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
29.03.18	Last day of term

### The Big Battery Hunt

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Big Battery Hunt. As a school we are trying to collect as many used batteries as possible. Last day to recycle your batteries is 26th April.



### Change of address/telephone number

Please keep your child's contact details up to date. Please inform the office if you move address or if you change your telephone number. Thank you

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week (5 -11 February 2018) it's Children's Mental Health Week. Run by the school-based children's mental health charity Place2Be, this year's theme 'Being Ourselves' invites everyone to come together and celebrate their uniqueness.

### **What's it all about?**

It can sometimes feel difficult to think of positive things about ourselves and to know what it is exactly that makes us who we are. In school, we know that this is something children can often struggle with too.

Understanding that we are all unique, with our own strengths, qualities and interests is very important for our wellbeing. Through having a positive view of ourselves, we can feel better equipped to cope with life's challenges and make better connections with others. As parents and carers, you play a very important role in helping your children to understand that they are unique.

**Here are a few simple ways you can encourage your children to understand the importance of 'Being Ourselves'**

**Point out your children's positive qualities** determination, courage, kindness - help them to notice what makes them unique.

**Have a chat about the strengths, qualities and interests within your family** over dinner, in the car or when you are playing together... it can be fun to notice how we are all different from each other!

**Celebrate your efforts with your children** Whether you go for a run, get promoted at work or cook a great meal, sharing your achievements, no matter how big or small, will help your children to recognise their own.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, St Patrick's is holding a Well Being Wednesday. Children are invited to come into school wearing their PE kits and if they want to they can bring their slippers to wear inside for the day. During the day the children will have opportunities to take part in yoga and relaxation sessions, mindfulness activities and art/drama therapy sessions where they can explore ideas around the theme of 'Being Ourselves' as well as learn how to help and maintain their own mental and physical wellbeing.

We hope that the children will not only enjoy this experience but will also benefit from it too. Being part of this week will also contribute to our work that we are completing to gain the Carnegie Mental Health in Schools award.

If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support,

Emily Compton

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