



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term fast approaches here are some details of the events that will take place during the last week of term.

Monday 17th December

This morning pupils in our Year 4 class will be taking part in a Carol Concert at Blessed William Howard School. St Patrick's school has arranged for the pupils to be transported to and from Blessed William Howard school. Parents/Carers are invited to attend the concert where our children will perform alongside pupils from other Catholic schools in the Painsley Catholic Academy. We hope that many of the parents of our Year 4 pupils will attend this pre-Christmas celebration.

Tuesday 18th December

Today we welcome the music Liturgy team from the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Mr Callow and Ms Jordan will lead an Advent focused retreat day for pupils and staff. This day will provide the children with the opportunity to pray, praise and thank God for his great goodness. The retreat day will also help us all to focus on the true meaning of Christmas as we all prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday 20th December

End of term mass 9.15am in St Patrick's Church. It is hoped that a number of parents will join us as Father celebrates the end of Christmas term mass.

Thursday 20th December - Christmas Luncheon

Today children whose parents have requested that their child has a cooked meal on this day will enjoy a Christmas lunch. Lunchtime will commence a little earlier than usual today in order that all are fed and then preparations for an afternoon of pre-Christmas celebrations can begin.

This afternoon the members of the PTFA have arranged for a magician to come into school to entertain the children. A big thank you to all the parents who support the PTFA's fundraising efforts and have made it possible for the children to be entertained this afternoon.

Friday 21st December

Today the children are invited to come into school in Christmas jumpers or Christmas themed clothes and parents are asked to donate £1.00 which will be given to the PTFA to aid their fundraising efforts.

9.15am - end of term carols and readings around the Christmas tree. Parents are invited to join us listen to readings from the bible about Jesus' birth and listen as we sing and praise God. After the carols and readings, parents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee before leaving school. Thank you to the PTFA members who have agreed to provide refreshments on this morning. It is hoped that many parents will be able to join us on this morning.

Re Christmas services at St Patrick's Church

Christmas Eve -Family Vigil Mass of Christmas will be celebrated at 4pm on Christmas Eve. This Mass is one that is attended by many children and their parents on the Eve of Christmas.

Christmas Day Mass 9.30am at St Patrick's Church

St Patrick's parish are preparing for Advent and Christmas by thinking of and supporting people in need. If as we are nearing Christmas you are thinking of what you can do to help those in need then perhaps you might wish to support St Patrick's parish efforts. St Patrick's parish prepares Advent 'giving trees' where the focus for gifts that are brought in, is to provide for people who need to stay in the Women's Refuge. Those in the Refuge are in need of single sheets, duvet covers, pillow cases and towels. Children who are with their mothers in the Refuge would love to receive a gift. If you attend the 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Patrick's why not bring a gift that you intend to donate with you and a parishioner will ensure that you have made someone's Christmas day extra special by knowing that you have thought about them. Thank you.

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 21st December and reopens at the start of Spring term on Monday 7th January 2019.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of staff and Governors to thank you all for your good wishes and in turn wish you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed new year.



A child is born to us