



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents,

A message from Mr Bell, CEO of the Painsley Catholic Academy

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I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Williams has agreed to continue in her role as Acting Headteacher of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School. I have spoken to the Chair of the Local Governing Body, Miss Craven, who is delighted by the news!

A message from Mrs Williams,

'As the Interim Headteacher I am delighted to continue my work at St. Patrick's and look forward to working alongside governors, parents, staff and pupils to ensure that St. Patrick's is the best school that it can be for each of the children who are entrusted to our care.

During the past week the children have taken part in a number of educational experiences that they have thoroughly enjoyed.

Children in Nursery had an 'animal-tastic' day where they were given the opportunity to experience holding a range of animals and learning more about each of the creatures.

Children in Reception dressed as their favourite story book character to launch their topic, 'Will you read me a story?' - the staff even joined in too!

Children in Year 3 took part in a day of activities where they explored and developed their knowledge and understanding of the Ancient Greeks. Activities included food tasting, grape crushing and learning a dance which they performed to the whole school.

Children in Year 4 took part in a day of activities where they learned more about life in Norman times. During the day the children made bread, they tasted pottage stew, ordered events from the Bayeux Tapestry, made a Norman shield and took part in an archery competition.

NSPCC

On Monday 21st January we welcomed representatives from the NSPCC to St. Patrick's School. During the morning, there were assemblies for both KS1 and KS2 pupils. Later in the morning workshop sessions were held with pupils in Year 5 and 6.

Attendance

The school attendance target for the school is 97.0% and it is important that all parents/carers ensure their child(ren) are in school each day. The table below shows the overall attendance for each year group from September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.4	95.0	95.6	95.5	95.4	96.7	95.4

Please remember any parents/carers taking their child(ren) out of school for holidays during term time will be fined for doing so.

Parents will appreciate that each day that your child is absent from school, is a day of their education that they are missing out on. Absences add up. Missing just 2 days a month means that a child misses 10% of the school year.

Homework

Thank you for ensuring that your child completes their homework each week, your support is very much appreciated. When school and home work in partnership the progress and attainment of each pupil will be enhanced considerably.

Within your child's homework book this week you will find a list of enrichment opportunities, recommended by the Department for Education. This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the wonderful extra curricular opportunities that many of our children access- please see the accompanying letter inside the homework books for further information.

PTFA

Thank you to members of the PTFA who arranged a pyjama, craft, pizza and movie event for our children to enjoy on Tuesday evening. 142 children enjoyed taking part in this event. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise this event which our children clearly enjoyed very much.

Dates for your diary

There are some dates that parents may wish to enter in your diaries:

Friday 1st February—**Congratulations Assembly**

Parents are welcome to join us for assembly this morning. During these assemblies we celebrate the achievements of pupils in each of our classes.

Tuesday 5th February—**Tempest Photography**

Today we welcome the school photographer to St. Patrick's to take class photographs (further details to follow).

Wednesday 6th February—**Internet Safety Day** (further information to follow).

Thursday 7th February—**School Mass** at 9.15am

Please do come and join us and the parishioners as Mass is celebrated this morning.

Friday 8th February—**KS1 Multi-skills Festival**

Today a number of our pupils will take part in a P.E Multiskills Festival. Further information from Miss Hough is to follow.

Sunday 10th February - **Confirmation Commitment Mass**

Our Year 6 pupils who will be confirmed this year are asked to attend Mass at 9.30am on this morning.

Wednesday 13th February—**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Our Catholic pupils in Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All families are welcome to share in this celebration.

I note that we are not currently in possession of some of our confirmation candidate's baptismal certificates. Office managers have now contacted parents where copies of the certificates are not in our records. It is important that we do have a copy of your child's baptismal information prior to them being confirmed.

Friday 15th February—**PTFA Event—Crazy Hair Day**

Today will be our 'Crazy Hair and Crazy Clothes Day, children can wear odd socks/ shoes/ have 'crazy' hair. Children who wish to take part in this event are asked to bring in a donation of either an Easter egg or Easter chocolates. The donations will be used for the Easter Egg Bingo that will be held on Wednesday 10th April. The PTFA members will forward further detail of this event to parents.

Health and Safety

Please note that all children who have shoulder length hair or longer should have their hair tied up. Children are not permitted to wear hooped earrings but should wear studs during the school day. All earrings must be removed for PE and swimming to protect children from injury.