



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents,

Prior to the Easter break I became aware that a small number of parents appear to have difficulty in receiving communication from school. If you are a parent or are aware of a parent who failed to receive communication from us, please do see or ask them to see Mrs Miles or Mrs Lester to check that we have correct contact details. Thank you.

All school newsletters contain information about forthcoming events are posted on our school website and notification is sent to parents via text that the newsletter has been posted. The school is now going to post a copy of each newsletter that is forwarded to parents in an owl notice board that will be situated on the wall of the driveway where children enter school. We trust that this notice board will prove to be a useful point of information for parents. Paper copies of the newsletter are always available from the office.

As we return to school following the Easter break here are some dates that you may wish to enter in your diary.

Thursday 2nd May

Catholic pupils in our Year 3 class will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Parents of the pupils who will receive the Holy Sacrament have received separate communication from the school's Deputy Headteacher Mrs Butters. Please pray for the children and their families at this blessed time.

Friday 3rd May

Nursery - parents are invited to join their children for 'Breakfast with Parents'. Parents have already received a letter outlining the event.

The PTFA are holding a non-uniform day (come dressed as your hero or who you would like to be) in return for a bottle (of anything). These bottles will be used on one of the stalls at our Summer Fayre.

The PTFA also ask that parents return all 'bags 2 school' by 9am, as they are being collected today. Thank you for your support.

Monday 6th May

This is a bank holiday so school will be closed on this day. School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 7th May following the bank holiday.

Thursday 9th May

There will be no school Mass today as Father is away from the Parish.

Friday 10th May

Congratulations Assembly

Sunday 12th May

Family Mass 9.30am offered for the intention of the children who will receive their First Holy Communion and their families. During the Mass the children who will receive their First Holy Communion next week will be presented to the Parish during this Mass of Commitment.

Thursday 16th May

There will be no school Mass today.

Saturday 18th May

Today our Catholic pupils in Year 3 will receive our Blessed Lord for the first time in the Holy Eucharist. Time of the First Holy Communion Mass is 10am. Please pray for the children and their families.

Following Mass children who have received their First Holy Communion today are invited to come into school where a buffet will have been prepared for you to enjoy. Parents of the First Holy Communicants are also invited to come into the hall where tea, coffee and light refreshments will also be available for you.

Mrs Butters has forwarded further information to the parents of our First Holy Communicants to explain the specific arrangement for this wonderful day in the life of your child.

Monday 20th May

Today children throughout the school will take part in the World Dance work shop sessions. This week children from each of the classes will be learning about different countries and cultures that exist within our world.

We would welcome contact from parents who would wish to share something of their country of origin and of your cultures and traditions. This world event will take place throughout the week.

This World Dance event will give pupils the opportunity to take part in dance workshops that celebrate the dance traditions of peoples in various countries across the world. Further information to follow about our 'Around the World' event.

Monday 20th May

Today pupils in our Year 6 class will have the opportunity to take part in emotional well being sessions as part of their preparation for transfer to secondary school in September. Pupils will have the opportunity to consider the transfer from primary to secondary school and explore all the things they have to look forward to and will also have the opportunity to explore any worries that any of them may have about the transfer from primary to secondary education.

Wednesday 22nd May

May Procession in honour of Our Lady - further details to follow.

The month of May is just one of the months in which we pay special devotion to Our Lady.

Mrs Butters will be holding a special assembly in the afternoon during which we will honour Our Lady. Parents are invited to join us for the assembly. Further details to follow.

Friday 24th May

School closes for half term. School is scheduled to reopen following the half term break on Monday 3rd June.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Safelec for their wonderful donation to the school. All the pupils, staff and visitors will benefit from this wonderful gesture. Thank you once again.

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 to Friday 12th April 2019.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.14	96.22	95.55	95.60	95.84	96.86	95.66

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.