



# St. Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

23rd July 2019

Summer 4

### From the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As we enter the final days of the school year, our thoughts begin to turn towards our homes and holidays. On Sunday we heard the story of Martha and Mary, which reminds us that although service and being busy are good things, sitting and listening at the feet of Jesus is better.

We can follow Jesus' advice and aim to rein in our practical, impulsive and short-tempered selves over the summer. At the same time, we should strive to

develop a more reflective, loving and calm approach to friends, family and strangers alike.

I hope you enjoy a peaceful and relaxing summer break and I look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,  
**Mrs Dix**

### From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

As the term draws to a close in bright sunshine we reflect on such a positive year for the children here at St Patrick's. Their determination and positive attitudes towards their school-life reflects so much on the school, but also on how well they are supported by their families at home.

We have said a sad farewell to Year 6, Miss Pinto and Mrs Mumford. They leave with our fond wishes for the future and hope they come back and visit to let us know how they are getting on.

The final few weeks of term have been packed full with events. The Year 6 Production about the Titanic was a real team effort. The quality of the drama on show was first rate, only by watching it twice was I able to truly appreciate so many of the technical details that made the production so polished.

We have also enjoyed roll-over days for the all classes. With everyone getting a chance to meet their new teachers and LSAs. Our Year 6 children have been out

on visit to their secondary school for transition days too.

The Farnborough Rotary came to Assembly last Friday to present each Year 4 child with a dictionary. A wonderful gift from them, which is so vital to supporting the children with their education.

Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous party on Friday night, despite the rain. The parents had organised such a memorable evening for the children, including go-karts from CM-Sports!

Yesterday we took the whole school down to Our Lady Help of Christians Church where Fr Chris celebrated Mass for us. This was a time of reflection and prayer for the staff, parents and children. The children were presented with individually named Bibles, which the PTA kindly give as a gift to all our Year 6 Leavers.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer.

Kind regards,  
**Mrs Mulholland**

### School Diary

Wed 4th Sept	INSET DAY
Thurs 5th Sept	Back to School 08.50am
Thurs 12th Sept	Introduction to the Year—Parents Evenings
Friday 13th Sept	10.45am Start of Term Mass
23rd—27th Sept	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential
Thurs 26th Sept	7pm. Year R Curriculum Evening
Mon 14th Oct	2.45-3.30pm Collective Worship (Year 3)
Tues 15th Oct	9.30am Open Morning for Prospective Year R Parents
Mon 21st Oct	2.45-3.30pm Celebration of the Word Mass (Year 6)

**School Dinners** From September 2019  
School Dinners will cost £2.40 per day

### Footwear for the New Pitch

We are so delighted with our new pitch and it is now in constant use for Pandas up to Year 6. Shamrocks after-school club are also making excellent use of it too!

Reminder for September that only trainer or AstroTurf trainers can be worn on the pitch—no football boots at all (not even moulded studs) can be worn on the pitch. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



### Inset Days for 2019-20

Please add these INSET dates to your diary: **4th Sept 2019 25th Oct 2019 4th Nov 2019 14th Feb 2020 20th March 2020**

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The Summer BBQ was a brilliant way to start the weekend—with the Rotary cooking the food and the PTA hosting a great fundraising evening. With fantastic dancing from Mrs Carty's team of dances and the Judo squad showing us their skills.

As a school we are delighted that they have raised over £1600! This is such a huge total from the evening. Thank you to all the PTA for their hard work and to all the parents who came and supported the event.



## Share the Light - Charity Fundraising

 SHARE THE LIGHT



Stanelly – grade 2

**Stanelly enjoys:** 'Playing football, being smart, reading, listening to stories and athletics.'

**Thomas enjoys:** 'Going to school, playing football, going to church, storytelling.'



Thomas – grade 1

The brothers were born in a village in Zambia. Unfortunately due to their parents circumstances and poor health they are unable to look after the boys or support their educational needs. Following St Patrick's School collection from music evening and Mufti day (raising £252) funding to enable them to attend Changa Changa primary school in Mazabuka, the money raised so far will pay for the boys to attend school for 2 years..

## Growth Mindset

## Reminders

First day back at school is Thursday 5th of September.

Shamrocks Breakfast club and After-school club are open from the very first day of term. Breakfast Club from 8am and After-school until 6pm.

School doors open at 8.40am and children can arrive on time up until 8.50am. Following this the children have to come in via the front office and have to be signed into the late book.

School dinner money can be paid online using parent pay.

The children can choose whether to be in winter uniform or summer uniform, up until October half-term when they all have to be in their winter uniforms.

A PE kit is needed in school EVERYDAY on the school year, with a white t-shirt, green shorts, white socks and trainers. This will come home for washing every half-term.

There is a fascinating research study by Carol Dweck into the impact of praise. When children were given praise based on their ability / intelligence / how smart they were, their performance in subsequent, more challenging activities was less than those children who had had their effort praised. Furthermore children given 'Fixed Mindset Praise' were less likely to volunteer for harder challenges.

We must be aware of praise that could be reinforcing a judgement of a child's permanent traits. We must try to 'Praise the Process' and the effort, not the intelligence, the talent or the product. Remember that praising children's intelligence or talent, tempting as it is, sends a fixed-mindset message.

Try to focus on the processes they used; their strategies, effort, or choices. Try asking some of the suggested questions.

- What did you learn today?
- What did you try hard at today?
- What mistake did you make that taught you something?
- What was a challenge today?
- What did you practice today?

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## Five useful articles for parents to help keep their children safe online over the summer

Help for parents to engage with their child's online activities over the summer holidays. These articles have been kindly reproduced from the thinkuknow.co.uk website, created by education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command

1. [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/)  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>
2. Many children will be spending time gaming online over the summer holidays. This article explores the different elements of gaming with a particular focus on how it can be used by offenders but focusing on what parents can do to support their child while gaming.

[2. Sharing pictures of your child online](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children)  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children>

Lots of parents love sharing photos of their children with friends and family, particularly when they are on holiday or starting the new school year. A recent report found that 42% of young people reported that their parents had done this without asking their permission. Our article helps parents to protect their child while staying social.

[3. Keeping your under 5s safe online](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online)  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online>

Whether it's watching videos, playing games on their devices or talking to Alexa - today's under 5s are spending more time online. In this article we look at the benefits of children accessing the internet, and share advice about how parents can make sure their child has a safe experience online.

[4. Live streaming: responding to the risks](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-streaming-responding-to-the-risks)  
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