

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter is jam-packed with all that the children have been doing recently. We have been really lucky to welcome a number of visitors into school so I hope you enjoy finding about everything that has been happening at St Patrick's since half term.

On Sunday 1st December, the season of Advent begins in the church: unusually this year, it exactly matches the day that commercially available calendars will begin too. The season of Advent is a time of preparation, a time to joyfully wait for Christmas. It is often likened to preparing your home for a special visitor or the time spent preparing for a new baby to be born. In this newsletter, there are details of our family Advent challenge and we would love to see photos of your wreaths: please email them into the school office.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Tong

Parking

Unfortunately, the school has received a number of complaints recently about the parking on Avenue Road at drop off and collection times. It is a shame when people in the local community see the school for a negative reason so please can we ask for your support in driving and parking courteously and safely.

A few reminders:

- The narrowing of the road with the bollards right outside the gate is to allow pedestrians to safely cross. Cars should not be parked beside or across this pinch point (including on the verge of Tregolls Drive)
- It is not safe to stop in the middle of the road for children to jump out of the car. Please park to let your children out of the vehicle.
- Cars should not be stopping on the double yellow lines
- Please do not block driveways
- Do not attempt to turn in the road at these busy times

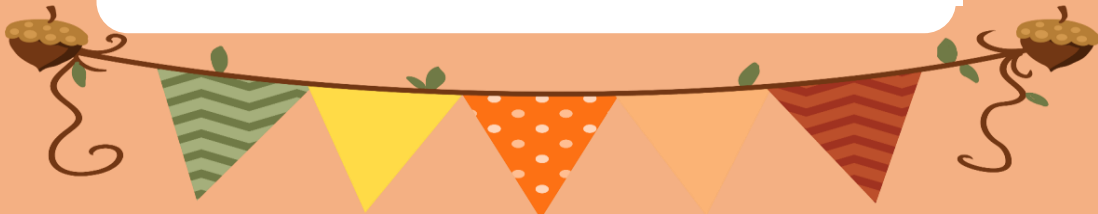
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This Advent, why not make an Advent wreath together. There are lots of ideas online. If you can't manage to make one, gather four candles and put them on a mantelpiece, shelf or table. Each Sunday, light one more candle and say a prayer together. Ideas for readings and prayers will be emailed out next week.



Safeguarding Corner



How often do you talk to your child about their online relationships? We teach the children to describe how to behave online in ways that do not upset others. Here are some questions that you can use to help your conversation:

- Who do you speak to and play with online?
- Do you know them all in real life?
- Have you ever upset someone online/offline?
- How did they feel?
- How did it make you feel?
- Have you ever accidentally upset someone online/offline?
- Has anything or anyone online made you upset?
- How did you feel?
- What did you do next?
- What behaviours might upset someone online?
- What behaviours might make someone feel good online?
- What does it mean to be 'positive' online?





Our EARA delegates attended their first meeting at St Peter's Junior School last week. They showcased their passion for diversity and equality through their presentation and demonstrated a deep commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable world.

This meeting also gave them a fantastic opportunity in research, communication and public speaking. It was truly impressive to see our young students speak with such confidence, answering questions from adults and other students. The delegates came back with inspiring and exciting ideas to implement in our school.



A big, big thank you to our School Council for helping to deliver our harvest collection to the Farnborough Food Bank.

The food bank were so appreciative and they let us know that our school collected a fantastic 118.56kg of food!

Thank you to anyone who donated anything to our collection.



Our recent Diwali Assembly, led by Mrs. Krishnan, the EARA students, and Yuvaansh from Year 1, was a wonderful celebration where our students came together to honour the Festival of Lights with joy, creativity, and cultural appreciation.

The assembly featured storytelling and presentations that highlighted the significance of Diwali, focusing on themes such as light overcoming darkness, the triumph of good over evil, and the values of unity and kindness.



The whole school has recently marked Anti-Bullying Week in different ways. Becca from Openview Education delivered an excellent assembly to Year R—Year 5 and then worked with our Year 6 children in workshops ; using role play and drama to understand bullying and develop strategies to counter and prevent it.

Last week, the whole school wore odd socks to highlight the message from the Anti-Bullying Alliance that we are all different.



At the start of the new half term, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Ellen who works for CAFOD. She helped to further the children's understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and inspired them to find ways of putting Catholic Social Teaching into action in our school.

The children have been tasked with thinking of ways to fundraise to support people both locally and globally.



Remembrance Day



The whole school gathered together for our Act of Remembrance on Monday 11th November. This is always such a special event in the St. Patrick's calendar. Thank you to Year 6 who lead the service and read so beautifully.

Our Year 6 pupils also did a great job of selling poppies and poppy products and the Royal British Legion is very grateful for your donations.



Attendance Corner

Year Group	Percent absent	Days missed in the class
Year R	92.32%	112 days
Year 1	96.24%	57 days
Year 2	97.67%	55 days
Year 3	96.64%	105 days
Year 4	95.26%	147 days
Year 5	97.59%	43 days
Year 6	96.7%	51 days



Amazon Wish list

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3J5E9ICZBA39V?ref=wl_share

Parents, friends and supporters of St Patrick's school can now contribute to their classrooms by buying gifts from the Wish list. Just use the link or the QR code and you can buy specific items requested by your child's year teacher.

The Amazon Wish list is regularly updated, so make sure you check in when you can. All support and help is greatly appreciated. BIG thank you to parents who have already purchased items. Every teacher is very grateful for everything they receive. Look out for the QR code round the school and in future newsletters.

Amazon Wishlist

Each year group has created a wish list on amazon of supplies that they would like for the classroom to put towards helping with the children's learning! We are grateful for all donations, big or small. If you feel like this is something you would be interested in helping them with then please have a look at the each classes wish list with using the link below or alternatively scan the QR code:

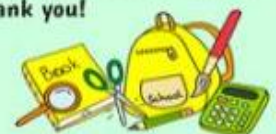
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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

for supporting Farnborough Foodbank. Your Harvest donations make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis. Your school collected a **fantastic 118.56 kg** of food.

Farnborough Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network.