



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school year! I do hope you have had a an enjoyable summer. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you all to ensure your children have the very best learning experience here at St Patrick's. It is wonderful to have all the pupils back and the school feel much more like normal - continuing to be a very special place where we live, love and learn together illuminated by the light of Christ.



May I extend a warm welcome to our new children and families – please do not hesitate to give the office a ring if you have any questions or queries! I am sure, like me, your children will be very happy here. Our new staff – Miss Gott our Deputy Head and Class 1-2 teacher and Miss Wolanski our SENDCO and Class 2 teacher are settling in and enjoying their first few weeks. Thank you for making them feel so welcome when you see them outside.

The pupils have had a wonderful first two weeks back at school. I am very impressed with their excitement to learn and how they are trying hard to show our three school virtues of live lovingly, live faithfully and live courageously in all they do. We have really enjoyed being able to join together again for celebration assemblies on a Friday. The attendance award for the class with the highest attendance continues to be hugely popular with great excitement if you win. Last week we had four classes sharing the trophy (Class 1, Class 2, Class 4 and Class 6 with 100% attendance WONDERFUL and this week Class 3 won the trophy with 100% attendance WONDERFUL! I wonder which class will win the trophy and certificate for their classroom next week!



## Class Information Sessions



We are inviting all our parents/carers for EYFS to Class 6, to a class information session. The session will be in your child's classroom – two slots to support parents who have more than one child in school and the sessions are on the same day. It will enable you to touch base with the new class teacher and find out about the learning for the year, weekly timetables, routines and homework arrangements. I know how long it has been since you have been able to come into school and will also give you chance to see some of the changes we have made to the environment.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 5:00-5:25pm or 5:35 – 6:00pm for EYFS, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 6.**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5:00 – 5:25pm or 5:35 – 6:00pm for Class 1, Class 1--2, Class 4 and Class 5**





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Partnership working between school and home is I believe, essential to ensuring your child has the very best start to their learning this year. Please make every effort to arrange some childcare as we ask that the children do not attend on this occasion.

## School Uniform

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart in their uniforms. Can I please take this opportunity to remind about footwear – the



children must wear **plain black school shoes or plain black smart trainers that have black laces and no flashy logos on**



**them.** The brightly coloured trainers and football trainers are better kept for using at home or for PE when they are outside please.

## New arrangements for the start and end of the school day

I am sure you will agree the new arrangements for the start and end of the day are working very well, our KS2 pupils are enjoying going straight into class so that they are ready to begin at 8:55am when the bell goes. Thank you to all the parents of KS1 and EYFS who are waiting safely in the playground for the bell – can I please remind you to make sure your child does not go on the fitness trail – this includes running around it and jumping over it.

If your child is visiting a friend or relations house after school who does not usually collect them it is very important that you send a message on the Class Dojo or ring the main office so that their class teacher knows who is collecting them and can see the responsible adult in the playground. This is to ensure the very best possible safeguarding procedures are in place. I know you will agree the safety of your children is of paramount importance.

## Parking outside school:

I have been contacted by a local resident who is concerned over the parking outside school, particularly near the park. It was stated that many cars are double parked on both sides of the road and covering the whole path, meaning those families who walk with their children, including families at St Peter's Primary are having to walk in the road. I am sure you will agree this is not safe and could result in an accident. Please could I ask that you think carefully about how you park – you must make sure you leave room for pedestrians and prams to get by along the path. If this continues to be an issue I know the traffic wardens will begin monitoring at the end of the day.



## Start of Year Mass in Church

On Thursday morning, we had a lovely Mass for our KS2 classes in St Patrick's Church to begin the new school year. We focused our thoughts and prayers around families – our families at home, our school family and our parish family of St Patrick's. It was lovely to see some of our parents and Grandparents joining us once again.





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In the coming weeks we will be having some class Masses in church, I have added the dates that Father Eamonn and I have booked so far this term in case family members of pupils in these classes would like to join us – you are very welcome.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10:30am in St Patrick's Church – Class 6 and Class 2**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am in St Patrick's Church – Class 5 and Class 1-2**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10:30am in St Patrick's Church – Class 4 and Class 3**



## After School Clubs:

We are really happy that we have been able to offer a range of after school clubs for our pupils once again. The focus for this half term has been KS2, offering archery and multi-sports to Class 3 and 4, continuing with gardening club for Class 4 and football and dance for Class 5 and 6. We have now just agreed a computing after school club on a Tuesday for Class 5 and 6 – watch out for the letter about this additional club which will come home early next week. The after school clubs will continue after half term but offering them to different classes.

## Attendance

Attendance in school is, as you know, vital to ensuring your child makes the very best progress every day, as missing just one day means they are likely to find the learning harder on their return. Please could I ask that if your child needs to stay at home as they are poorly, you make sure you ring the school office on the first day of absence to inform us that your child is not attending and give the reason why as this has to be recorded. If we do not receive a call, school will have to ring or visit the home to confirm where your child is and that they are safe. These are the most up to date safeguarding expectations for school which I know you will be pleased to hear we are following.

## Attendance Matters



## Mass Times at St Patrick's:

*Saturday Vigil at 4:30pm – St Mary's Batley*

*Saturday Vigil at 6pm – St Patrick's Birstall*

*Sunday at 9am – St Patrick's Birstall*

*Sunday at 10:30am – St Mary's Batley*



Kind Regards

Mrs C Moulding (Headteacher)

