

NEWSLETTER

14th February 2019

Just a reminder that Friday 15th is a training day and school will be closed to children whilst staff undertake training.

Thank you to all the staff and PTA volunteers for helping out with the school Valentine's disco. I really do appreciate all your hard work and commitment to St Patrick's. We raised over £200 and all of the money raised goes towards helping support all children in school.

Year 5 Ampleforth (13th to 15th March)

The children in Y5 will be going on a two night residential retreat. We have confirmed numbers to the Abbey and we would be grateful to parents for ensuring they have made all the due payments/instalments by the time we go or have spoken to the office team about a payment plan.

Mobile Phones

A polite reminder to all our parents/carers that we ask your children DO NOT bring mobile phones into school. We do not deem this a necessity for primary school aged children, as all our children are brought to and collected from school/clubs. We appreciate for our older children, Year 6, you may be considering independent travel prior to moving onto secondary school and if this is the case then on arrival at school they need to hand this to their class teacher or into the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late for school. On checking our signing in book some parents/carers are not giving a reason for lateness or the reasons are ever re-occurring e.g. traffic, weather related. We also ask that you always put a reason for lateness or speak to a member of staff. We appreciate that there are going to be times when being late is inevitable due to varying reasons but we ask you to be mindful of traffic and weather and adapt your routines/journeys accordingly.

A reminder that our school bell rings in a morning at 8.50am. Children then line up in their classes and are brought in by their Class Teacher. Mrs Gorin is usually out in the playground from 8.45am, she ensures all children are in school and then she closes the outside door at 8.55am. This is to ensure children's belongings are placed in the cloakroom area and they are in class for registration by 9am. We would ask that if the outside door is closed, please take your children around to the reception area and sign them in. Please DO NOT bang on the outside door when closed and no staff member is present because children are not allowed to open any outside doors to any adult, known or not.

We recommend you being in the playground for 8.45am to avoid the above.

With regards attendance, our Admin Team appear to be ringing parents/carers daily to establish why children are not in school. If your child is absent from school for any reason then the parent/carer should contact school as soon as possible but prior to 9am to inform us of the reason for absence. We have procedures to follow within school and failure to find out where children are could ultimately lead to home visits or a police welfare check. We thank you for your co-operation in the above matters and we look forward to seeing an improvement going forward.

Head Lice

As it is half term we would like to politely remind parents/carers that this is a great opportunity to check your child or children for head lice and treat if necessary.

After School Clubs

We have places available in our afterschool Dance club on a Friday. A reminder that we have excellent wrap-around care at St Patrick's. Our breakfast club starts at 7.30 am, and our tea time session runs until 6.00pm. If you would like further information, please call into school.

School Meals

Please help us to keep our accounts correct and up to date, and to avoid having to use other school funds to subsidise your child's meals and child care by paying for these services in advance.

Have a wonderful half-term break with your children. We look forward to welcoming all families on Monday 25th February 2019!

God Bless,

Mrs Lomas

