



St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

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WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

Saturday: Vigil Mass -6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

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Our statement next week is: 'At Easter, we are inspired by the Good Shepherd.'

WELCOME BACK!

TRUST: This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' who can be trusted to guide our lives in the right direction. Part of a shepherd's job is to look after the sheep, to guide them and help them to stay safe. In the Gospel below, Jesus encourages his disciples to put their trust in him; it is through trusting in Jesus that they will find security and hope. There can be many things that trouble our hearts, but following and trusting in Jesus, leads us on life's right and joyful path, freeing us from fears and worries. Talk to your child about this week's word, **TRUST.**



'It's important to have friends we can trust. But it is essential to trust the Lord, who never lets us down. This is the key to success in life.' (Pope Francis)

St. Joseph's Penny Collection: On behalf of staff and governors, thank you so much to all of our families for the superb efforts made throughout Lent whilst we collected for Caritas & St. Joseph's Penny. With your help and support, we collected the massive total of.....£770.00 This is absolutely amazing and will go a long way in supporting many families in our diocese. Caritas are extremely grateful for our donation.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Our first Friday back after a mid-term break is always one to celebrate our attendance heroes of last term. Lots of our children were rewarded with prizes this morning for either smashing our target of 97% or doing even better and achieving 100%. We also announced the winning class for the month of March. Years 1 & 2 had the best attendance last month and celebrated with an ice-cream party this afternoon! Congratulations children!

**Attendance
Assembly**

CURRICULUM NEWS: This week, classes have got stuck straight into their learning. Nursery & Reception welcomed their parents for their first stay and play of the term and everyone had great fun! Year 5 couldn't wait to get outside for their PE lessons - let's hope we can be outside more now it's the summer term! Year 2 welcomed the Science Ambassadors to help with their new topic on plants.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **TAKE BREAKS WHILST READING.** Your child doesn't have to read an entire book in one go! Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it's just a couple of minutes at a time. If they have to close the book early because it's time for tea, or they're just losing interest, that's okay. Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.

ONLINE-SAFETY TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN.**

- It's crucial to talk to your child regularly and openly about what they're doing online
- Encourage your child to tell you if they ever have a problem online. Help them come up with a plan of attack if they ever see anything online that makes them feel worried or unsure (e.g. tell an adult, close the tab, etc.)
- Work together with your child to help them navigate digital dilemmas. Reassure your child that you won't take away their devices if issues occur
- Many experts advise against using technology as rewards and punishments. You don't want your child to be discouraged from talking to you about problems due to the fear of being disconnected



Bring photo ID to vote

LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 2ND MAY: We've been asked to remind parents/carers that when voting, you'll need to take your photo ID. Please pass this message on to family and friends.

DIARY DATES: The summer term in schools can be extremely busy - really exciting for the children but it means staff and parents need to be super organised. From next week we will be adding on the dates for this half term and we will keep adding to them as events and activities are organised. Please make a note of them in your diaries or put them up on your fridge!

TRIPLE 'A' CHALLENGE: Governors have decided yet again that our children deserve to have an end of year fun-filled trip out of school with their class-mates. However, this isn't just a foregone conclusion. Children will need to meet the governors' TRIPLE 'A' challenge if they want to get a seat on the coach!

- ✓ ATTENDANCE: children need to be here everyday and on time!
- ✓ ATTITUDE: children need to have a positive attitude to learning and behaviour following instructions, first time, every time!
- ✓ ACHIEVEMENT: children need to be trying their best to achieve their best results!



DONATIONS TO TRIPS: To give advance notice to parents/carers, we are anticipating that most trips will cost at least £15.00 a child this year. Transport costs are astronomical. By giving you this advance notice, we do hope that you can plan and save for the trips.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL: We are hoping to take the Y6 class to Aberdaron in North Wales this year. There will be a meeting on Monday in the Y6 classroom. Parents can either attend the 3.30 p.m. meeting or a 5.00 p.m. meeting. Parents must attend if they'd like their child to go on the residential.



FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Patrick's Manchester** and we should pop up!

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Ken Derbyshire (RIP) & the Derbyshire family, Oliver O'Leary (RIP) & the O'Leary family, Carole Donovan (RIP) & the Donovan family, Mata Jit Kaur (RIP) & the Singh family. Margaret Williams, Angeline Holt, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, the homeless & rough sleepers, CAFOD, Caritas, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.



2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. Here is a bedtime prayer for you to say with your children this week: **Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who guides us through life. Please help us always to place our trust in you. Amen.**

Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.