



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

In our Belief Statement Assembly this morning we shared the statement, '**I know I belong to a community that includes my school,**' If we all take pride in our school community and do our best to make it succeed then it will grow in strength.

The Newsletter starts off with a couple of very important pieces of information which I ask all parents to read and act on.

Parents in School

I would like to remind parents that they **must not** come into school at the start of the day to speak to teachers. If there is an urgent problem you should speak to me outside or if I am not available you should go to the office. This is an important aspect of our procedures to ensure that all children remain safe so please remember to stay outside.

Missing Swimming or PE?

We would appreciate it if parents would send a letter, or telephone school, to inform us if they want their child is to miss swimming or PE due to illness. Some children are deliberately leaving kit at home to avoid these lessons which means they miss out on an important part of the curriculum.

Medicines in School

We are currently reviewing our medicines policy and from now on will only give medication to children if it is prescribed by a GP. I will send out the new policy in the near future so that all are fully aware of it.

After School Activities

Wednesday: Foundation / Key Stage 1 Music
Homework Club

Magazine Club

Our Magazine Club will start next Tuesday 2nd February from 3pm - 3.30pm and will be open for children from Yrs 1 & above. If you have any old magazines that are suitable for children could you please send them into school. Please let the office know by Friday if your child would like to attend.

FA Tesco Football Skills Free Coaching Sessions

A free coaching session will take place at Retford Oaks during the half term holiday. Please go online to book : www.FA-tesco-skills.co.uk

Assembly

You are welcome to join us this Friday morning at 9.00am to celebrate this month's birthdays.

Bonus Ball

Please try to pay Cherry by Friday of each week. This is a really useful way of helping to raise funds for school.

Half Termly Parents Meeting

Thank you to those parents who came along last week to the meeting, it was good to have an increase in the numbers of people coming along. A number of items were discussed:

- Staffing - I understand that some parents are concerned about the number of teachers some children have over the course of the week and would like to reassure you all that we are working very hard to ensure that there is a consistency in approach
- Shoes - there are some concerns regarding the issue of shoes but following discussions with staff we are going to continue with the policy of no indoor shoes. We ask that parents try to keep children off the grass before school and staff will do likewise in school to try and keep the inside of the school tidier
- Reading - a group of parents have indicated that they would like to come into school to listen to children read, if there are any more such volunteers then please let me know and I will add you to the list. Before anyone can come into school as a volunteer they have to be CRB checked. This does take some time but the sooner we get the forms completed the sooner you will be able to start.

Nursery Applications

Applications for Nursery for September 2010 need to be received by the office asap.

Building Work

The funding has all now been agreed and we will be speaking to the builders this week to agree on a start date. There will obviously be some inconvenience to F1 who will have to enter school via Class 1 but otherwise the disruption for children should be minimal.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th January : Parents meeting 2.00pm

Half Term : School closes at 3pm on Friday 12th February & reopens on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 (Monday 22nd February 2010 is an Inset day).

24th February 2010 : Early Years swimming starts

25th February 2010 : Class 2 swimming starts

9th March 2010 : Parents Evening

11th March 2010 : Parents Evening

12th March : Mother's Day Assembly 2.30pm

17th March : St. Patrick's Mass 9.15am

18th March : Brenda Willis Award

24th March : Palm Sunday Assembly

25th March : Holy Thursday Assembly

26th March : Fr Jackson Award, Good Friday Assembly

Easter Holidays : School closes at 3pm on Friday 26th March & reopens on Monday 12th

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