



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 co-operate with others in work and play.**' It is amazing how much more we can accomplish by co-operating with others.

Weather Watch

Hopefully the worst of the winter weather is now behind us but there are further snow showers forecast for this week. In the event of having to close school again we will announce it on Trax Fm as soon as we can. I'm sorry that we had to close last Thursday but in the interest of staff safety I felt we had no choice. I know that many of you enjoyed the day with your children making snowmen and sledging.

Graffiti

We have had some rather unsavoury graffiti on the school grounds over the last week, if you see anyone acting suspiciously on an evening please let me know so that I can pass on the information to the police.

Parent Governor Needed

Would you like to help shape the future of St Patrick's School? If you would, you could become a Parent Governor of our school. We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor and I would like to ask you to consider it.

Don't worry if you haven't any experience as we can arrange training and will offer you lots of support. As a Governor you will be expected to attend 6 meetings a year, three full Governors meetings and three sub committee meetings. If you would like more details please come and see me and we can discuss it.

Foundation 2 / Key Stage One Music Club

At the last parents meeting there was a request for an after school club for our younger children. I have arranged for a music club to run after half term, on Wednesdays from 3.00pm - 4.00pm, for children in Class 1 and Year 2. The club will run for 6 weeks initially and we will then look at how it is fairing before deciding whether to continue it.

The provider has placed a limit of 20 children for the club and these will be awarded on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in your child taking part please let me know as soon as possible. The first lesson will be the week we return from half term.

Fruit for All

Also at the last parents meeting there was a discussion over providing fruit for all children in school. We had thought of a 'healthy tuck shop' but on further consideration have decided to offer a free piece of fruit to all children in school on a daily basis. This will start after half term.

New Year Resolution - take pride in your uniform

Please keep up the good work, the vast majority of the children look fabulous.

After School Clubs:

Wednesday - homework **Thursday** - Multi Skills

Nestle Box Tops For Books:

Please put any vouchers you have in the box in school, deadline for this is fast approaching.

St Wilfred's Centre - St George's Day Raffle

We have some raffle tickets available in school, 20p each, if anyone is interested. First prize is a two night stay at a cottage in Snowdonia. Last year Mrs Bird won a mountain bike in this raffle so we do get winners over here!

Bonus Ball:

Please remember to pay Cherrie by Friday of each week.

Head lice:

Please use this week and the half term holiday to treat hair and try and eradicate these little pests. We need **every** parent to check their children's hair. All it takes is one person to be lazy and the hard work of everyone else is ruined. Please do your bit to help.

Dinner Lady Vacancy:

We still need a dinner lady, to start as soon as possible, if you are interested please see myself or Mrs Christian in the office for an application form.

Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Please send in any surveys by the end of the week.

Violin Lessons

If any children in Key Stage 2 would be interested in having violin lessons they should let the office know and we will do our best to arrange them.

Assemblies this week

On Wednesday the Reverend Jackie Johnston will lead an assembly at 2.30pm. You are most welcome to join us.

Half Term Holiday

Remember that we close on Thursday at 3.00pm for half term; Friday is a training day for staff, we return to school on Monday 23 February.