

23rd October 2020



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we love, grow and succeed



Dear Parents, Children, Staff and Parishioners,

We have come to the end of a very challenging but successful half term for our school community. Whilst new Covid restrictions are coming into force at midnight tonight, I am pleased to confirm that the safety measures we have in place as a school community have been effective in keeping your child and your families safe since we returned in September. We break up today for a well-earned rest for both staff and pupils and I strongly encourage you to follow the guidance of the new restrictions in order to return back to school safely on November 2nd. Should your child or any of your household test positive for Covid over the half term week, please contact me on corona@romeromac.com as soon as possible so track and trace arrangements can be put into action.

Face coverings will continue to be required by ALL adults at drop off and pick up times please when we return to school.

I wish you a peaceful half term, and hope that you may be able to take the opportunity this week to attend a mass with your child either online or in person. Masses at St Patrick's take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. All are welcome.



Mrs Sherratt, Principal

Covid Q & A's for Coventry residents: Coventry has been placed in Tier 2

Q. What are the additional COVID-19 restrictions for Tier 2?

A. For areas in tier 2, the additional COVID restrictions mean:

- People are prohibited from socialising with anybody outside their household or support bubble in any indoor setting.
- Tradespeople can continue to go into a household for work.
- The rule of six continues to apply for socialising outdoors, for instance in a garden or public space like a park or beach.
- Businesses and venues can continue to operate, but pubs and restaurants must ensure that customers consume food and drink only while seated, and close between 10pm and 5am.
- Takeaway food can continue to be sold after 10pm if ordered online or by phone.
- Schools and universities remain open.
- Places of worship remain open, but people may not mingle in groups of more than six.
- Weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the numbers attending (15 and 30 respectively).
- Exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors but will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with those they do not live with (or share a support bubble with), or for youth or disability sport.
- Travel is permitted to amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but people are advised to reduce the number of journeys where possible.

Q. What is the rule of 6?

A. The rule of 6 applies to meeting others outside your household in a group of no more than six individuals. As of Wednesday 14th October, this only applies to outdoor settings.

Q. Can I still meet other households in outdoor public spaces e.g. local parks?

A. Yes, these rules only apply to the home and garden. However, you must still follow the national guidelines and the rule of six.

Q. What do I do if I see people breaking the rules?

A. If you encounter individuals breaching the restrictions, you can fill out a reporting breach of restrictions form with West Midlands Police. These restrictions will go on for as long as is needed to bring down the coronavirus rates of infection. They will be reviewed regularly with Government.

23rd October
Break Up for Half Term

2nd November
Children Return to School

Walk to School

Thank you so much to all parents and children for their excellent efforts with walking to school. Over the last two weeks there has been a competition running across the West Midlands for Walking to school, St Patrick's came 3rd out of 73 schools for having the most children walking to school. This is an incredible achievement, and we are so proud of our school community. Today marks the end of the October challenge and therefore children who have been walking at least once a week will be coming home with their badges today, let's see if we can give out even more badges for the month of November.

Footgolf

On Thursday some of our Year 3 children went to a footgolf competition at the Memorial park. This was organised as part of the School Games Competitions as part of their social distanced events and was such a great opportunity for the children, especially as they had never been before. They were a credit to the school and had so much fun, there is a video on our school twitter and Facebook of the children.

Secondary Applications for September 2021

If you have not yet made your child's secondary school application, you can now do this over the phone by contacting the Admissions Team at Coventry City Council on 02476975445.

Applications must be in by 31st October 2020 or your child may miss out on their first choice of school.

Please be advised that for pupils who are in Year 7 for the 2021-22 academic year, free bus passes will be available for eligible pupils. Eligible pupils are children who meet all three criteria:



- 1) On the application form Cardinal Wiseman was their first choice as a secondary school.
- 2) Pupil has attended one of the partnered Catholic primary schools within Romero.
- 3) The pupil has a home address which is 2 miles or more from the school.

Our wish, is for the majority of our pupils in the Primary schools across Romero, will choose to continue the journey in a Catholic school by applying for a place at Cardinal Wiseman Secondary. We would like to ensure that our children and students have the opportunity for a seamless education from 3 – 19 years in an environment where they will thrive because of the high-quality Catholic education they receive.

Children's Boot Fund

Application forms are now available for the 2nd consignment of the Coventry Children's Boot Fund. If you would like to apply, please see the school office. Applications must be returned by **Tuesday 17th November**.



Parents Governor

Just a reminder we are looking for 2 parents to join our Local Academy Committee (Governors) If you are interested please collect a form from the school office. Nomination forms must be returned by 12 noon on 2nd November.

Attendance for week ending 16th October 2020



	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance %	97	99	99	98	98	98	97



The following children celebrate their birthday between
23rd October – 5th November



Skye Benjamin Amy Evie-Rose Sandra Michael Oscar Daniel
Amanda



Dear Lord Jesus, help us to love others as we love ourselves. Please help us to see that other people have needs too and to love you through loving them. Amen



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