

26th February 2021



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we love, grow and succeed



Dear Parents, Children, Staff and Parishioners,

This week we have heard of the government plans for all primary school children to return to school on 8th March. I am delighted to finally be able to welcome your children back into school as we reconnect as the family of St Patrick's. There will, of course still be restrictions in place, such as the use of face coverings for all parents coming onto site and the use of the one-way system. Children will remain in their bubbles until we receive government guidance that says these restrictions can be lifted. I will be writing to you next week with full plans and information for the children's return and details of the revised Risk Assessment to ensure we all continue to be as safe as possible.

This weekend sees the end of the Go Parks Active Schools challenge. I have been incredibly impressed at the engagement of so many of our families, staff and governors. The school has felt like a strong team together, despite being in lockdown! A great job. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Miss. Liggins for her infectious enthusiasm in motivating us all. As I write this, she is currently in Moathouse park with Mrs Doherty, both dressed as seagulls to surprise the children who are scanning their code there today!

Have a lovely weekend.... The weather is certainly looking up!

Mrs Sherratt, Principal

Nursery Applications - September 2021

Children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 can start Nursery in September 2021. Please call into the School Office to collect an application form. All completed forms must be returned by Thursday 1st April.

Completed forms will not be accepted without your child's birth certificate. Parents will be informed week beginning 26th April whether their child has a place or not in Nursery.



Dates For Your Diary



4 th March	World Book Day
8 th March	All Children Return To School – Full details will be sent next week
17 th March	St Patrick's Day
19 th March	Red Nose Day
24 th March 9:15 am	Feast Of Saint Oscar Romero Mass – Information sent with this Newsletter
1 st April	Break up For Easter Holidays
19 th April	Children return to school

St Patricks Day Celebration



We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day this year by having a craft morning and then a class party in the afternoon. Children can wear something green for the day. Don't forget to send the clip of your child/ren Irish dancing to your child's Class Teacher by 5th March so they can be included in the video that we are going to be showing that afternoon.

Food will be provided by school fund. If you wish to donate to school fund you can do so via Arbor from 8th March. All donations will be very gratefully received and are used to directly support your children.





Friday 19th March 2021

To raise money for Comic Relief we are having a non uniform day on Friday 19th March. If you would like your child to wear non uniform on this day we are asking for a donation of £1 per child. Please send your child with the correct money as no change can be given.

We are also asking for the children to bring in their favourite joke and the class teacher will choose the best three jokes and those children will share these in our assembly on that day.



The following children celebrate their birthday
between
26th February – 4th March
Stas Rima Esiey Alice Ez'rae-Mia Rethushan
Joel Joanna Joel



A word from Pope Francis

“The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another.”

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March and we will still be celebrating - although it may be a little different this year!

There are lots of ways you can celebrate World Book Day at home or at school, or wherever you are!

- Access the free resources available on the families and schools' hubs, including audiobooks, activity sheets, discussion guides, and brand new Author Academy learning videos with our £1 authors and illustrators - [World Book Day | World Book Day is a registered charity. Our mission is to give every child and young person a book of their own.](#)
- Between 3rd and 5th March, access one of the Share a Story live events online [Share A Story Live events - World Book Day](#)
- Share a story at home with your family and send a photo or video to your class teacher. We'd love to see videos of some new stories that we have never heard before!
- **World Book Day Window.** This year, as we are at home, we are asking you to decorate one of your windows in your house to celebrate World Book Day. You could do that by drawing the cover of your favourite book and putting it in your window or maybe drawing your favourite character. Or, **with your parents permission**, you could decorate it in some of the ways below. If you do choose to decorate it, please let your teacher know and email a photo. Some of the staff will also be going on a World Book Day Window walk to see how many children have joined in on Thursday 4th March so let us know if you are joining in. Watch out for a video with some more ideas about how to do this.



You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and sharing books at home.

The £1 book vouchers will be sent virtually this year – so keep an eye on your emails parents and carers! More details to follow.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.