



# ST PATRICK'S NEWS

Friday 17th November 2017



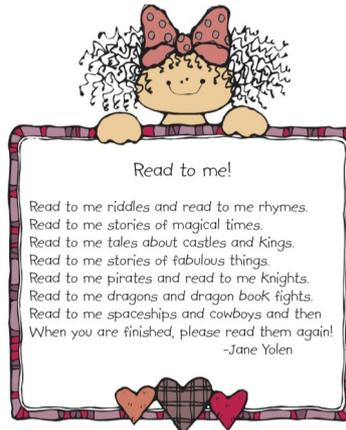
## Parent Prayer Group

Father Tom visits the school on Mondays at 9am for a short reflection on the Gospel readings. All parents and carers are invited to join us, please do so if you can.

## Reading is fun...

A book can take us to faraway places, on magical journeys, teach us a fascinating fact or just make us laugh.

Please take time to read with your child and encourage them to develop a love of reading.



## SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see Mr Cranitch - Headteacher ASAP. If he is not available please see Miss McDaid - Deputy.

If we each do a little

we make a big difference together!



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the last Friends of St. Patrick's meeting. We will be meeting again on Saturday 18th Nov at The Map Studio Café on Grafton Road at 10.30am. We will also be meeting at school on Friday 24th November at 3.30pm. Please try to attend one of the meetings if you can.

The Headteacher writes-

MRS DENISE PRENDERGAST will be leaving us at the end of this term. She recently moved to Hertfordshire and in future will be seeking work closer to home. She has given great service to the children as a class teacher and I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her family all the very best for the future. Her successor will be appointed in the next few weeks. We will inform parents and children as soon as the selection process is complete and an appointment has been made.

## CLUBS AND ASSEMBLIES

### MONDAY

Multi-Sports Club Yrs 5 & 6 ends 4.45pm  
Mandarin Club Yrs 1-6 - ends 4.45pm

### TUESDAY

Liturgy - Nursery - 9am  
Chess Club 12.45-1.20pm  
Andy's Football ends 4.45 pm  
Homework Club - ends 4.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

Multi-Sports Club Yrs 1 & 2 ends 4.45pm

### THURSDAY

Dance Club 3.30-4.30

### FRIDAY

Assembly - Year 3 followed by Celebration of Children's Writing  
Year 4 Writing Celebration - 2pm  
Multi-Sports - Years 3 & 4 ends 4.45pm  
Homework Club ends 4.45pm

Awards

	Academic Excellence	Community	Attendance
Rec	Adam	Mohamed	90.69
Yr 1	Stevie-Rose	Mekdem	98.18
Yr 2	Jamai	Emma	98.57
Yr 3	Ivo	Kayane	95.71
Yr 4	Henos	Jack	93.87
Yr 5	Michael	Eyosius	90.69
Yr 6	Misgana	Jennifer	99.03



If your child has a problem with another child at school, please speak to the class teacher.

**Parents MUST NOT approach individual children or parents.**

## Prayer Focus for November



Throughout the month of November, we remember especially those who have died.  
**Eternal rest give unto them O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace  
Amen**

Saturday 18th Nov.	Friends of St. Patrick's Meeting at The Map Café, Grafton Road, 10.30am
Sunday 19th Nov.	Feast of St. Monica
Monday 20th Nov.	Parents Prayer Group 9am
Tuesday 22nd Nov.	Class Liturgy Nursery
Thursday 24th Nov.	Maths Key Skills—all parents invited 9-9.30am
Friday 24th Nov.	Class Assembly - Year 3- 9.15am Followed by Celebration of children's writing Friends of St. Patrick's Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 24th Nov.	Year 4 Celebration of Children's writing 2pm
Monday 27th Nov.	Parents Prayer Group 9am
Friday 1st Dec.	Class Assembly - Year 1 - 9.15am
Friday 1st Dec.	Class Pantomime Trips
Monday 4th Dec.	Parents Prayer Group 9am
Tuesday 12th Dec.	KS1 Nativity 2.30 pm in school
Monday 11th Dec.	Parents Prayer Group 9am
Wednesday 13th Dec.	KS1 Nativity 9.30 am in school
Wednesday 13th Dec.	KS2 Nativity 6.30pm in church
Thursday 14th Dec.	School Christmas Lunch * moved from 8th Dec
Friday 15th Dec.	Christmas Concert and Mini Christmas Fair Christmas Jumper day
Monday 18th Dec.	Parents Prayer Group 9am
Tuesday 19th Dec.	School Closes 2pm

**Please be aware that all dates are subject to change.**



**Will it be you?**  
Which class will win the diamond  
for best attendance?

# Learning to Read at St Patrick's

One of the most important things that your child will do in their time at St Patrick's is to learn to read.

## Before your child starts with us...

When you come to one of our playgroups in the summer term before your child joins us in September, we will share stories with your children and talk to you and to them about favourite books.

## Nursery and Reception

Once your child is coming to us every day in Nursery, there will be books galore for them to look at and share and when they are ready, in Nursery or Reception, we will send books home for them to read with you. They will also start to link sounds to letters in daily phonics sessions.

In the Early Years and beyond, the emphasis will be on encouraging the children to love reading and to enjoy stories. Discovering the printed word allows children to find out about the wonderful world around us and to enter fabulous new worlds created by imaginative authors.

We want your children to acquire new vocabulary, to recognise very common words and to develop an enthusiasm for reading. This involves parents and children working closely together for the benefit of the child.

On a Friday morning we invite you in to help with reading and to share some stories with the children!

## Years One and Two

In Year One an adult will hear your child read everyday and their own reading book will be changed at least weekly. We will be encouraging the children to enter the deeper world of a story, to 'read between the lines' and make sensible guesses about the feelings and thoughts of characters. This will continue in Year Two.

Throughout their infant years, the children will follow a structured programme of reading books that have been sorted into coloured bands. We will explain to you what the different colours mean and how the texts get progressively more challenging. Once a child has mastered many of the books in a particular band, they will be ready to move on to the next one. It is important to remember that we want the children to do far more than simply decode the words in a book. We want them to understand 'the world' of a story and that means being able to answer and ask questions about books as well as working out what sounds the letters represent.

## Children who hear and/or speak another language at home...

If your child hears and/or speaks another language at home, we will encourage your child to learn to read in that language too and ask you to read or to tell the children stories in their home language as well as English.

Research tells us that this will benefit your children in the long run.

## Years 3-6

In Years 3-6 the children will be introduced to a wider range of literature, both fiction and non fiction, from classics to the latest contemporary books. Book Weeks, 'No Pens Days' and authors' visits generate enthusiasm for reading here. Once children have finished reading a book, they can do quizzes on it provided by the Accelerated Reader programme. This incentivises many of them to read more and more.

## Storytelling and Reading Aloud to Children

We want to develop oral storytelling as a feature of our curriculum and as a way of encouraging the children to develop their own powers of expression, as speakers and writers. We will also continue to read aloud to children even when they can read perfectly well on their own.

*We ask you to keep reading to them too!*

Too many parents and teachers stop reading to children once the children can curl up in a chair or in bed and read to themselves but being read to is a great pleasure – it allows the mind to concentrate on the images of the story and to relax into the world of the story.

Telling children of 9, 10 or 11 a story or reading aloud to them allows them to experience the story in a wonderful and relaxing way.

## To sum up...

Children who enjoy listening to stories and reading become better talkers and writers as a result.

**Our aim is to ensure that your children develop a love of reading in their time at St Patrick's which will last for the rest of their lives!**