



SAINT PATRICK'S COMMUNITY



Things To Help You and Others and Things to Do!

Welcome to our Saint Patrick's School Community. We are all so lucky to live in such a beautiful and friendly area and we would like to extend a HUGE welcome to our new Reception families, and others who have joined our school. You are now part of our school family and our wider Corsham community. Below are some things which may help you and others around you...as well as things to do and to get involved with.

Things to help you and others...



We have an amazing PTFA, who organise many great events during the year, as well as those week to week ideas which are so vital to support our community. At present, our school is

reliant on our PTFA and parent support, in order to continue to provide wonderful learning experiences and those 'awe and wonder' moments. Please meet our PTFA Emily, Steph, Lisa and Anna and please help to support the amazing events they organise. Your support is greatly appreciated and most importantly...the events are fun for adults and children alike!

You can follow our PTFA on Instagram and Facebook. This will keep you up to date with future events, how to access our pre-loved school uniform (beautiful second-hand uniform), how to support us through your weekly shopping by using 'ASDA Cashpot' or registering with 'easyfundraising' at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpatricksprimaryschool/> All of these things quickly add up, make the world of difference to our school, and most importantly your children. **Why not become part of this vital team?** Autumn events include...



Emily Pillinger
JOINT SECRETARY

Emily is mum to Ernie (y4) Mahaka (y2) and Ezra who joins reception in September 2024. Emily is also a TA at the school although currently on Mat leave since welcoming baby Imani 🥰



Stephanie Laver
TREASURER

Steph is mum to Archie (who has just finished Y6) and Teddy who joins reception in September 2024. Steph also manages all our social media and e-mail accounts.








Lisa Murton
CHAIR

Lisa is mum to Freddie (y3). Lisa is our raffle queen and link to real world studios in Box.



Anna Kay
JOINT SECRETARY

Anna is mum to Charlotte (y3) and Emma (y1). Anna and her family are part of our local farming community.

Fri. 27th Sept.	AGM @ 2.30pm in Management Room – all welcome!	
Fri. 11th Oct	Chocolate Tasting Evening for adults @ 7-10pm in School Hall	
Fri. 18th Oct.	School Disco and Mufti Day @ 3.25 – 4.15pm in School Hall	
Sat. 23rd Nov.	Wreath Making @ 7-10pm in School Hall	
Fri 6th Dec.	School Bazaar – during the afternoon in School Hall Corsham Light Switch On from 5pm	



Things to do in Corsham...

This Saturday, Corsham will be a hive of activity with the 'Corsham Street Fair', which takes place from 12pm – 4pm. These are always great gatherings with music, food, drink, entertainment, stalls and lots more. Please see the Town Council website for further details and for up and coming events.
<https://www.corsham.gov.uk/>



Saint Patrick's Church and Events...

As a school, we are blessed to have close ties to our Parish Church and Father Michael Fontaine, our parish priest. We all enjoy visiting our church for Mass and weaving Catholic spirituality and ethos into everything we do.



You can find out more about our church community, by visiting 'The Catholic Churches of Saint Patrick, Corsham & Our Lady of the Assumption, Chippenham website' at the following address <https://chippenham-and-corsham-catholics.org.uk/> They would welcome volunteers to help with flower arranging, cleaning the church or to attend events such the **Harvest Supper on Friday 27th September at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Hall**, where everyone is welcome, bring your own drinks, admission free (you can obtain a ticket at Church). There is also a **Charity Quiz Night on Friday 18th October at 6pm**. Bring your own food and drink – Tickets £5 per adult/children free, contact Guy 07720315578

If you would like to attend Mass at Saint Patrick's, you can at **9am every Sunday** and other Mass times can be found on the website.

Corsham Churches Foodbank



Description

The Corsham Churches Foodbank can provide enough food for 3 days for individuals and families in crisis in the community area.
The foodbank runs on a voucher system. Vouchers are issued by professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and staff from other support agencies.

Service Details

Locations:
St Aldhelm's Church, Pickwick Road, Corsham, SN13 9BS (directions displayed on map)

Organisation:
Corsham Churches Foodbank

Service Type:
Money and Finance

Website:
www.corshamchurchesfoodbank.org.uk

Time and date information

Opening Times:

- Tuesday 10am-12noon
- Saturday 10am-12noon



Corsham Churches Foodbank...

As a church and school community, we support the Corsham Churches Foodbank in our town. The foodbank is about local people helping each other and you can get involved by donating at local drop off points such as Co-op (Martingate Centre), Sainsbury's (Chippenham) or any of the local churches. We will be donating our Harvest Festival produce to the Foodbank and will start collecting in October. More details to follow.

At present, donations are vital as the demand is high. If you would like further information, or would like to know about how to obtain food for your family, you can speak to Mrs Courtney at school or follow the link to the foodbank website

<https://corshamchurchesfoodbank.org.uk/>

New Ideas...

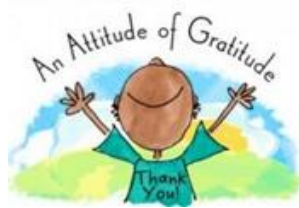
As you will appreciate, in a cost of living crisis, money is tight for everyone...including our families and schools. If you need any support for your family, please come and speak with Mrs Jennie Courtney (Headteacher) or Mrs Charlotte Minty (Deputy Headteacher), as we are here to help.

Community Grants

Do you work or are connected to a local, national or global business, who have community grants available to schools? If you do, please could you pass on any details to Mrs Courtney through our School Office Team admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk We are dedicated to ensuring that our children take part in wonderful learning, use high quality resources and attend interesting and inspiring trips, so that they can develop their skills and talents and ALL reach their full potential. However, in the current financial climate, this is more of a challenge than ever before. If you know of any links which could help us, we would love to hear from you!



Well-Being for All



Our own well-being, and that of those around us, is incredibly important and has been our focus for the last academic year and the year ahead. At school, we are learning about having an **'Attitude of Gratitude'**, to make our community a positive place for us all to live in. The world at the moment can be a challenging place to be, from our own busy life styles and financial concerns, to disputes and sadness in other areas of our global family. When our brains hear the negativity in the news, it can be that we can start to believe that is all there is. However, in our school and wonderful local community, we know there is a lot of good out there!

When we are sharing smiles and thinking positively, we have a 'happiness advantage'. This allows us to feel positive and more engaged, creative, motivated, energetic, resilient and be better learners. To do this we have to find things which make us see the world through a more positive lens. This could be a hobby, exercise, spending time with family, keeping a diary of all the good in your day or being out in nature. One thing which the staff have been doing for the past year, is a 'Walk and Talk' group in association with The Methuen Arms, and it has been great! We are delighted to say that if there is enough interest, we can now offer this as something for parents.



Walk and Talk with The Methuen Arms

Would you like to be part of a group, who can meet once a week after school drop off, for a walk



around our beautiful town and then a hot drink, cake and chat at The Methuen Arms? They are offering Saint Patrick's families the opportunity to do this for the rest of 2024, at a **reduced price of a hot drink and cake for £6.** Toddlers, babies,

dogs and of course other family members would all be welcome!

Please contact Mrs Courtney through the School Office Team, if you would be interested, and we will try to co-ordinate a day which suits the majority. If the response is positive, **we would be looking for volunteer parents to co-ordinate this group from then on.** Staff have thoroughly enjoyed this and it could be a great way to meet new people and share some positivity!

Mrs Courtney and Mrs Minty