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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

Week ending Friday 8th November

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

Welcome back to term 2! We hope you all had a lovely half term, whether you were at home or travelled further afield. This term is always a busy, but wonderful one, and we look forward to welcoming you into our school for Open Day, Celebrations Assemblies and our many Christmas events!

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our school attendance to be **96%**, and this week our whole school attendance has been 96%. If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the school office and we will be happy to discuss this matter further with you. From children having difficulty sleeping to medical concerns, please contact us and we can support your family or signpost you to the best people. **Please remember to inform the School Office if your child is not attending school and to give a reason for their absence, for our records.**



We are required to monitor the amount of time missed due to medical appointments carefully. We acknowledge that hospital and specialist clinic appointments, including orthodontic and on-going dental treatment may require a student having time out of school. Our expectation is that the minimum amount of learning is lost. We must seek an explanation from parents where a whole day is missed for this reason. Proof of unavoidable medical appointments in school time must be provided for the school. Routine, non-urgent appointments must be made after school time and during the 13-week school holidays.

CHANGE TO OFFICE OPENING HOURS – Our School Office will be open daily from 8.45am – 3.15pm. Outside these hours, please leave a message on the school answering machine, on 01249 713125. You can also email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk in the case of an emergency, please go to the Meerkatz entrance and ring the doorbell.

CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms is fully accessible to all families with children in Years 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry is available for our Reception families. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum updates for your child/ren's class. This information includes:

- A curriculum update for the term
- Termly curriculum newsletter
- Weekly Home Learning
- * PE days for your child/ren
- * Termly key vocabulary
- * Notices e.g. school trip details, changes to normal timetable

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE CORSHAM CHURCHES FOODBANK – A huge thank you from the team of volunteers at the foodbank for your kind donations, following our Harvest collection. With the cost of living crisis your donations have been more important than ever, and more appreciated than you know. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS DAY (1ST NOV) AND ALL SOULS DAY (2ND NOV) – In our Celebration of the Word worship on Monday, we learnt about All Saints Day and All Souls Day. November is traditionally a month when we pray for the Holy Souls. These are not only people we have known and loved, but also people who have lived their lives really well, following God's message. This month of remembrance reminds us of the importance of love and living the best lives we can.

REMEMBRANCE – We will be joining our community in the Corsham Remembrance Events again this year. On **Sunday 10th November**, our Youth Councillors Phoebe and Liam, will represent our school community at the service and laying of wreaths. This will be at the War Memorial at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend this poignant and important gathering. A Requiem Mass with Acts of Remembrance for the Fallen will be celebrated on Sunday 10th November, at 9am in St. Patrick's Church. We have been selling poppies, buns, reflectors etc every morning before school in support of the Royal British Legion. We thank you on their behalf, for your support.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – If you would like your child (school year 3 and above) to join the programme, please collect an application in person from Fr Michael or the Parish Administrator, after Mass at either church on Saturday/Sunday and have a chat. A vital part of the preparation for this sacrament is the weekly attendance at Mass. **The closing date for applications is 15th December 2024.**

ENRICHMENT

PGL RESIDENTIAL FOR YEAR 6 – Next week Year 6 will be heading to PGL Liddington, for their residential. Please can parents remember to clearly label any medication needed, and hand this in to Mrs Wood on Monday morning. We are looking forward to it being a great week. Thank you.

SOFT ARCHERY DAY YEARS 1-6 – On **Monday 18th November**, Years 1 – 6 will take part in a Soft Archery Enrichment Day. All children will need to come to school in their PE uniform, ready to take part. We are sure it is going to be a great day for all, learning a new skill.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

PARENTS EVENING – Thank you to all those who met with their child/ren’s Class Teacher(s) at our online Parents Evening this week. These are important meetings for us to work together, to ensure that all of our children reach their full potential, in all areas of school life. If you could not attend, please contact your Class Teacher(s), to book a time as soon as possible.

OPEN DAYS – Our second Open Day will be on **Thursday 14th November @ 9.30am**. All are welcome! If you know of any families moving into the area with older children, who would like to visit our school, please ask them to contact the Office Team to arrange a tour of our school.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR 2024 – If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school. You must complete an application form that is available from the school’s admission team at Wiltshire County Council. **Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2025 via Wiltshire Admissions**. If your child is Catholic, you must provide a copy of the Baptism Certificate to the school by this date.

SCHOOL WEBSITE – Our new school website is live! We have encountered technical difficulties with our provider, but hope it will now be in full working order.

PTFA EVENTS IN TERM 2 – Our PTFA are leading many wonderful events this term, which we hope to see many of you attending. **You can order your own gorgeous Christmas Tree from the PTFA online shop by 13th November 2024, to collect on 30th November or 7th December. Wreath Making will take place on Saturday 23rd November @ 7pm in the school hall.** This is always a very popular event and we would recommend booking online asap. Tickets cost £25 pp, to include a welcome drink and nibbles. More events are listed in the future events section of the calendar.

Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 11th Nov	Celebration of the Word @Remembrance’ – school Year 6 Leave for PGL
Tues. 12th Nov	3.15 – 4.15pm Tag Rugby Club – Years 4/5/6
Wed. 13th Nov	Year 6 return from PGL Year 4 swimming 2/6 Year 5 Rehearsal and Performance 1 @ Wiltshire Music Centre – see letter
Thurs. 14th Nov	Open Morning @ 9.30am Year 5 Tag Rugby Cosham Cluster Competition 3.15-4.14pm Multi-Sports - Reception
Fri. 15th Nov	Year 5 Performance 2 @ Wiltshire Music Centre – see letter 2.30pm Celebration Assembly – invited parents
Mon. 18th Nov	Enrichment Soft Archery day – Years 1-6 - PE uniform to be worn
Tues. 19th Nov	3.15 – 4.15pm Tag Rugby Club – Years 4/5/6
Wed. 20th Nov	Year 4 swimming 3/6
Thurs. 21st Nov	Year 6 Hockey Cosham Cluster Competition 3.15-4.14pm Multi-Sports - Reception
Fri. 22nd Nov	2.30pm Celebration Assembly – invited parents
Future Dates....	
<i>Wed. 13th Nov – Closing date to order Christmas Trees</i>	
<i>Sat. 23rd Nov – PTFA Wreath Making Event 7-9pm – book online</i>	
<i>Sat. 30th Nov – first collection of Christmas Trees</i>	
<i>Sat. 7th Dec – second collection of Christmas Trees</i>	

INSET DAYS FOR 2024-25
Mon. 2nd September 2024
Tues. 3rd September 2024
Mon. 2nd June 2025
Tues. 3rd June 2025
Wed. 4th June 2025

We would like to close our newsletter with some lovely news! A huge congratulations to Miss Jones and her family, who will be welcoming a new addition in March 2025. We know you will all join us in sending our love and good wishes to them all.

Jennie Courtney
Headteacher

St Patrick's PTFA Christmas Tree Sale 2024

We are delighted to be able to offer a selection of local farm grown trees of varying sizes and varieties to suit your home

Please pre-order your trees by purchasing your preferred option from our online shop (details on attached information). Order deadline 13.11.24. By completing a purchase, you are committing to collecting your tree on the specified dates.

Collection of your tree can be made 30.11.24 (Nordman Firs) or 07.12.24 (Nordman Fir/Norway Spruce), from Southview Farm, Box.



St Patrick's PTFA Christmas Wreath Making

Join us for a fun filled festive evening making some beautiful Christmas wreaths!

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available to purchase on the evening.

Saturday 23rd November 2024
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Hall
7.00 - 9.00pm

£25.00 per person
to include welcome drink and nibbles

Please buy tickets at
<http://purchasetickets.wiltshire.gov.uk/23>

to secure your space.

Please note that spaces are limited, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment. 

*The Catholic Churches of St Patrick Corsham
and St Mary Chippenham presents...*

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

St Patrick's Church Hall Corsham

Saturday 14th December

13:30 - 15:30

All are welcome!

COME STICK SWEETS INTO ORANGES



For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years
old before September 2025?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2025

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide
to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council