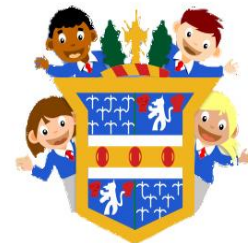


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## Saint Patrick's Newsletter

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

### Week ending Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

#### Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Monday, and Teddy is getting use to meeting everyone in our community and being part of our Saint Patrick's family. Thank you to all of the children and families for their drawings, writing and various little gifts, which have been sent in. Teddy is feeling like a very lucky puppy!

#### 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 95%. 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. Our School Office is open daily from 8.45am – 3.15pm.** 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.

**PARKING:** As we start a new term, can we remind all parents and families, to be safe, considerate and legal, when parking on the Lacock Road. We were visited by Wiltshire Traffic department last term, and we would not want any of our families fined. Please remember to use your parking permits allocated at the start of the year, in our local car parks.

#### CURRICULUM

**TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS** – Google Classrooms is fully accesible 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

**WORLD BOOK DAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH** – On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of March, we will be celebrating Word Book Day by inviting children and staff to dress up as their favourite character – this is optional. We are excited to be offering a fun filled day where children can read lovely books, hear stories and be authors in their own classrooms! To kick start the day, Miss Wilkinson will be sharing a brand-new picture book called 'OI PUPPIES' by Kes Gray and Jim Field. This has been chosen as it is all about puppies and its' whacky humour will appeal from Reception to Year 6! The children will then have the opportunity to write their own funny dog story or poem. It could be.....'The Amazing Adventures of Teddy' or 'Teddy's first Day at School'. After writing and illustrating, they can share their stories with other classes and enjoy all the creative ideas.



*Ms Wilkinson (Writing Subject leader)*

**RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLIES** – It was lovely to see so many of you attend our postponed class assemblies today. We have been so impressed that Reception and Year 1, had managed to not only remember their lines, but also sang words and the organisaion of two fantatsic class assemblies. I am afraid I was called to a meeting on the day, but was lucky enough to see the dress rehearsals for both. I am sure you will join me in saying how wonderful they all were and how proud we were of them as their school family.

#### LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

**MR NEWSTEAD'S FUNERAL AND CHANGE TO SCHOOL DAY TIMES ON FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Many families have asked about donations towards funeral flowers and the family have asked me to pass on that they would ask any donations to be made through AJB Funeral Directors, to the charity Sense. Sense is a local charity, which supports children and young people, with hearing and visual impairments, MSI, physical disabilities, autism and learning disabilities. You can use the following link <https://ajbfunerals.co.uk/notices/> to donate.

We would like to remind everyone that we still have our book of condolence open for Mr Newstead's family, from his Saint Patrick's family. We know how much he meant to us all and we would encourage you to come to school, to sign the book and share your memories of Mr Newstead. You will find the book in the lobby, in front of the School Office. Please remember that school will be open between 8.40 – 11am on Friday 7th March, to allow staff to attend Mr Newstead's funeral.

### ENRICHMENT

**CORSHAM 10K RUNNING TEAM** – We are raising money in aid of Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Parent Teacher and



Friends Association. We have a fabulous team that are running The Corsham 10km this year in support of our wonderful school. Jennie Courtney (Head Teacher), David Moore (Parent and School Governor), Joey Pillinger (Parent and Local Business Owner) and Stephanie Laver (Parent and PTFA Treasurer) will all be donning their running shoes, along with Ernie (Y4) who will be running the 2km, also to raise money for St Patrick's. All funds raised will go directly to supporting the children and school in providing for the everyday essentials that the budgets simply don't stretch to, as well as those special, fun experiences and extracurricular activities. The PTFA support the school by providing supplies to each class such as cooking

ingredients and art supplies as well as helping to keep iPads up to date and the library replenished with fabulous new books each year. We also help the whole school by supplementing coach costs to ensure every child can experience and benefit from the wonderful school trips. This year we hope to continue all the above, as well as providing discos, summer events, workshops and cinema nights to name just a few. As a PTFA our aim is to do as much as we can not only for the school, but also our local community. **We are not runners and this is very much a challenge for us** (we've all started our running journey since Christmas!!) so any support either financially or by simply supporting us on the day is very much appreciated - we know there are some very crafty artists at St Patrick's with some amazing support banner making skills and loud voices for cheering us on!! A huge thank you in advance for your contribution to our fundraising efforts in this event, and as always thank you for your continued and ongoing support is all things St Patrick's and PTFA. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-us-raised-funds-for-our-school?qid=c5eb2200a870d57deb6bcb28b294b703>

### PARENTS AS PARTNERS

**PE UNIFORM** – Please can we remind all families that our PE uniform is as follows...a white polo shirt or white T-shirt \*, navy shorts or 'skort', daps or plain black or white trainers, navy or black tracksuit, navy or black sweatshirt. \*Please note that polo shirts and T-shirts are available with the school logo as an option. **We would ask all families to adhere to our uniform policy, which can be found on the school website, and to not send your child in branded PE clothes.** Many thanks.

### Dates for your Diary...

<b>Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Reception Parents Evening on School Cloud 3.30 – 5.50pm
<b>Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reception Parents Evening on School Cloud 3.30 – 5.50pm
<b>Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ash Wednesday Service in school – school only Y5 Whole Class Swimming (1/3)
<b>Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book day – details to follow next term
<b>Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mr Newstead's funeral - <b>School closes at 11am today</b>
<b>Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mental health awareness Day Wear Yellow! Y5 Whole Class Swimming (2/3)
<b>Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Corsham Schools Netball – Y5 children – parents to be contacted
<b>Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reception and Key Stage 1 Pilgrimage for Year of Hope (onsite) led by Year 6 2.30pm Year 4 class assembly – Year 4 families invited

### INSET DAYS FOR 2024-25

**Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
**Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**  
**Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**  
**Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**  
**Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### Future Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 17th March – Saint Patrick's Feast Day Celebrations in school – more details to follow  
 Fri. 21st March - Year 6 Class Assembly – Year 6 families welcome  
 Mon. 24th – Wed. 26th March – Year 5 @ Kilve Court Residential  
 Fri. 28th March - Mass at St. Patrick's @ 11am – Year 3 and 4 – families welcome  
 Mon 31st March – We begin 'Stay and Pray' daily drop in prayers for anyone 9 – 9.30am all week – all are welcome!  
 Wed. 2nd April - World Autism Awareness Day- Assembly led by Mrs Robertson – school only  
 Thurs. 3rd April – Rock Steady Concert – invited families only  
 Friday 4th April – Last day of term  
 Year 5 Class Assembly – Year 5 families welcome  
 Year 1 – Year 6 Mid-Year Reports out to Parents

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Jennie Courtney*  
 (Headteacher)