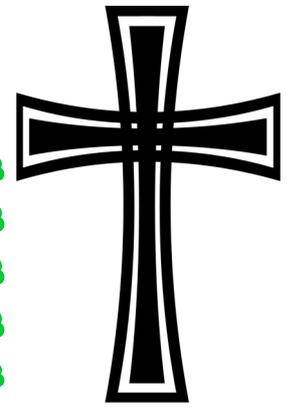


St Patrick's School Newsletter

February 2018



Our Mission is to follow the loving example shown by Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very short half-term - we seem to be just back from Christmas and it's the holidays already!

You may have been wondering why Mrs Hill has not been around for the past few weeks. I am very sorry to have to tell you that she is very unwell and will not be back at work for several months. Please could we ask for your prayers for her and her family at this difficult time. The Governing Body will be making temporary arrangements to cover her Deputy Headteacher post and we will let you know more after half-term.

The staff and governors had two thought-provoking days exploring the school's mission and vision at the start of term and you can read Mr Balaam's report on the school website. It was wonderful to see so many creative ideas for making our school an even more inspiring and joyful place for our children.

Our Patrick Attitude for this half-term has been Aspiration and we all loved seeing the children dress up last week in the jobs they wanted to do. We had everything from mad scientists to pop stars, comedians to doctors and even an agricultural consultant! Look out for photos and a video on the website. Next half-term our focus will be on Perseverance. We also had a very colourful Chinese Day yesterday, led by Yr 4 with their dragons, Chinese food and dancing. Some of the children may even be able to have a conversation with you in Chinese!

This will be the last newsletter in the current format. Starting at Easter, we will be producing a colour brochure-style newsletter at the end of every term with a page for every year group so that you can read and see photos of the things they have been doing. Please also do sign up to our Twitter feed and keep a regular eye on our website for more frequent updates.

We wish you all a restful half-term holiday and some quality family time together. Children return to school as normal on **Monday 19th February**.

Michael Lobo
Headteacher

Our Lenten Journey



Next Tuesday is Pancake Day and then on Ash Wednesday, we start our 40 days preparation for the great celebrations of Holy Week. All our parish churches will be having services to distribute the ashes next Wednesday and Fr Paul will be in school on Tuesday 20th to distribute ashes to the school community.

Parents Meetings

Parents meetings with teachers will be on Tuesday 20th March and Monday 26th March.

Welcome!



To our new staff: Mr Ben Hawkes to teach in Y5, Mrs Sam Collins as PA to the Leadership Team and Mr Pablo Alonso to teach Spanish, French and PE.

SPSA



I am delighted to tell you that several parents have put themselves forward to help run the SPSA. To discuss this further, we will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 7th March at 9am - all are welcome.

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Our topic next half-term is World of Work, and we are turning our outside area into a "Building Site", therefore we are in need of the following, to enhance the experience for the children:

- Children's wheelbarrows
- Children's brushes / rakes
- Small pieces of wood
- Large pieces of polystyrene



We would also love parents (of children in any year) to come in to talk to the children about your job / profession—could you spare ten minutes at the end of the school day? You could show photos or objects related to your job.

Please speak to Mrs Mabey or Ms Alexander Thank you



We had a special guest in to show us how to write our names in Chinese (we used a wolf hair brush!) and to cut decorative Chinese flowers. The children were given an envelope with money in, we made spring rolls and wove mandalas.



Easy Peasy Spring Roll Recipe

Mix grated carrots, thinly slice white cabbage and red onion and mix in some ready cooked thin noodles. Then squirt garlic paste, ginger paste and a few splashes of soy sauce. Mix thoroughly.

Use spring roll squares from Chinese supermarket and lay each one in front of us with the point facing you. Then put a spoonful of mixture in each one before rolling them up (fold the sides in) and seal them with a little cornflour mixed with water. Sprayed them with some olive oil and baked them in the oven for 25-30mins on quite a hot temperature. Eat them with sweet chilli sauce.

After School/ Breakfast Club

Thank you to all those who completed the online survey. I am very pleased to tell you that there is clearly enough demand for both a Breakfast Club and an After-School Club and as a result, we are moving into the setting-up stage. We will keep you updated with our progress.



**In our school, we remember that
God made us all
and we are all equally loved and valued.**