



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy

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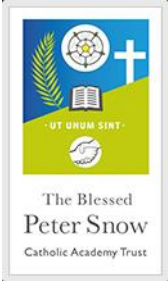
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Date: Wednesday 13th July 2022

As we approach the end of another very successful year at St Patrick's, I wanted to share some news with you.



Virtues:

Our Virtue this Week is: **Service**

Service is giving to others and making a difference in their lives.

I am a person of service when:

- I have compassion for those who need help.
- I do my part to make a better world.
- Be helpful without waiting to be asked.
- I consider their needs as important as my own.

When you act with a spirit of service, you can change the world.

Staffing updates:

Miss Nicola Blanchfield, who has been an integral part of our staff team for 7 years, has made the difficult decision to leave St Patrick's and have a new career working for CAFOD. We would like to say a huge thank you and good luck to Miss Blanchfield as she looks ahead to beginning a new and exciting chapter in her life. We will miss Miss Blanchfield greatly, but know that she will have huge success in her new career working for CAFOD. I have no doubt you will all join with the staff and governors to thank her immensely for the many years of dedication she has given to the pupils of St Patrick's – we wish her all the very best.



Mrs Elizabeth Graham will be leaving St Patrick's at the end of the year to return to nursing in the NHS. Mrs Graham has been a very valued member of the staff team for the past eighteen months and we will certainly miss her. We wish her lots of luck in her new adventures.





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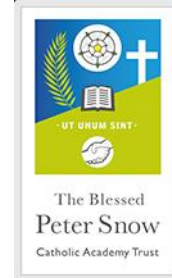
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Mrs Lynn Hallahan will be retiring from her role as Nursery Nurse in our EYFS Unit. She has been such an important part of the EYFS team for 13 years and will be hugely missed but we hope that she and her husband are able to enjoy many happy years of retirement together. I have no doubt you will all join with the staff and governors to thank her immensely for the many years of dedication she has given to the pupils of St Patrick's – we wish her all the very best.

We hope that the staff who are leaving will keep St Patrick's School firmly planted in their hearts and ensure they make regular visits back as they will always be a part of our school family.

Our new staff:

The governors and I are very pleased to share with you that we have been very successful in our appointments in preparation for the next academic year.



Class teacher: We will be welcoming a new teacher to our staff team – Miss Harriet Mackinney who is currently at St Columba's Catholic Academy, Bradford within the Diocese of Leeds. She will be the class teacher in Class 4 next year.

ETA in the EYFS Unit: We will be welcoming a new member of staff to the EYFS team – Mrs Danila Tinti who is currently a member of the support staff in a school in Leeds.

ETA for LKS2: We will be welcoming Mrs Louise Dyson to the staff team as a member of the support staff. In the next academic year Mrs Dyson will be supporting across Classes 3 and 4. She is currently a member of staff at St John Fisher High School within the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust.

Class Teachers: Mrs Moira McWalters and Mrs Jayne Morgan will be returning to St Patrick's and both working as the Class 1 teacher team. Mrs McWalters will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Morgan on a Thursday and Friday.

I know that as a school community we will all join together to welcome our new staff and make sure they settle in well and feel part of the wonderful St Patrick's family. It is such a special place to learn and work we are sure they will be very happy, as we all are.

Mrs Rebecca Cheetham will be returning to the EYFS Unit to join Miss Fay Jeffels as the EYFS teaching team. She will be our EYFS Leader and continuing her role as Early Reading and Phonics lead in school. We thank her for taking on this role over the next year.

Mrs Jenny Hasioszyn has taken the decision to reduce to a part-time member of our teaching staff and will be working across school covering PPA and Leadership development time.





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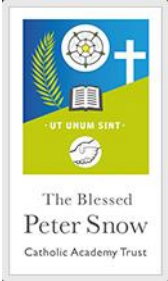
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Parent Governor Elections:



We had one nomination for Parent Governor to join the Academy Council which means that we have not needed to go to a vote.

As such, **Mrs Michelle Chappell-Dixon has been duly elected to the Academy Council.** The governors and myself would like to welcome her to the Academy

Council. Mrs Chappell-Dixon joined her first meeting on Wednesday 6th July – the

Full Academy Council meeting. We do however still have another Parent Governor position available and so we will have another election in the Autumn term.

Sports Day:

On **Friday 15th July** we will be having our sports day on the field at the back of school. If the weather remains hot please make sure you put sun cream on your child **BEFORE school** and send them with plenty of water and a sunhat.



EYFS and KS1 classes (Class 1, 1-2 and 2) will be in the morning 9:30 – 11:30am

KS2 classes (Class 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be in the afternoon 1:30 – 3:30pm

Our Sports Coach Becky Joyce, our PE Leader Mrs Cheetham and our Year 6 pupils will be running the event, which we are very much looking forward to as it is the first Sports Day with parents invited since before the pandemic. There will be an allocated space for parents with some benches to sit on.

Whole School Transition Afternoon:



On Monday 18th July, all our pupils will have the opportunity to spend the afternoon in their new class for next year. We hope this will allow the pupils to get to know their new teacher, find out about what life will be like in the new class and support a successful transition.

There will be NO swimming for Year 5 as this week was the final session.

The pupils will be brought out at the end of the day by their class teacher from this year following the usual arrangements.

Pupils who will be in Classes 1, 1-2 and 2 next year, will bring a letter home on Monday informing you of which class they will be in from September 2022. Pupils in Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 have one class for each year.





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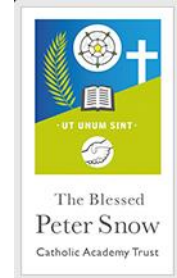
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Classes for 2022-2023:

CLASS	CLASS TEACHER	EDUCATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANT
EYFS Unit	R Cheetham (EYFS Leader) F Jeffels	D. Tinti
Class 1	M McWalters, J Morgan	<u>Working across KS1:</u> K Greenwood, S McLoughlin, M Cowban, T Marsden
Class 1-2	E Gott	
Class 2	C Wolanski	
Class 3	E Bairstow	<u>Working across LKS2:</u> A Redick, L Dyson J Dunne (1-1 support)
Class 4	H Mackinney	
Class 5	F Abbott, J Hasioszyn	B Godbold
Class 6	K Walker	E Barber N McArdley, J Loveday (1-1)

Attendance in school 2021-2022:

Good school attendance is vital to enable pupils to make good progress in their learning and reach the age related expectations at the end of each year and at the statutory assessment points.

Whole School Attendance:

Whole School Attendance (Nursery to Year 6) from September 5th to July 8th is **95.37%**

Whole School Attendance Statutory School age Rec to Y6 only from September 5th to July 8th is **95.62%**

Class Attendance from September 5th to July 8th:

Government expectation is at least 96% attendance

EYFS: Nursery – 87.33% Reception – 93.58%

Key Stage 1: Class 1 – 96.07% Class 1-2 – 96.04% Class 2 – 96.59%

Key Stage 2: Class 3 – 95.91% Class 4 – 96.05% Class 5 – 95.19% Class 6 – 95.33%

*School learning days lost by pupils to term time holidays this year: **170 days lost learning***

Let us please try to cut this down significantly next year following a year of holidays impacted by the pandemic. **PLEASE avoid booking holidays in term time – please use the 13 weeks of statutory holidays.**

Thank you for your understanding and supportive partnership, working together for the good of the pupils in our care.

Kind regards Mrs Clare Moulding (Headteacher)



Attendance Matters

