



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lent is an important time in the Catholic faith where we look forward to the arrival of Easter. During Lent, we try to support those in need. As part of this, we are going to do 'Fundraising Friday'. Every Friday in Lent we will raise money for The Good Shepherd Appeal, which goes towards helping families in need. Please see the list below of our planned events to look forward to after the half term:

- **Friday 23rd February – Bend the Rules day**

On this day only, your child can choose to bend one or more of the rules below. There is a 50p charge for every rule your child chooses to break and the money should be brought into school on Friday 23rd February in a named, sealed envelope. The school council have devised a set of rule breaks below:

Wear a non-uniform top to school
Bring a teddy bear to school
Wear nail varnish or a temporary tattoo at school
Wear your pyjamas/ onesie to school
Wear a hat in class for the whole day
Eat your pudding before your main course

- **Friday 1st March – Luxury hamper**

On this day, please bring a luxury item into school that could form part of a luxury class hamper. This could be a bottle of wine brought to the office by an adult, a box of chocolates or a packet of biscuits as examples. Each class will create a luxury item hamper with the items that have been donated. On Friday 1st March and any day during the week after, your child is able to bring 20p to purchase a single raffle ticket or £1 for a strip to enter into the luxury hamper raffle. We will then draw the raffles in assembly on Friday 8th March.

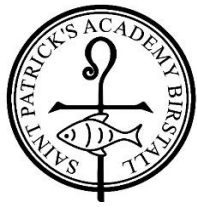
- **Friday 8th March - World Book Day - £1 suggested voluntary donation**

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, or in their comfy pyjamas. We will enjoy reading themed activities and plenty of opportunities to share books on this day.

- **Friday 15th March – St Patrick's Day**

We will be celebrating in school with our annual 'St Patrick's Got Talent' show for the pupils in the afternoon. The children are able to come to school in green non-uniform clothes to celebrate St Patrick's day. There will be no cost for the non-uniform on this day.

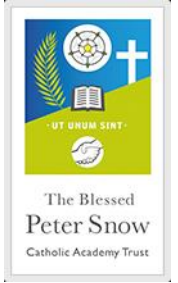




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- **Monday 18th March – St Patrick's Day Mass**

We will be having a whole school mass at St Patrick's Church at 9:45am on this day. If you are available and would like to walk with your child's class, please speak to your child's class teacher via Class Dojo to confirm the arrangements.

- **Friday 22nd March – International Maths Day - £1 suggested voluntary donation**

On Friday 22nd March, the children can come to school wearing non-uniform clothes and dress in digits! They can wear anything with numbers on, or they may like to get creative and create a costume incorporating numbers. Below, are some photographs for potential ideas for costumes. During the day, we will be completing various different Maths challenges.



- **Monday 25th March – Mini Vinnies Batley Food Bank Appeal**

Please bring in a tin or dried food product on this day to support the Mini Vinnies.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity, as we look ahead to the season of Lent.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Gott (Deputy Headteacher)

