

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

The Catholic Diocese of Lancaster

Newsletter

September 2022

We would, as a school, like to acknowledge our sadness at the passing of our queen, HRH Elizabeth II. We have postponed some upcoming events as a mark of respect. They will be rescheduled at a more appropriate time.



Welcome back to all of our school families

It has been lovely to welcome back all of our children after summer. We would also like to welcome all of our new children in EYFS (Reception Class) and some new staff this term. Mrs Allen will be working in the school office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Mr Bond who will be covering Mr Bellhouse in Year 4.

Key Stage Meetings

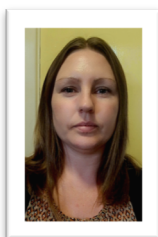
There will be two information meetings hosted in school in the coming weeks to share information about how our children learn, our new maths scheme and how our children learn to read. Information will also be shared about how our reading books work and when children are heard read etc. We would encourage all parents to attend so that you feel informed.

The meetings will be held after school at **3:30pm**:

**EYFS, YEAR 1, YEAR 2:
YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**MONDAY - September 19th
THURSDAY – September 22nd**

Family Support Mentor



From September, we are welcoming our new Family and Child support Mentor, Miss Gregory. The role of our family and child support mentor will be to help children or families in school that are struggling with their learning or with family issues. The mentor will be able to give time to talk, support, signpost to services and help with food crisis, uniform and other issues around housing and mental health. She will be hosting a

drop in session / coffee and chat for anyone who wishes to access support or just to grab a coffee. The dates for these are yet to be set but we will let you know in due course. Drop in sessions will be hosted on Mondays from 1:30pm. If you wish to come along and talk to Miss Gregory, please feel free to do so. Alternatively, appointments can be booked through the office

Reading at Home



Reading at home with your child is the key to success at school and in later life. It is really important to try and hear your child read at home each night. (Please fill in their reading record.) We are going to be having a whole school drive on the importance of reading and growing a love of books. Please look out for opportunities in the autumn term. Below are a few hints that will help you promote reading with your child.

Make reading visible; have books available in your home

Share books every day;

Boys need to see that reading is something men do.

Talk about books.

Sit and listen - don't do chores around the reader!

Respect choices.

School Website and APP

In our bid to be environmentally friendly, we have reduced the number of paper letters that we send out. We would encourage all of our parents to access letters via our APP or the website. We can also arrange for letters or messages to be emailed out. Those of you who still wish to receive paper copies, please let us know. Please make sure that school have your email address. Thank you

<http://www.stpatricksheysham.com>

PE Kit

Please could I remind all parents that your child MUST have a PE kit in school at ALL times. PE is not only part of the curriculum but also helps to promote health and wellbeing. PE kits can be purchased from the Uniform and Leisurewear Shop near the Arndale Centre.

School Uniform

Already in school we have had children misplace new school jumpers and cardigans. We realise that school uniform is not cheap and cannot constantly be replaced. PLEASE can I appeal to you to write your child's name in the label so we can return

uniform. We have lots build up over the year that we cannot return because we do not know who owns them.

Tuck Shop

Tuck shop is available for healthy snacks at playtimes on a Mon Wed & Fri. All items are 20p

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club is available to parents from 7:40am in school. The cost per child is £3.00

After School Club runs from 3:15- 5:50pm every day at a cost of £6.50 per child and £5 each sibling thereafter.

All places can be booked via the school app or at the school office. Payments **must** be made on the day.

Swimming

Our children in Key Stage Two (Y3-6) will take part in swimming lessons this year. Swimming is such an important life skill and we expect ALL children to participate as part of their PE curriculum. The time table will be as follows:

Monday 8:45am – Year 5

Wednesday 10:30am Year 4

Thursday 10:30am – Year 6

Year 3 Will begin swimming after Christmas replacing Year 6 who will then stop.

School Clubs

Afterschool Sports Clubs to begin week commencing 19th September 2022.

- **Monday** - Indoor Athletics training (Y4, Y5 & Y6) Children who decide to attend this will be considered for selection for indoor Athletics tournament on the 7th November 1pm - 3pm
- **Tuesday** - Y1 & Y2 Sports Club
- **Wednesday** - A team football training Y5 & Y6 (Children selected to attend and will be informed by Mr Donlon)
- **Thursday** - B Team football training Y3 & Y4 (Open trials week one 22nd September)
- **Friday** - All Juniors Sports Club

Lunchtime Clubs:

- **Monday** - Girls football training open to all juniors (Girls football tournament at OLCC Monday 3rd October 3pm - 5pm)
- **Tuesday** - Y3 & Y4 Sports Club
- **Wednesday** - Y5 & Y6 Sports Club

Judo Club

This term we will be running an after school Judo Club for children in Key Stage 2 (juniors). This is a bought in service which will be charged at **£12.50 for the 6 weeks**. This price has been 50% subsidised by school to reduce the cost to parents. Judo Club will take place on a Wednesday after school beginning on **September 21st 2022**. Letters will be sent out but parents can register their interest at the school office before then.

Performing Arts

There will be a performing arts (drama and singing) after school on a Tuesday for KS2 children. This will begin Tuesday September 20th 3:15-4:15pm.

First Holy Communion



Catholic children in Year 3 and above are invited to make their first Holy Communion and First Confession (Reconciliation). The proposed date for First Communions next year is Saturday June 10th 2023. If your child is going to be in Year 3 or above, please keep this date in your diary and let school know that it is your intention for your child to make their First Communion this year.

Parking



Thank you for your help!

Thank you to all of those parents who have been very responsive and mindful of safety outside school. **Please park responsibly.**

Attendance / Early Collection from School



Throughout COVID times our attendance at school has been poor. In the new year we must make a determined effort to ensure that all of our children attend school regularly. Therefore, we will not be able to authorise holidays during term time as COVID holidays have now all been caught up.

Also, please could parents refrain from collecting children before 3:15pm unless there is a genuine appointment which can be shown on an appointment card. Early pick up affects your child's learning and is disruptive to the rest of the class. Once assembly has started on Friday, children will not be removed for early departure.

Thank you.

Dates and Information for the new term in September

Parents Evenings:	Monday 7 th November 2022
	Thursday 2 nd March 2023
Infant Nativity:	Tuesday 6 th December 2022 at 1:45pm

Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 1:45 pm
Mass in School: Tuesday 13th September 2pm Beginning of Year Mass
Tuesday 1st November – All Saints Mass
Assessment Weeks: Monday December 5th 2022
Monday March 20th 2023
Y6 SATs Week Monday May 8th 2023
Y2 SATs Week Monday May 15th 2023
Y1 Phonics Assessment Monday June 12th
Sports Days: KS2 Friday June 16th
KS1 Friday June 23rd