



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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4<sup>th</sup> May  
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## May is the Month of Mary

During May we think about Mary's love for us and how she is our mother. The children and families are invited to join together on **Wednesday mornings between 8.15-8.40am** for morning prayers in **the School Prayer Garden** at playtime. We bring the prayers of the school community to our mother Mary and ask her to pray for us and our intentions. The children, staff and community are invited to add their prayer intentions to our Prayer Tree near the School Library.



You are most welcome to make a prayer request.

Many thanks to all the families who brought flowers for the May Assembly today. It was a beautiful celebration led by Year 4.

The family of Kyla and McKenzie would like to send their thanks and appreciation to all the parents, children and staff who have offered their prayers, cards, flowers and support at this very sad time. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers over the coming months.

## We now have a School Jotter App!

We are hoping to move away from the text messaging service T2P to the School App as one of our ways of communicating with you on a regular basis. The text service is expensive for school and we need to save money wherever we can.

**The App service will enable us to send you not only messages and updates but enable easy access to the school calendar, newsletters, photos of events on the day, school website etc.**

Please download the App this weekend (it is free!) and we will be asking you for feedback on it in the near future.

### Simple to download:

Go to either **Googleplay** on an Android phone or **App Store** for iphone users.

Search for **School Jotter**

Enter the school postcode: **LS97QL (no spaces)** or scroll down to **Find St Patrick's Leeds. Install.**



## Dates for your Diary:

This is an important time of the year for national tests. Children throughout school will have progress tests but in Year 1, 2 and 6 the children take part in National Tests. It is vitally important your children are at school.

### **Please help your child by:**

- Making sure they get a good night's sleep at least 10 hours
- Eat breakfast every day
- Read every day to an adult at home

**Year 1- Phonics Test week:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 2- End of Key Stage Tests:** The children will be taking these tests throughout May.

**Year 6- End of Key Stage 2 Tests:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### **7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**

**9-11<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 Residential to Castlerigg in Cumbria

**14-18<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 End of Key Stage National Tests

**14-18<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 2 End of Key Stage National Tests

**18<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 Class Assembly 2.30pm

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Rec and Year 1 class trip to Hesketh farm

**25<sup>th</sup> May** – Break up for the mid-term holiday

**11<sup>th</sup> June** – Return to school after holiday

**11-15<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Phonics Test week

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – New Reception Class Parent meeting at 7pm – **Please note change**

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – FOSP meeting – all parents welcome to join – 7pm School Library - **Please note change**

**15<sup>th</sup> June** – Book People Book Bus visit to school all day – opportunity to buy a book.

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – Meeting for Year 5 parents about the new arrangements for Confirmation

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – New Rec Class Open Morning

**6<sup>th</sup> July** – FOSP Family BBQ at 7pm

**9<sup>th</sup> July** - 7-a-side Football Tournament

**13<sup>th</sup> July** – KS2 Trip to Filey

**17<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Leavers Mass at 7pm with refreshments after in school

**20<sup>th</sup> July** - End of Term Mass / School Closes for the Summer holiday.

## **GDPR**

We sent home a letter this week about the new Data Protection regulations that come into force at the end of May. We will be sending home information for families explaining how we use and store data and new permission forms. Please return any new forms as soon as possible. If you have any queries or questions please contact school.

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**Morning Lexia Club-** If your child has a place at the Lexia Club could you please ensure they attend regularly. The start time is 8.15am so this is the time they should arrive – not earlier or later. Some children are arriving at 8am and some at 8.30am.

## Lexia Clubs

Morning sessions (8.15-8.40am)	WB 7.5.18	WB 14.5.18	After school (3.10-3.45pm)	WB 7.5.18	WB 14.5.18
Tuesday	Yes	Yes	Monday	NO –Bank holiday	Yes
Wednesday	Yes	Yes	Tuesday	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Yes	Yes	Wednesday	Yes	Yes

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Clubs finish at 4.15pm

	Class		WB 7.5.18	WB 14.5.18
Monday	Y5/6	Brass Band	NO –Bank holiday	Yes
Monday	Y3	Art Club	NO – Bank holiday	Yes
Monday	Y4,5&6	Football - boys	NO – Bank holiday	Yes
Tuesday	Y3	Cookery Club	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Y4/5	Dance	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y4,5&6	Football - girls	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y3&4	Recorders	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Y3&4	Basketball	Yes	Yes
Friday	Y5&6	Multi Skills (Hall)	Yes	Yes

## Reading Diaries and Homework Review

Over the last 2 weeks we have reviewed how many times pupils read to parents / an adult at home and how many have completed all their homework on time. Many thanks to all those families that ensure their child reads regularly (at least 3 times a week), signs the diary every time and ensure homework is completed.

**These are essential parts of your child's learning and we need the support of all families.**

We are introducing a **new sanction** where children will have to stay in at playtime if they have not had their diary signed or completed homework. The child will still need to complete these at home.

**Children need to get into good routines at an early age so they can flourish. Please support your child by setting regular times for homework and reading.**

## Policy Review

We have recently reviewed the **Behaviour and Discipline Policy** and **Anti-Bullying Policy** with the children, staff and governors. We have uploaded the reviewed policies to the school website. Please read the new policies and let us know if you have any questions or comments. Two school governors visited school recently to discuss behaviour and bullying with children in school and the children clearly understood the behaviour expectations, how to report any problems and how problems were dealt with. They said they felt safe in school in the playground and in the school building.

# Why do we need sleep?

Sleep helps with learning and memory retention.

Sleep deprivation can cause weight gain.

Stay Safe. Being wide awake helps us stay alert.

Mood. Who isn't in a bad mood when they are tired?

Lack of sleep has been linked to cardiovascular problems.

Getting enough sleep helps maintain a healthy immune system.

**Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old need between 10 to 12 hours of sleep. Some children might need more.**

## What helps you fall asleep?

- Turning off the TV and other electronics
- A dark room
- A warm bath or shower before bed

## Voluntary Contribution Scheme (VCS)

We have the privilege as a Catholic school to determine much of our own curriculum and policies and we can link it to our faith unlike other state schools.

This comes at a price – we have to pay 10% of the upkeep costs of the building.

Our main way of raising these funds is through the voluntary contributions scheme.

**The yearly suggested contribution is £25. Huge thanks to those families who have already returned their contribution this year.**

**The school needs ALL families to contribute please.**

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