



Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School a Catholic Voluntary Academy

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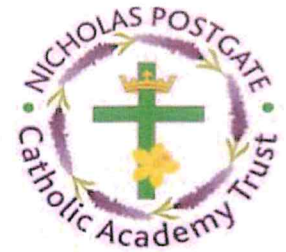
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Forming lives ready to face the future

Welcome Back

Welcome back everybody and we hope that you have had a good summer holiday. A special welcome to our new children who are joining us for the first time. We are quite sure that your time with us here will be happy and fruitful. We look forward to watching you all grow this year as we continue to make St. Patrick's a wonderful place to learn and to be. Last year was a busy and successful year and this year promised to build on that as we enter into the new academy of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. Nicholas Postgate was a Catholic priest that lived in the 1600s and bravely lived out his faith on the North Yorkshire Moors during a hostile time against Catholicism. May we live out our own faiths as we enter into this new school year.

A reminder that you can be kept up to date with things that are going on in our school on our school website and through our twitter account: www.stpatricksthornaby.org.uk

Summer Buildings Work It was a relatively quiet summer by our standards! We have had internal work done to the ICT suite and Library areas. The library and computing room are now more private areas for groups to work in. Outdoor timber on the new builds has been treated and all toilets have been fitted with new taps, soap dispensers, hand dryers and air sanitisers. Mr. Hardy has been busy during the holiday with general maintenance both inside and outside so a huge thanks to him.

Uniform-What a smart looking bunch of children we have- the smartest in Thornaby! Let's keep this up throughout the year and please remind your child that it is important that they look after their belongings. A reminder that no jewellery (especially earrings) should be worn. Older children may wear a watch providing they can use it! Water bottles should be taken home to be cleaned and replenished at the end of each day.

Attendance- Holidays will not be authorised unless of exceptional circumstances so please do not book holidays in term time. Penalty Notices may be issued this year for persistent poor attendance or holidays that cause poor attendance. Our overall school attendance was 96% last year and it would be great to improve upon this next year. It is very important for your child to attend school for both academic and social reasons.

Clubs- Afterschool clubs will begin next week (17th September) and a schedule is attached. We have considered comments from the last parent survey so will be offering a wider range of activities as well as some for our younger children. However, there will be a charge for clubs.



Dates for your Diary- Here are some of the things which will be happening this half-term.

Friday 14th September - Year 6 Crucial Crew and Safety Visit
Monday 17th September - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Monday 24th September-Dental Visit to EYFS
Thursday 27th September- Holland Meeting 3.10 in Class 12
Friday 12th October- Welcome Mass in Church 10am
Monday 15th October- Design and Technology Week
Monday 22nd October- Year 1 Autumn Walk
Tuesday 23rd October-Reception Autumn Walk
23/24th October- Parents Evenings
Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November Half-term Holiday
School re-opens Monday 5th November

Parking- A reminder to park with consideration to our neighbours around school. Our neighbours look out for us especially during the holidays so please respect their space by not parking over driveways. Also, this should go without saying, but please do not drop your child off on Lanehouse Road where there is a double yellow line and a roadside railing. This would be putting your child at risk would be a safeguarding concern if it were to happen.

Packed Lunches-It is pleasing to see that children and parents are making healthier choices with packed lunches especially after recent government guidelines were published about limiting snacks with high levels of sugar in them. Please keep treats to one per lunchtime and crisps only on a Friday. Healthy eating habits are so important-what children eat now will help shape their future health.

And finally, just to leave you all with this simple prayer whether you are a child, parent or adult working in our school:

Loving God,

At the beginning of this new school year teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for and reach out to those in need

Amen



Mr J Conwell
Head Teacher

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