



9th September 2022

## Welcome Back!

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope that you enjoyed the summer break with your families. A very special welcome to children and parents who are new to our school. We are delighted to say that our children have made a great start to the school year and school is a very happy place to be. We welcome two new teachers who have joined us this September, Miss Harding in Class 1 and Miss Friar in Class 8. We welcome them into St.Patrick's family.

### Prayers and Thanksgiving...

Sadly during the holidays, Mr.Ryan's father-Michael-passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Michael was a wonderful character who brought happiness to all whom he met and was a great supporter of our school and well known around Thornaby. May Michael be at peace as we offer our prayers and condolences to Mr.Ryan and his family.

We also celebrate new life among the staff! Mr Barber, with the help of Mrs.Barber of course, brought little Luca Antonio into the world-with a name like that he is bound to play centre forward for the Boro in years to come! Congratulations to the Barber family.

### Uniform

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have sent their children to school looking very smart in our school uniform. The children are a credit to you and represent St.Patrick's impeccably.

A small number of children have returned to school wearing earrings. Our uniform policy, set by our school governors and Trust, clearly states that children must not wear earrings for school. It is very important that we comply with this due to health and safety reasons. Any child wearing earrings for school will not be able to take part in PE lessons and will be restricted at break times too. Obviously, none of us wants children to miss these essential activities at school, but we must put the safety of our children first. Covering the earrings is not enough to prevent accidents happening. We would ask parents and carers of children

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who have their ears pierced to remove the earrings before bringing their child to school. We thank you for your support with this.

### **Attendance**

Once again, we ask for your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance at school. Our aim for all children is to have a minimum of 97% attendance over the school year. To achieve 97% attendance, a child will miss six school days over the course of the year. We understand children get poorly and some time off school may be unavoidable, however, we do encourage you to work with us to ensure your child is at school as much as possible as this ensures they learn as well as they can. We can not authorise holidays in term time and parents may face penalty fines for taking children out of school.

### **School Meals**

The menu for the coming term is on our school website and can be found here:

[School Meals | St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School \(npcat.org.uk\)](https://www.npcat.org.uk/school-meals)

Please contact the school office if you think you may be eligible for free school meals and currently pay for a meal in school.

### **Catholic Life**

As a Catholic community, it is important that we attend Mass every Sunday. Please make every effort to be part of the Catholic community in Thornaby and take your family to Mass so that they can experience being part of a community. There is always a warm welcome and Fr.Pat delights in seeing families at Mass. Mass times are as follows:

St.Patrick's Church: Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 11.00 am and Christ the King Church: Sunday 9:30 am.

As a Catholic school, we will of course assist parents in nurturing their child's faith. We will begin Class Masses and Stay and Pray sessions next week. The parishioners appreciate it when families join them for Class Masses on a Friday. Dates are as follows:

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	<b>Class Mass in Church at 10am</b>	<b>Class Stay and Pray in the school Hall at 9.05am</b>
Friday 16th September	12 and 3	7
Friday 23rd September	11 and 4	6
Friday 30th September	Welcome Mass for New Starters	
Friday Wednesday 5th October	10 and 5	8
Friday 14th October	9 and 8	4
Friday 21st October	6 and 7	5
Friday 4th November	12 and 3	1
Friday 11th November	11 and 4	2
Friday 18th November	10 and 5	3
Friday 25th November	9 and 6	11
Friday 2nd December	8 and 7	10
Friday 9th December	12 and 3	9
Friday 16th December	11 and 4	12

### **Battle of Britain Memorial**

A reminder that this Sunday 11th September commemorates the Battle of Britain and the contribution of the Royal Airforce and celebrates Thornaby's link to the RAF during World War 2. A special service will take place at the Airman's statue on Thornaby Road at 10.45 am. It is a short service lasting only half an hour and we ask that children wear school uniform.

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## Curriculum and School Website

Your child's class teacher will soon be publishing a newsletter to share with you the teaching and learning that will take place this half term. Look out for updates on our school website. Our teachers update class pages where you can find out what your child will be learning each term. You can find this information on the Class Pages section of the website here:

<https://stpatrickscp.npcat.org.uk/>

## Extra Curricular

We have a fantastic range of extracurricular activities on offer this term, both at lunch time and after school. Clubs will begin next week and you will have received a letter outlining what clubs are on offer. Thanks to our staff for facilitating these activities and opportunities for our children to enjoy.

**A date for Year 5 and 6 parents- St.Patrick's Catholic College presents...**



## And finally...

As we write this newsletter, the news of Queen Elizabeth's passing fills our news stations and our hearts with sadness. She has been an incredible monarch who has lived her life in service and dedication to her people. We will be marking this sad and historic moment with

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our children over the coming days of mourning and look forward to the reign of our new King. May she rest in peace...amen.

Thank you all for your continued support you give to our school and we look forward to a happy and successful year ahead.

God Bless

Mr.Conwell

Mr.Ryan

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