



10th January 2023

Happy New Year!

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back and, on behalf of the staff and governors, a Happy New Year to all of our families. Here's hoping that it will be a happy and healthy 2023 for all of us. We would just like to begin the new year with a few reminders and updates.

Catholic Life

Class Masses and Stay and Pray sessions will resume next week. It is a great opportunity to share our faith between home, school and parish so please do join us in school and in Church. Here are dates for the coming half-term:

	Mass at St Patrick's Church 10 am	Stay and Pray 9.05am in school
Friday 20th January	Class 8 and 9	Class 7
Wednesday 25th January	Class 10 and 5	Class 6
Friday 3rd February	Class 6 and 7	Class 8
Friday 10th February	No Mass this week	Class 4
Friday 17th February	Class 11 and 4	Class 5
Friday 3rd March	Class 12 and 3	Class 1
Friday 10th March	Class 8 and 9	Class 2
Friday 24th March	Class 10 and 5	Class 3
Friday 31st March	Class 6 and 7	Class 11

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Curriculum

Our children will be getting up to all sorts of exciting activities and new learning this half-term. A reminder that you can see what your child's spring curriculum will look like in the "Curriculum" and "Class Pages" section of our website. We are reducing the use of paper in school so Curriculum Newsletters and a specific RE Newsletter will be sent out via email but can still be viewed in the class pages section..

<https://stpatrickscp.npcat.org.uk/our-curriculum/>

On-line safety

Also on our website, we have a useful page on information about safety online. It has the minimum age recommendations for certain media platforms. It is worth noting that Tik-tok, Snapchat and Facebook are 13 years old while Whatsapp is 16 years old. Our own recommendation is that children do not access social media while at primary school- they should enjoy physical social interaction and friendships! All use of the internet at home should be supervised by a parent and mobile phone usage should be monitored. Click the link for more details and device information for parents.

<https://stpatrickscp.npcat.org.uk/online-safety/>

Clubs

Here is a reminder of the clubs that are running this half-term and we do have some spaces left so please contact the office:

Monday -KS1 multi sports-Jamie Poole and KS2 art- Miss Harding and Miss Davison

Tuesday -Football training-Jamie Poole

Wednesday -KS1 Languages Mrs.Degnan/Mrs.Colley and KS2 Multi skills Jamie Poole

Thursday -KS1 Board games Mrs.Holtby/Mrs.Close and KS2 Golf Jamie Poole Sports

Friday -KS1 golf Jamie Poole and KS2 Maths in Motion Mr.O'Donnell

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Breakfast Clubs and start of the day

A reminder that the school gates do not open until 8.40am. **All** children need to access school through the gates on Lanehouse Road or Roseberry View and should not be left unattended by parents until gates are open and children are on school premises. Only children attending breakfast club will be allowed access into school earlier at 7.45am. Lessons and registration is at **8.55am**.

New school day from September 2023

You may be aware of government plans to extend the school day from **September 2023** to 32.5 hours per week. This is a slight increase in hours to what we currently offer and will inform you about the changes to timings of the school day shortly.

School Meals

A new and revised menu will be in operation from this half-term. Caterlink has worked with us to provide food choices which we know our children like. The menu can be found on our school website

Baby News

We had two new additions to the St.Patrick's family over the holidays. Louis Paul Sherrington entered the world alongside Phoebe Emma Pollard. Everyone is doing fine and well and we offer our congratulations to Mrs.Pollard and Mr.Sherrington!

Prayer and thoughts

Sadly during the holidays one of our parents passed away suddenly. We offer our prayers and thoughts to the Mrazova family, Veronika and Natalie, on the sad passing of Martin. Rest in Peace Martin. *Odpočívaj v pokoji Martin.*

Wishing all of our children a happy spring term

Mr.Conwell

Mr.Ryan

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