



St Patrick's  
Catholic Primary School

An outstanding Catholic School



## Newsletter: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Families,

It has been a pleasure to invite our Reception parents in to discuss their child's baseline this week, further appointments are set for this coming Monday where we look forward to seeing our remaining parents.

Three of our year groups enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Hancock Museum in Newcastle, where they partook in activities around Ancient Egypt to enhance our new Opening Worlds history curriculum. Pupils and staff gave very positive feedback of the experience, with our pupils demonstrating high levels of behaviour, as we knew they would.

Information will have been released today regarding upcoming clubs after the half term. As explained in a previous newsletter, pupils have had the opportunity to share their views on activities they would like to see in school. We have done our best to accommodate! Please encourage and sign your child up for one of our clubs. They are a fantastic way to learn new skills, develop relationships with others and generally have fun!

We would be most grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our Safeguarding Questionnaire via the following link

<https://forms.office.com/e/gdrvMUD6vM>

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Gardner and Mrs Burgess



## General news

### Mission Team

Meet our new Mission Team. They will meet once during each half term to discuss ideas and changes around our Catholic life in school.



### Playground Pals

Our Playground Pals are here to help! If you need a friend on the yard at lunch or playtime, we will be there to make you smile.



### Christmas Fayre

We plan to hold a soft toy stall, as well as a raffle, at our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 1st December**. If you are having a sort out at home, could you please send any donations into school where they would be gratefully received?

If you know of any local businesses who would like a stall, please ask them to get in contact via our school office.

### Open the Book Assembly-Thursday 19th October 2.30 p.m.

Our 'Open the Book' friends return this week after a short period away. 'Open the Book' brings Bible stories to life through drama and inviting our children to take part. They do this eagerly, thus helping the stories to really 'stick.' We can't wait to see which Bible story will be shared this week! Parents of all year groups are welcome. Chairs will be available at the back of the hall for anyone who would like to join us.

## Reminders

### Reception Parent Baseline Feedback Appointments

If you would like to meet with Miss Spinks to discuss your Reception child's baseline assessment results, please call the school office to arrange an appointment. We still have appointments available for this coming **Monday (16<sup>th</sup> October) 3.30pm-5pm.**

### Rec/Y1/Y2 Hardwick Park Trip – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Our Reception, Y1 & Y2 pupils will visit Hardwick Park this coming **Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> October)**. Please click [here](#) to view the trip letter for further details.

### Y4 Parents' Multiplication Check Support session

A times tables support session will take place in school this coming **Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> October) 3pm** for all parents of Year Four children.

This session will begin with an opportunity to work with your child, in class, where Mrs Asumadu-Aboagye will show some methods we use to help children to learn and practise times tables.

### Reception Parent's Phonics Support Session

A phonics support session will take place in school this coming **Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> October) 4pm** for all parents of Reception children.

This short session will provide information on how we teach phonics in school, the Phonics Screening Check and ways in which you can support your children at home. Thank you to all those who have confirmed their attendance on the Weduc app.

### Autumn Disco Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

On the final day of the half term, all pupils will enjoy an autumn disco in school. Children may come to school in non-uniform on the day. We ask for a **£2** contribution towards the cost of refreshments and disco hire.

As we will shortly be making the transition from ParentPay to the Arbor payment system, we ask that all contributions are brought into school on the day in cash. Pupils are to give their money to their class teacher in a named envelope.

## Sports Events

### Cross Country

Our Year 5 and Year 6 cross country team competed in their final event of the season at Greenland Primary School.

Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Hodgson reported that the children have competed amazingly over the last four weeks. They have shown resilience when the courses proved difficult, courage when feeling a little worried about running long distances and team-work when a helping hand was needed. We are very proud of our Cross-Country team. What a fantastic start to the year! An update on results will be given when received.



# October Wellbeing Activities

I am loved.

I am thankful.

## Acts of Kindness October Calendar

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

2 Write down something you are grateful for.

3 Donate books or toys to a local charity.

4 **BOO!** During a family meal, ask everyone to share the best part of their day.

5 Offer to help someone.

6 Give someone a compliment to help them feel better about themselves.

7 Play a boardgame with your family.

1 Share a favourite memory with a friend or family member.

9 Write a thank-you note to someone who helped you.

10 Encourage someone that you see is struggling.

11 Set yourself a goal to achieve today.

12 Do a chore to help someone in your family.

13 Write a note to someone to show them that you care.

14 Wish the first person that you see an amazing day.

15 Make a card for someone special.

16 Share your toys with a friend or sibling.

17 Find a positive quote and share it with someone.

18 Introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before at school.

19 Help tidy your classroom or home.

20 Be kind to yourself and do something special for you.

21 Recycle.

22 Do a puzzle with your family.

23 Do something nice for someone who is special to you.

24 Help prepare a meal with your family.

25 Help a teacher without being asked.

26 Teach someone something you are good at.

27 **SPOOKY** Draw a picture and give it to someone special.

28 Do something that you love to do.

29 At the end of the day, write or draw one great thing that happened.

30 Ask your teacher how their day is going.

31 Be a friend to someone in need at school.

## Calming STRATEGIES

take a deep breath

count to ten

draw or doodle

read a book

hug a cuddly toy

listen to calm music

drink some water

play with playdough

build a tower with blocks

make a yoga pose

blow bubbles

sing a song



## Spider Chocolate Crispy Cake

### Ingredients

100g chocolate – dark or milk.

60g butter

3 tbsp golden syrup

90g crispy rice cereal

Small marshmallows for eyes

Lace sweets for legs and mouth

Black icing (from a tube if possible)

### Equipment

Mixing bowl

Wooden spoon

Cake cases

Microwave

Spoon

### Method

1. Melt the chocolate slowly in the microwave, 10 seconds at a time, stirring each time.
2. Add the butter, making sure it melts.
3. Add the syrup and then the crispy rice cereal, mix well.
4. Make into balls and put into cake cases.
5. Using a little black icing, attach 8 legs and marshmallow eyes.



## Head Teacher's Angel Wings Awards

The following children have received a head teacher's Angel Wings certificate this week:

Reception	Being Ready to Learn	Robin	For coming into Reception ready to start the day with a smile.
Year 1	Being Respectful	Isla	For always being respectful to her teachers and friends.
Year 2	Being Respectful	Lyla	For always being polite in class.
Year 3	Being Ready to Learn	Harry	For coming to school, every day, with a positive attitude and being enthusiastic about learning.
Year 4	Being Ready to Learn	Phoebe	For always giving adults her attention and as a result is producing work to the best of her ability.
Year 5	Being Respectful	Isaac C	For being a respectful member of the class this week.
Year 6	Being Ready to Learn	Asha	For putting in lots of effort with maths.



## Class Teacher Special Mention Awards

The following children have received a Class Teacher Special Mention certificate this week:

Reception	Jenny	For following instructions from adults first time.
Year 1	Luke	For his marvellous Maths work this week when investigating Fact Families.
Year 2	Dalton	For being a kind friend to others.
Year 3	Harriet	For putting so much effort into homework and even completing extra work.
Year 4	Whole Class	For demonstrating our three principles on our trip to The Hancock Museum.
Year 5	Isaac D	For working very hard this week and for going above and beyond during history.
Year 6	Kai	For such a sensible, mature attitude to all areas of school life.



## Summary of upcoming events

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Parents Baseline feedback appointments 3.30pm-5pm.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mini Medics Mental Health Session 1pm-3.15pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rec/Y1/Y2 Hardwick Park Trip
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Parents' Support Session 3pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open the Book Assembly 2.30pm. Parents/Carers Welcome.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Parents' Phonics Support Session 4pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Disco's – Pupils can wear party clothes/non uniform (no fancy dress costumes)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm School closes for half term break</b>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October School re-opens to pupils</b>	

[Please click here to view our Diary of Events for the rest of the Academic year](#)