

St Patrick's Primary School

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Progress Through Partnership



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Early Closure on Monday 4th March

Please note, school will close at 12:30pm tomorrow, Monday 4th March, for staff training. There will be early dinners and all children should be collected from school at 12:30pm. The school bus will be in operation at 12:30pm for hometime collection.

Bus Lay-by

The school bus could not get parked in the bus layby on Friday due to vehicles parked in it! NO vehicles are allowed to park in the bus layby at the start and end of the school day except the bus. DO NOT PARK or turn your vehicle in the bus lay-by or along the front of the school. This area must be kept free of all traffic to ensure your children are safe. The pedestrian gate is open to facilitate children walking to and from school **and is not for children getting dropped off or picked up by car**. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss this. Unfortunately, the gate will have to be locked if this continues. Please respect these rules and inform those who are collecting the children from school. The lower church carpark should be used for parking.

P.6 Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents/guardians of P.6 children in the school assembly hall on Tuesday 5th March at 2:00pm.

Bake Sale

Our P.7s produced delicious treats for their Bake Sale and with your support they raised a massive £820 for the Irish Pilgrimage Trust for Lourdes Group 93. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. It is P.6 turn this Wednesday and all proceeds will go towards Trocaire, another very worthy cause.

Lent in St Patrick's P.S.

During Lent our classes are attending Mass on Tuesday mornings. Please see the timetable below. We continue to work on developing our children's knowledge of Lent and how we are on a journey in the weeks before Easter. Every class has a Trocaire Box to collect any coins your children might be able to donate.

Date	Class Attending Mass
Tuesday 5 th March	P6 Mr Flanagan, P5 Mrs Austin
Tuesday 12 th March	P6 Mrs Colgan, P4 Miss Fegan, P3/4 Mrs O'Hare
Tuesday 19 th March	P5 Mrs Austin, P3 Mrs Kearney
Tuesday 26 th March	P5 Mr Trainor, P2 Mrs Reavey, P1/2, P1

Reading, homework, presentation and good behaviour

We are continuing to focus on reading, homework and presentation. Your children need your help with listening to reading, checking and signing homework every night, so please get in touch if there is ever a problem with this. Please continue to support your children in reading and make sure they bring their reading and library books to school every day. Please make sure your child is completing online homework and making extra use of IXL to enhance their learning at home. Thank you!

We are also continuing to focus on behaviour. Well done children, your beautiful manners and behaviour are a credit to your parents and families! Keep this up!

Kind regards

Geraldine Smith

Principal