



# Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School

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## Halloween Fun Day

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, The Friends of St. Patrick's will host our school's annual Halloween Fun Day. This is always a day filled with lots of laughs and prizes, awarded by The Friends of St. Patrick's in recognition of all of the efforts the children and their families go to throughout the year to support our school. The school would ask that on this day you do not send your child / children to school in clown outfits. We want our day in school to be about fun and not fear and this is why we make this request from you all. We greatly appreciate your support in this and it will ensure that every child has a great day. The school asks that all families make a £1 per child or £2 per family donation to support this non-uniform day. This money will be spent on enhancing opportunities and facilities for all of the children in our school. We greatly appreciate your support in helping us to do this.

## Parent / Teacher Meetings

Parent / Teacher meetings have been scheduled for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. On this day there is no school for all pupils to facilitate this. If for any reason you are unable to attend your appointment, please contact your child's teacher to reschedule. These meetings are an excellent way for home and school to come together to discuss your child's progress to date. Meetings for P4-7 will take place in our assembly hall like last year and P1-3 in the classrooms.

## Toys In School

Can we ask that you all have a conversation with your child/children in regards to toys being brought in from home. This year we have had some very distressed children who have lost personal items or have traded them with other children, only to want them back again. As you can all imagine, when your child is upset, this has a huge impact on their learning for the day. We have had particular problems with Pokemon and football trading cards and are therefore asking parents to ensure that these stay at home each school day. There may be occasions where a teacher asks for something to come in from home, which will form part of a child's learning. In this instance, each teacher will inform you when this is happening and what the item from home will be used for.

## Flu Vaccine

Permission slips for the flu vaccine are making their way into homes. Any child whose parent has consented will receive their flu vaccine on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Facebook & Website

Please feel free to like our Facebook page as this will be an excellent source of information relating to what is going on in the school each week. We would also like you all to visit our website. Have a look at [www.stpatricksthemeadow.com](http://www.stpatricksthemeadow.com).

### Running Club

After Halloween, our P4-P7 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a running club. This club will be on a Wednesday from 3pm-4pm and will be organised by one of our parents Paul Le Blanc and he will be supported by other members of our Friends of St. Patrick's group. You will be able to sign a permission slip for this activity at your child's Parent/Teacher meeting. If we have a large number of pupils wishing to take part we can look at organising additional sessions.

### Our Lady of Fatima

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition of our Lady at Fatima. Our chaplain Fr. Damien will be setting up a sacred area in our school where each of the P4-P7 classes can visit to reflect on this important date in our faith calendar.

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Halloween Fun Day ( £1 per child / £2 per family)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Teacher Meetings (appointment times to follow)

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - P1-P7 Flu Vaccine

W środę 25 października w godzinach 10:30 - 12:00 w auli szkolnej (Assembly Hall) odbędzie się zebranie z rodzicami dzieci z klasy P4 przystępującymi do Pierwszej Komunii Świętej.

W piątek 27 października szkoła będzie nieczynna z powodu zebrania z rodzicami.

W czwartek 23 listopada w godzinach 10:30-12.00 w auli szkolnej (Assembly Hall) odbędzie się zebranie z rodzicami dzieci z klasy P7 przystępującymi do Bierznowania.

W środę 22 listopada w auli szkolnej (Assembly Hall) dzieci z klas P1 - P7 będą poddane szczepieniu przeciwko grypie. Prosimy o podpisanie i przekazanie do szkoły zgody na szczepienie.

### Health & Safety In School

As a school we are aware that accidents can happen where large numbers of people are gathered together in one place. In order to avoid this happening, we would ask that all children and adults walk on the pathways when entering the school grounds. We would also encourage parents to talk to their children about using pathways outside of school also. We have noticed that after school lots of children can be seen walking on roads and we are concerned about what may happen to a child. The welfare of your children is our number one priority and we thank you in advance for your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

### P4 & P7 Sacraments

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am - 12:00pm  
P4 Parents Sacramental meeting in Assembly Hall.

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10:30am - 12:00pm P7  
Parents Sacramental meeting in Assembly Hall.

### Labelling Uniforms

Can we ask that all parents label uniforms belonging to their child/children. This helps us to reunite lost pieces of uniform with its owner.

### Shared Education

Our Shared Education work with Windsor Hill Primary School has already begun for the year. This programme brings both schools together on numerous days throughout the year to share in lessons and to learn from one another. This programme is a vital part of the fabric of St. Patrick's and we know that all of our children who have taken part so far have really enjoyed and benefitted from it. Your child's/children's teacher will keep you informed of any dates where your child may be going to Windsor Hill or heading off on an educational excursion.

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