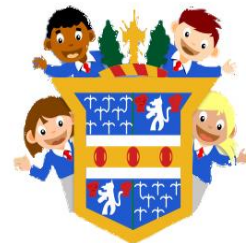


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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

Week ending Friday 18th October

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

I cannot quite believe it, but this is our last newsletter of Term 1! Many thanks to all who have volunteered in any way, attended our PTFA events or attended a Celebration Assembly or Mass this term. We very much hope to see you at future events in Term 2!

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our school attendance to be 96%. **At present our school attendance is 97%, which we are delighted to say is above national attendance.** If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the School Office Team and we will be happy to discuss this matter further with you. From children having difficulty sleeping to medical concerns, please contact us and we can support your family or signpost you to the best people. **Please remember to inform the School Office Team if your child is not attending school and to give a reason for their absence, for our records.** **The Department for Education published revised guidance, which came into effect from August 2024 and was shared with families in the summer and this term.**



INTERNET MATTERS 'MY FAMILY'S DIGITAL TOOLKIT' – There are so many really good resources out there for parents/carers about how to help keeping children safe online, but we appreciate it can quickly become really overwhelming. Internet Matters has a really great resource for parents called My Family's Digital Toolkit, which was mentioned in our Online safety meetings before Meet the Teacher Meetings, this term. This is a personalised resource which gives age-specific advice, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more. The toolkit is free and you can find more details by following the link <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>



CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms will be accessible to Years 1 to Year 6 by week 2 and Tapestry available to Reception parents in week 3. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum updates for your child/ren's class. This information includes:

- A curriculum update for the term
- Termly curriculum newsletter
- Weekly Home Learning
- * PE days for your child/ren
- * Termly key vocabulary
- * Notices e.g. school trip details, changes to normal timetable

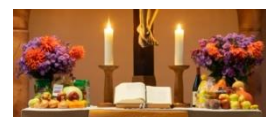
PARENTS EVENING TERM 2 – Parents Evening will be on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November, **now for Reception – Year 6.** Booking opened on School Cloud, on **Monday 14th October and will close on Friday 1st November at 12 noon.** Please ensure you have booked an appointment with your class Teachers.

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

TERM 1 MASS – Year 3 and Year 4 celebrated a lovely Mass today, led by Father Michael. Many thanks to all who attended, it was lovely to have you join us. Next term Father Michael is visiting school to speak to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. We know they are looking forward to asking him about the work he does for our parish, as well as many questions about his adorable dogs!

CHAPLAINCY TRAINING – Some ambassadors from our Chaplaincy Team accompanied Mrs Courtney, Mrs Minty and Mrs Claremont to Downside School on Wednesday, to attend Chaplaincy Training, led by the Chaplains of Downside and St. Gregory's catholic College, Bath. It was a wonderful day and we were so proud of how sensible and mature our children were. They will now share all they learnt with the rest of the Chaplaincy Team next term, before helping to lead the school in future collective worship and prayer.

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR CORSHAM CHURCHES FOODBANK – We will be collecting donations until the end of term, to pass on to our amazing friends at The Corsham Churches Foodbank. If you can donate any items, please send them in with your child or leave at the School Office. Store cupboard items needed include cereals, coffee, custard, tinned fish, tinned meat, pasta, rice, soup, tea bags, jam/honey/marmalade, tinned vegetables



and many more. Please follow the link for further information about the Foodbank and the wonderful work they do
<https://corshamchurchesfoodbank.org.uk/how-it-works/>

ENRICHMENT

FOOTBALL – A sunny afternoon last week at The Corsham School saw St. Patrick's Year 6 football team finish 3rd out of 6 in the Upper Key Stage 2 football tournament. Our team of ten (7-a-side with rolling substitutes) played really well - all participants gained match experience, improving our marking, positional awareness and communication. With a very effective goalkeeper, we won or drew 5 of our 6 matches, and it was a real pleasure to take them all!



Mr Turnbull PE Subject Leader

PARENTS AS PARTNERS



OPEN DAYS - Our second Open Day will be on **Thursday 14th November @ 9.30am**. All are welcome!

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR 2025 - If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school. You must complete an application form that is available from the school's admission team at Wiltshire County Council. **Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2025 via Wiltshire Admissions** If your child is Catholic, you must provide a copy of the Baptism Certificate to the school by this date.

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR 7 2025 - **Year 7 admissions must be submitted by 31st October 2024**. Please contact your secondary school for any supplementary information requirements.

OUR PARENT WALK AND TALK GROUP – We have had a response from a small group of parents interested in taking part in our Walk and Talk group. **The group will meet at school at 8.50am on Friday 8th November**. They will then walk around our beautiful town and head to The Methuen Arms, for coffee, cake and chat! **If you would like to join the group, please contact the School Office Team FAO: Mrs Courtney, by Monday 4th November**, Toddlers, babies, dogs and of course other family members would all be welcome!

VISITORS IN SCHOOL...NOT THE 2-LEGGED VARIETY! – We have had a few reports of nits being found on children different classes. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are **not caused by dirty hair**, are picked up by head-to-head contact and cannot be prevented...however they can be effectively treated. Please can we ask you to check your children's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

SCHOOL WEBSITE – Many of you will have seen that our school website remains under construction at present. We apologise for the delay, and look forward to being able to share when the new website is live for you to view.

AND FINALLY....

Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 21 st Oct	PGL Parents Meeting @ 3.15pm in Year 6
Wed. 23 rd Oct	Celebration Assembly @ 2.30pm Last Day of Term 1
Fri 1 st Nov	Parents Consultation Evening Booking– closes @ 12 noon
Mon. 4 th Nov.	First Day Term 2 All Saint and All Souls day in Celebration of the Word
Tues. 5 th Nov.	Parent Consultation Evening 1 @ 3.30 – 6pm
Thurs. 7 th Nov	Parent Consultation Evening 2 @ 3.30 – 6pm
Fri. 8 th Nov	Chaplaincy Team Commissioning @ Clifton Cathedral – <i>those attending have been sent letters</i> Celebration Assembly @ 2.30pm
Mon. 11 th Nov.	Year 6 leave for PGL Residential
Future Dates....	
Sat. 23rd Nov – PTFA Wreath Making Event 7-9pm – book online	

INSET DAYS FOR 2024-25

Mon. 2nd September 2024

Tues. 3rd September 2024

Mon. 2nd June 2025

Tues. 3rd June 2025

Wed. 4th June 2025

*We will see you all on Monday for our final...short 3 day week!
 Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November*

J Courtney
Headteacher



Family and Community Learning 

Season of Skills
Doorway
The Citadel, Bath Road, Chippenham, SN15 2AB

Exploring My Skills
Tuesday 8 October 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Exploring Positive Emotions
Tuesday 15 October 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Exploring Confidence in Communication
Tuesday 22 October 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Exploring Easy Meals
Tuesday 29 October 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Exploring Celebrations Around the World
Thursday 12 December 1pm - 3pm

Booking closes one week before each course

Book in person at Doorway or visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/> contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or scan the QR code

Courses are free if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+ years and meet eligibility criteria. Please see our website or contact us for more information. 



For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2025?
You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2025

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.



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Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2025?
You must apply for a secondary school place

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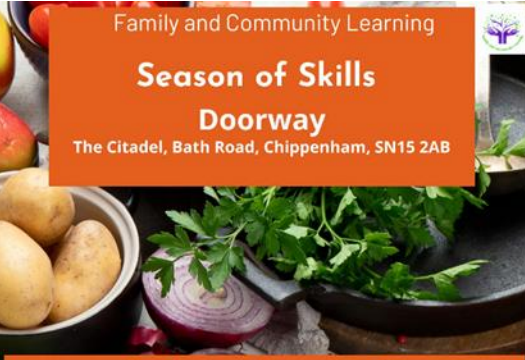
Learn to cook a tasty one pot meal

- Adapt a recipe to your own preferences
- Learn about nutrition, safety and hygiene
- Cook your own meal and eat with friends

Booking closes Tuesday 22 October

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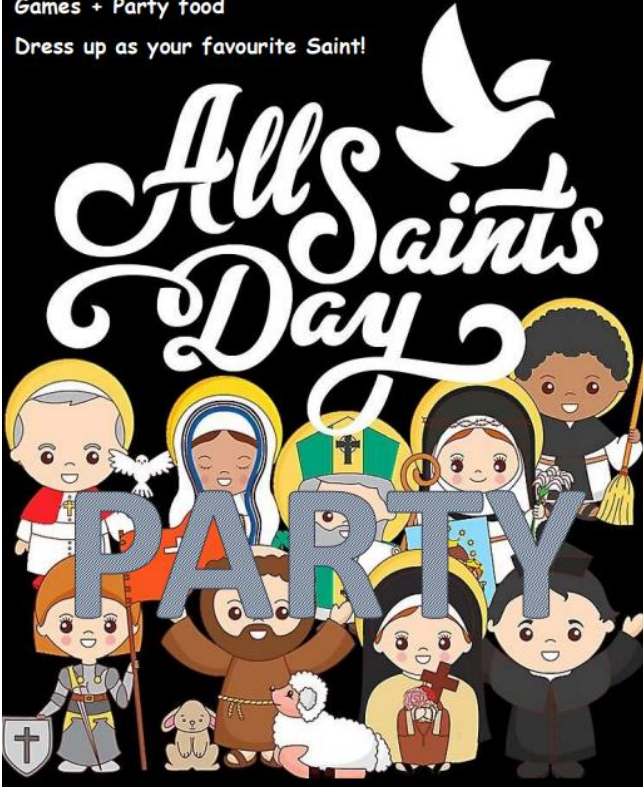



November 1st - 17:00 - 19:00 St Patricks Church Hall

Games + Party food
Dress up as your favourite Saint!

All Saints Day

PARTY



Free event - but tickets required for numbers!
Tickets available from Guy Tomlinson - 07720315578