



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11 January 2019



THIS WEEK'S STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO:

Erin Galbraith	Class 1	Super reading
Chris Dos Santos	Class 2	Trying really hard in maths
All of Class 3		Making my first week back a fantastic one!

SCHOOL EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

WEEK 2 LUNCH MENU

We will be sending home ordered Nativity photos this week

MONDAY

Mathletics club

TUESDAY

Swimming lesson for Years 2-4

WEDNESDAY

Class 1-Wellie

Wednesday!

Extra curricular woodwind lessons
Recorder lessons

THURSDAY

Recorder lessons

PM-outdoor PE sessions all pupils

FRIDAY

9am-Celebration Assembly.

All welcome.

9-10.45 am -

Parent & baby/
toddler group

Violin lessons

Guitar lessons Year 4 & 5

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P.T.O. for details of the Pub Quiz fundraising event.

Dear parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you've all had a lovely holiday. I'm sure, just like us, you have found it a bit of a struggle to get up so early in the dark mornings again. The children all seem happy to be back and are working well.

Welcome : I would like to welcome back Mrs Jackson to Class 3 following her maternity leave. Both Mrs Jackson and Mrs Lamb will be teaching Class 3 until the end of this academic year.

Rugby: Firstly I must apologise as the rugby coach was unable to come into school this week. The sessions are now on Thursdays and should begin next week. Thank you for making sure that your child has the correct outdoor kits - it has been very cold this week and they really do need suitable outdoor clothing for PE. Trainers are needed for playing tag rugby on the field as it is very muddy. Normal pumps are not suitable and children will not be able to use their school shoes.

Spring Term: We have another exciting term planned for the children around the theme of China; curriculum plans will be coming out today.

Theatre trip; On Tuesday, 12th February the whole school will experience a Chinese New Year celebration by the Shanghai theatre company at Preston Guild Hall. A letter will be sent home next week with details of the trip.

Big Play : We have arranged for pupils in Years 4 & 5 to take perform with their guitars in this year's Big Play at the Brewery Arts Centre on Monday, 25th March. Details will be sent home next week, but in the meanwhile we would encourage parents to book tickets for the event via the Brewery Arts Box Office.

Parents' Evening : We will be holding a Parents' Evening on the week of the 21st January. **Class 1** will be held on Wednesday, 23rd January 2:30pm- 6pm.

Class 2 and Class 3 will be held on Thursday, 24th January 2:30pm- 6pm.

A signing up sheet will be available for parents to complete from Monday next week.

 **Chickens** : Thank you to all of you who kindly looked after the chickens during the holidays. If anyone would like to volunteer to help look after the chickens during the February half term, please let Mrs Braithwaite know.

Slapped Cheek: We have had a reported case of 'slapped cheek' in school. While this is normally a mild infection, it can be serious for some people. Please seek medical advice if you have any concerns.

Swimming: Our Y2 children did extremely well in their first school swimming lesson this week. We had a lot of smiley faces on our way home, which was lovely!

Kind regards. *S Edmondson* Head Teacher



THIS WEEK'S HEADTEACHER'S AWARD HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO:

Ben Morris : Showing kindness to others



FUN FUNDRAISING EVENT : PUB QUIZ



We will be holding a Pub Quiz night to raise money for school at The Smithy Inn at Holme on **Thursday 24th January** with the quiz starting at **8.30pm**. It is for teams of up to 4 and costs £1 per person. There will be a raffle, so if anyone has any prizes to bring along when they come they would be very welcome. Please see Mrs Lamb for further details before or after school on a Monday, or before school on a Tuesday afternoon.

VACANCY

Mrs Pereira has decided that together with her husband she is going to spend some time travelling and we will therefore be sad to say goodbye to her on her last day at St Patrick's CE School on Friday, 15th February. As a result we are advertising for a permanent part-time, term time only cook. If you are interested; please call at the office, or visit our website for details : www.st-patrickscofe.cumbria.sch.uk

The closing date for applications is Monday, 4th February.

As the weather is now turning cooler we thought it appropriate to send details of Emergency Closure Information to parents in case of need.

Please retain for future reference.

Emergency Closure Information for Parents

ST PATRICK'S CE SCHOOL

St Patrick's CE School may be closed for children at short notice due to a number of circumstances, for example:

- Problems with heating or electricity
- Problems due to water leaks
- Problems due to inclement weather

CLOSURE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

A decision to close the school will generally be made by the head teacher and the cascade system will be put into operation. This means the text messaging service and the school website will be updated together with the local radio announcements. It is important that as few people as possible are phoning school between 7:30am and 9:00am so that staff are able to provide vital information. Please wait to be contacted by a school representative or listen to the local radio stations.

CLOSURE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

For safety reasons we are unable to send children home during the school day until we have made sure that someone is available to collect them. In practice this would mean having to use the text messaging service or if this fails a direct telephone call to emergency contact and as this will take some time, we will only close if the situation is very severe. Parents who are concerned about local conditions are welcome to collect their children from school. Please note that booked dinners will have to be paid for.

If we cannot contact you, the children will remain in school until they are collected. It is important that parents do not keep telephoning the office as this prevents us from making arrangements to send the children home.

N.B. Emergency Closure details can also be found on our website under the 'School Information' tab:
www.st-patrickscofe.cumbria.sch.uk

