



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Dipton

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*We follow in Christ's footsteps*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Congratulations are in order!**

We've had lovely news from Mrs Bevan. Baby Bevan, a boy, has arrived safe and well! We wish Mrs Bevan and her growing family every best wish for the future.

## **Open day for Reception 2022**

We have set up a further session for parents/carers of Reception pupils due to start school in September 2022 on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3.45 – 4.30pm**. During the session, you will have the opportunity to meet the class teachers, view our wonderful reception class and outdoor area and have a tour of the school. Please spread the word to let friends and other family members know we are here and our wonderful school family welcomes children of all faiths! Please contact school (phone or email – address above) to let us know if you wish to attend.

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is always given the highest priority in school but, as is the norm with each new academic year, we have reviewed our safeguarding policy and all staff and governors have undergone training. We have uploaded our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy 2021-2022 to our website for your attention. Please be aware that our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are: Mrs Burgess, Mrs Gardner and Mrs Charlton. Please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us should you have any concerns. Of course, you can talk to any member of staff with whom you feel comfortable.

After the 'Everyone's Invited' campaign, the main focus for our new training has been Dealing with Harmful Sexual Behaviour and Sexualised Language.

## **School website**

Please remember to check out our school website each Monday afternoon. You will be able to see what the learning quality was for the previous week and who has been given a Headteacher Award or Special Mention. After half term, we will publish the focus for each week, leading up to Christmas, so you will know in advance.

## **Early School Closure on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Reminder about early closure on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to allow preparation for our half term window replacement. We have slightly staggered the collection times around 2pm to ease congestion on the school site. Dismissal times will be:

**1.55pm for Reception Class**

**2pm for Y1, Y2 and Y3**

**2.05pm for Y4, Y5 and Y6**

Thank you

Mrs J Burgess, Headteacher

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## **Birthday Books – A message from Miss Parry**

### **Birthday Books**

At St. Patrick's, we like to celebrate birthdays and we know that parents and children often like to mark this special occasion with the class. We have recently found a way to not only allow everyone to share in a child's celebrations at the time, but to provide a lasting reminder of the birthday for years to come.

Instead of bringing cake or sweets into school, we ask that pupils who wish to share a gift with their friends, donate a 'Birthday Book' to the school library. This is a lovely way for children to have their special day remembered and for the library to remain well-stocked at a time when funding may not otherwise allow.

For ease, we have created Amazon wish lists, available here.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 list

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/UWRUY02EQ7U2?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/UWRUY02EQ7U2?ref=wl_share)

Year 3 and Year 4 list

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3S18T3XR097DJ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3S18T3XR097DJ?ref=wl_share)

Year 5 and Year 6 list

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/M6X7JKN5PKCB?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/M6X7JKN5PKCB?ref=wl_share)

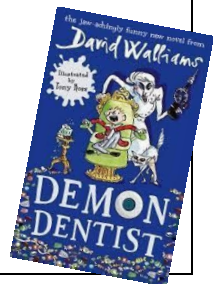
The links to these lists will also be available on our school website.

If you would like to purchase a book directly from the list to mark your child's birthday, you can choose to have it delivered straight to school with a message from you in the parcel. When it arrives, a book plate with your child's first name, age and the year will be placed in the front of the book. Children will be invited up in assembly to share their book with the school. It will then be placed in the school library so that children can enjoy it for years to come!

If you are keen to purchase a specific book which is not on the list, please contact the school office so we can add it for you or purchases can be made from any other retailers and handed in to school.

Of course, gifting a book is entirely optional. We do, however, ask that cake and sweets are not sent to school. We hope that you and your children are as excited about this new idea as we are. We love birthdays and we love books; this seems the perfect way to marry the two!

Many thanks for your support,  
Miss Parry, English Lead



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