

St. Patrick's

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a well-rested summer and the children are coming back to school eager to learn. My name is Miss Campbell, and I am St Partick's new class teacher. I am looking forward to meeting all the children and the parents/carers. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me about any issues, concerns or questions you may have, or even if you just fancy popping by to say hi!

This year the children are having continuous/enhanced provision as well as their more structured/formal lessons. This is a time when the children get to do challenges linked to the previous week's learning. They are given the opportunity to develop some of the skills that they have learnt in class, and they are also given time to follow their own interests. When the children arrive at school, they will complete a topic-based morning job then they will access this provision until their phonics session begins. There will also be other opportunities throughout the week for the children to choose their own learning activity in addition to a more formal approach to learning where they will be taught all the age-appropriate objectives from the National Curriculum.

Punctuality

Please arrive at school at 8:45 and collect at 3:15. We would really appreciate that you arrive on time so that the children can spend some time doing their independent learning. This is also an ideal time for us to give a little extra support to those that need it.

Absences

Please remember to inform the school if your child is going to be absent by ringing the office.

PE Kits and Uniforms

Due to the extra time given for children to be active we have decided to continue with the children wearing their PE kits to school this year. Please make sure that all PE kit as well as school uniform is labelled. We do ask children to put their jumpers on their pegs if they take them off when hot, however they do not always remember. If it is not named, then we cannot return it to the rightful owner. Some mornings can be quite chilly, and we will always try to do PE lessons outside, so please make sure they have suitable clothing. This half term we will do NUFC PE on Monday and gymnastics on a Thursday afternoon.

Snacks and Drinks

Snacks can be fruit, healthy cereal bars, and plain biscuits. The children can also have free fruit at school. If you send a snack into school, please avoid chocolate covered snacks. Could you also make sure that the children have a water bottle in school. We will send it home every Friday for a wash. The children are reminded to change their water every morning when they come into class. Please remember that we are a healthy school, and we only allow plain water in their classroom water bottles. This also avoids sticky spills and will not encourage the wasps to come looking for sugary drinks.

There is a parent information letter attached and please also find attached the learning overview for this half term.

Many thanks,

Miss Katie Campbell 😊