



Thursday 9th July 2020

Dear Parents,

PLANS FOR OPENING SCHOOL IN WEEK 7- Monday 13th July 2020
At Saint Patrick's our approach will be to start.....SAFE.....SMALL.....SLOW.....FAIR.....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEEKS 7 and 7 ½

Yesterday you would have received a parentmail explaining booking arrangements for the final days of this school year.

Following our weekly review of our risk assessment, the Governor Lockdown Strategic Committee has determined **that the school will close to pupils on Friday 17th July as the last day of attendance** for this school year.

After this, the final days of term will be used by staff to conduct transition work between other schools, parents and classes, updating risk assessment and plans for September 2020, as well as commencing another deep clean of the building.

EXCEPTIONS

- (i) Due to a very recent and unforeseen staffing issue (non-COVID related), **we must close the Green Bubble to all Years 5/6 key worker children on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July.**
As an alternative, you may book for **Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July** by contacting Mrs. Courtney by **Friday 10th July.**
- (ii) Governors have agreed to permit **ALL Year 6 pupils to attend school on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July,** in order to complete the transition and 'rights of passage' activities, as well as wish them a fond farewell.
On Wednesday 22nd July, school will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm. Year 6 parents will be invited to a socially distanced Year 6 Awards Ceremony at 12.30pm.
- Year 6 key worker pupils will be able to join a new Year 6 bubble on Monday 20th, as they will have completed a period of isolation (ie. Thurs. 16th, Fri. 17th and the weekend)
 - All Year 6 pupils attending on these final 3 days will need to bring packed lunches on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday a special lunch will be provided by the school. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day.

CELEBRATING YEAR 6 LEAVERS

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE - Against all odds, our Year 6 pupils have worked on a special something for the entire school community. The Premiere of this very special **Year 6 in Lockdown Summer Performance** will be aired for all to see on the Year 6 page of the school website on **Monday 20th July at 2pm.** We will watch it together, socially distanced, at home or in school.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - Staff have devised a way for the children to put together a small reflection which will air for all to see on **Tuesday 21st July at 2pm.** We will watch and celebrate together in school and do join us if you are at home.

THE FINAL DAY - Children will be invited into school for a morning of celebrations. Year 6 parents will be invited to attend - adhering to social distancing restrictions - from 12.30pm for a special Year 6 Awards Ceremony. There will be an opportunity to take photos, and say goodbye to all the school staff.

AUTUMN 2020 - The younger children of Saint Patrick's will have been deprived of the opportunity to celebrate our Year 6 pupils' time at our school. As a result, it is our intention to welcome our Year 6 / Year 7 pupils back here (in their new school uniforms) in the Autumn term - when rules permit it - for their 'proper' Leavers' Service. It is here that we will present our children each with a gift from our school community. I will make contact with each child's new Headteacher to seek permission for them to come back to school.

'KEEPING IN TOUCH' OPPORTUNITIES

It was good to see more children from Years 1,2,3,4 and 5 yesterday. Apologies if there was any confusion - it is essential that parents do confirm by the Friday if you wish your child to attend next Wednesday - then we can get confirmation messages out ASAP. It's difficult to plan the day unless we have confirmed numbers for each session.

However, yesterday we were able to make safe wet weather alternative arrangements rather than cancelling these precious sessions!

Next Wednesday, we are offering sessions for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and **next week it is the turn of children from Reception class too.**





So, parents of pupils in Years R,2,3,4 and 5:

Let the school know if you would like your child to attend a 'Keeping in Touch' session next Wednesday by **12noon THIS Friday 10th July.**

- Email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk You can also indicate your preference for the morning (11 - 12noon) or afternoon (1 - 2pm) session - but we cannot guarantee you will get your choice.
- On Monday 13th July, the school will ParentMail confirmation and inform you whether your child is in the morning or afternoon team.

CHALLENGE FOR KEEPING IN TOUCH DAY -

To design, draw or even make a family herald shield. The shield can be any shape but must be divided into 4 sections with symbols that represent you and your family. There will be a powerpoint of guidance on the class webpages which may be helpful. We can't wait for you to show us next Wednesday.

MOMENT IN TIME PHOTOS

You will have received a letter about our **Life in Lockdown Photography Project** last week. Please send us photos of your child(ren) -

- (i) A moment of happiness during lockdown
- (ii) A moment of learning / achievement / conquering a challenge – academic or not – during lockdown
- (iii) A 'porch portrait' of the whole family – outside your house, in the garden or in a public space.

WE CAN GIVE YOU A FINAL EXTENDED DEADLINE - Please email your photos to us (admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk) by Monday 13th July.
 Photos will only be used in the school building.

REPORTS AND TRANSITION

From 12noon on Monday 13th July your child's report will be available for collection at the school office. These rather different reports include information on your child's attitude to learning, attainment and achievement (progress) they had made against the year group Learning Objectives, from 1st September 2019 to 20th March 2020 when the nation's schools went into lockdown in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst this may seem out of date now, it is still an important document to be used by teachers next year as they make observations / judgements over the first few weeks of our children's return.

Since 20th March 2020 when schools went into lockdown, you once again became the primary educators of your children. We acknowledge the challenges that this may have brought to you and your families, and salute you for your support in Home Learning over the last few months.

At this time of year, class teachers would be usually be engaging in professional handover conversations with your child's next class teacher. We would be discussing attainment, engagement, strengths and areas for improvement, behaviour and attitude etc. As you have been the primary educators for the last few months, we would value and respect your feedback in a similar handover activity.

As a result, we have put together a short **COVID-19 Parent Survey** which asks you to comment on your child's learning, attitude and broader wellbeing during lockdown (and phased return, if appropriate). We are keen to know what your child has enjoyed, found a challenge, excelled at, and what your opinions and thoughts are to assist us supporting your children back the 'new normal' daily school routine.

Please click on the link <http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=cc9ce8a9-d9ef-44c9-a14f-204fb121211c> to complete a very short survey. Please do avoid filling it anonymously as we do need your specific comments about your child to assist us.

We have also requested that every child's Home Learning book(s) is returned to school so that teachers can monitor them as a valuable assessment tool. **Please do hand these in to the school office as you collect your child's report before the end of term.**





WELLBEING JOURNALS

When our children return to school, we will be delivering a bespoke 'Recovery Curriculum', which is advocated by many Local Authorities, including Wiltshire. We will be sharing more information about this in the Autumn term. This approach will focus on nurturing the children's mental wellbeing, as well as re-engaging them as learners, in addition to the traditional subjects of the National Curriculum. Research recommends that we enable children to be able to recognise and talk about their feelings freely and articulately - especially in response to this historic pandemic. As a result, the school has obtained a Wellbeing Journal for every child in the school. Children can start using them in the summer break - independently or with parental input and support. Alternatively, children and parents may decide not to use them at all. The choice is yours. We will, however, be using them regularly in class in September and beyond - so please encourage your child to take care of them.

We are delighted that your PTFA monies raised have been used to make this exceptionally valuable purchase for each and every one of our children. Thank you.

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-21

You will now know that it is our intention for our children to return to their present class....room....and teacher in the first weeks of September. We will work on a series of activities which will celebrate and bring proper closure to this year, and then pass our children on to their new teachers.

STAFFING 2020-21

Reception	Miss A. Jones	Year 4	Mrs. C. Minty / Mrs. R. Warman
Year 1	Mrs. C. Sykes / Mrs. K. Solomon	Year 5	Mr. A. Turnbull / Mrs. L. Osborne
Year 2	Mrs. H. Robertson / Mrs. P. Tate	Year 6	Mrs. M. Wood
Year 3	Ms. R. Wilkinson		

TD DAYS 2020 - 21

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 22nd February 2021
Monday 7th June 2021

We say Goodbye and Thank you to Mr. Painter who will be leaving us at the end of this year. We thank him for his commitment and enthusiasm and wish him well as he embarks on his next adventure.

We will look forward to welcoming Mrs. Osborne back from her sabbatical year in New Zealand in the new year.

MEERKATZ

In light of new guidelines and limited staff capacity, our breakfast and after school provision will NOT be in place for the month of September and will then be introduced on a phased return. We will obviously share more information with you, as we have it, in the new academic year.

LUNCHES

Following Government guidance and risk assessments, we have made the decision that all children will eat a cold picnic lunch for term 1. Chartwells will provide this picnic for those who order it online (we expect that Chartwells will make their menus available during the Summer break).

The first day of school for all existing pupils will be **Thursday 3rd September 2020**. New Reception pupils will join us on a phased return.

Whilst we will have come out of lockdown by September, Government and LA guidance has made it clear that we cannot return to routines that were in place pre - lockdown. Next week, we will be able to give you further information about the 'new normal' school day.

Stay safe. Stay in touch. Stay positive!

R. E. McLoughlin
 Executive Headteacher

J. Courtney
 Headteacher Designate

Mrs. M. Ellis
 Chair of Governors

