

September 2019 newsletter

This term our value is 'Thankfulness'

A warm welcome back to school for those of you that are already part of the Patrington family and for those of you that have joined us for the first time, we are happy to welcome you to the family. It is fantastic to see the children arriving back looking so smart.

The teachers have done a wonderful job setting up their classrooms and we are sure that the children will be keen to share their learning with you.

We do hope you can join us at one of our events this term, please see the list on the reverse of the letter for the dates ahead. In addition please see your child's curriculum letter which will include information about specific class routines and their learning.

Staff news

We would like to welcome Miss Strachan and Mr Derbyshire and Mrs Grant to the team and wish them a long and happy career at Patrington.

Macmillan coffee afternoon

We will be holding a coffee afternoon on the 27th September at 2pm. This will be just before the Celebration Assembly and will give me a chance to meet you whilst supporting a very important cause.

Medical information for children in school

If your child has any medical needs that we are not aware of please contact the school office. For all children with medical needs already identified, information will be sent home in due course for you to check and return to ensure it is accurate.

School Uniform

As your child returns to school, please remember that your child needs to wear the correct uniform to school, including for PE. Please remember that black shoes are part of the school uniform. If you need support with providing the correct school uniform for your child, please contact the school office. This will be treated in the strictest confidence. **Jewellery is not permitted in school.**

Often this is expensive and children get upset if it is lost and it is also a health and safety risk. Please ensure that all uniform is labelled, as it makes it easy to return lost property and helps after changing for PE, especially for the younger children.

Attendance

We are working really hard to ensure that our school attendance reaches 97% this year and would like to ask for your support. Good attendance is essential for your child to make good progress. A loss of learning time can have a negative affect on your child's learning, progress and sometimes friendships.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	76 Sessions	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

We also ask that if your child is not going to be in school you notify the school office as early as possible on the first day of absence. This just helps us to make sure that everyone is safe.

School times

It has been brought to our attention that some of the children are arriving on site at 8.20am in a morning. We are happy to accept the children on site at this time, but they must be booked into breakfast club. Please book on ParentPay prior to midnight the night before if you require a place.. Our school gates open at 8.40am and the children should arrive at this time if they are not booked into Breakfast Club.

Playground Safety

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters are not to be brought on to the playgrounds due to the risk of collision with children. Thank you.

Aldi vouchers

The school are collecting the Aldi vouchers and are hoping that we can win the competition! If you have any vouchers please send them in with your child.

Clubs

A letter will be coming out next week inviting children to attend clubs being arranged by staff - check book bags!

Dates for the Diary

27.09.19 Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2pm
Parent Assembly 2.40pm

02-04.10.19 Y6 residential

11.10.19 Harvest Festival 9.30pm in Church

23.10.19 School closes for half term 3.15pm

02.11.19 School re-opens 8.45am

27.11.19 School closed for staff training

w/c 09.12.19 Christmas Plays

w/c 16.12.19 Christmas Parties

20.12.19 Church Service 9.30am
School closes for Christmas 3.15pm

04.01.20 School re-opens 8.45am

**“Sowing the seeds, nurturing
the growth, sharing the harvest,
rejoicing with God”**