



April 2022 Newsletter

As we say goodbye to another term, it is nice to reflect on and celebrate everything that has happened in Patrington Primary Academy.

Plant a sunflower/Pray for Ukraine event

Thanks again to all the parents, relatives and carers who came to support our whole school event. It was a lovely afternoon and we hope that your child's sunflower is enjoying the sunshine. We will let you know next term when we will be planting them in the school ground as a reminder of people in need.

Safety Week

We launched a week of PSHE Safety lessons to teach and remind children of how to stay safe in different situations. The children had super discussions in class and the teachers were pleased with how much their children knew about keeping themselves and others safe. Unfortunately, we did not manage to run the *Parent Online Safety Workshops* or the Celebration 'What have we learned about safety' worship due to illnesses. We will let you know of new dates after Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back into school.

Easter Service

We were not able to have an Easter Service as we had planned in church but our classes spent time learning about the Easter Story as part of RE. Children in EYFS decorated their own Easter bonnets and paraded them in front of the school as we all sang Easter songs. The sun was shining and it was lovely to see all year groups coming together to celebrate Easter. Look out for photos on Twitter!

Clubs

It seems from pupil and parent feedback that our clubs have been a success over the last few weeks. After Easter, there will be three more sessions left to run. If your child cannot or is not attending their club, please tell a member of staff so that we know that your child is safe. Further club news will be sent out in the Summer Term.



All the staff at Patrington are really pleased with the progress children have made in phonics and reading over the last term and we hope you are too! Pupil voice shows that children really enjoy reading and are loving the new reading material, which we will continue to add to. Please make sure that your child is sharing his/her book with you at home and that the book is brought back to school to be changed. We have a limited supply of the ReadWriteInc books so it is imperative that all copies are returned to school when requested. Thankyou for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance

As you are aware, we have had lots of staff and pupil absences over the last few weeks. Staff have been amazing in ensuring that teaching and learning continues and your children's education has not been disrupted. We hope you all manage to get a good rest and manage to stay healthy over Easter!



Friends of School

Unfortunately due to illnesses, we have had to cancel school discos this term. Please watch out for new dates in the Summer Term.

Staffing Changes

We want to say a huge thank-you to Miss Smith for all the work she has done in our school. Miss Smith has successfully run the FreshStart phonics intervention group and maths intervention groups. She has also taught in many of the classes throughout school. Miss Smith will be moving to another Ebor School to help children there with intervention programmes. We wish her well and we know she will keep in touch!

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Gallagher, who, following her maternity leave, has taken up a position with the NHS. Miss Gallagher has been at Patrington School for a considerable length of time and will have taught every child who has passed through our nursery. We will greatly miss her and wish her the very best in her new role.

Rejoining our happy team is Miss Strachan who has been on maternity leave after having her twins. Miss Strachan will become part of the Year 1 team and we look forward to having her back with the Patrington family.

Mrs Codd and Mrs Kavanagh will also become part of the team after Easter. Mrs Codd will be running intervention groups to support children as well as being the TA in Year 4 and Mrs Kavanagh will be supporting in Year 5 as a TA.

We look forward to welcoming them into our school community.

Also joining the School is Miss Patrick who will be the Year 6 teacher for the Summer Term. Miss Patrick is a very experienced Year 6 teacher and we are all happy she has decided to join the team.



Morrisons Good to Grow Vouchers

Thank you to all parents who collected the vouchers for the school. The goods we have received so far are flower and salad seeds; bird boxes; insect houses and compost.

PE Kits

As the weather becomes warmer, PE will take place outside as we move into Athletics season. Please ensure that your child is provided with a plain white t shirt (or a coloured team one) and black shorts. They may need a plain sweatshirt and plain black jogging bottoms if the weather is cool. Trainers need to be worn for safety reasons. Please avoid football tops or heavily-branded logos. Jewellery should not be worn for PE and earrings need to be removed or taped over.

Sporting Events

Mr Derbyshire has requested that slips for Sporting Events (such as Athletics on the 3rd May) be returned to school straight after Easter break so that he can confirm our numbers to the High School.

And finally...

We hope you have had a fabulous Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.

from all the Patrington Staff



I am so pleased to announce that Miss Reid has had a beautiful baby boy whom she has called Luca. We wish her well in her new adventure of being a mummy.