



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely time over Christmas and New Year, which seems such a distant memory now! The children have settled back in to their routines very well. They are amazing and are an absolute credit to you.

## International week

We will hold our international week in the last week of January 28<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>. We would love your help in this. You can help by, for example, coming in to talk to the children about traditions in your culture or country; or by bringing in traditional food for the children to taste; or by showing the children traditional clothing for your country.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Poland**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Hispanic day**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Arabic day**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Afro-Caribbean day**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - English Day.**

Please let your child's teacher know if you can help in any way. A more detailed letter will follow.

## Marking

We have undertaken some research about the most effective forms of marking and feedback, to ensure that our children are getting the best possible provision. As a result of this, we have re-written our feedback policy, which has modified the way that we give feedback to children in some respects. We have been trialing this in year 1 and year 6 with the children, and it seems to be having an impact on their learning, and the children are giving us very positive comments about it. We will roll out this trial now to the whole school, in order for us to make sure that the policy is fit for purpose, and that it ensures our children are getting the most from their learning. So over the next few weeks, the children may be talking about this at

home or, when you see their books, there may be less written feedback. Once we have finalised the policy, it will be made available to you, should you wish to see it.

### Attendance

Our attendance has taken a bit of a hit over the last week of last term and the beginning of this term. Please be advised that if you take holidays during term time, then you may receive a fine.

### Uniform

Just to remind you that school shoes need to be plain black shoes. (No coloured lines, ticks, logos or soles.) Children should all be wearing proper shirts and ties - no polo shirts. Also, top buttons should be fastened. We want children to be very proud of being in St. Patrick's, and to show this with how much pride they take in their uniform.

### Dinners

Our school dinners have been improved over the last few months. We would love as many children as possible to have a school dinner. However, if your child is on school dinners, they must stay on school dinners for the full term. We cannot have children swapping and changing between packed lunches and hot dinners during the week.

Thanking you for your continued cooperation!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. Lewis

