

Patterdale C of E School

A loving family in a unique environment

January/February 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you have had a lovely festive holiday and everyone is returning rested, fit and healthy.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7th but especially to those who will be starting school/nursery for the first time.

Uniform and other items needed every day.

Uniform

Your child should be wearing a collared t-shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan etc with the school logo and dark *plain* (no logos) trousers/skirts. During the colder weather your child could wear extra layers under their uniform.

P.E. Bag

Their bag should contain trainers, a round necked P.E t-shirt, dark shorts and spare socks and pants. A dark pair of leggings/tracksuit bottoms would be useful for outdoor PE and afterschool club.

Outdoor Clothing

Each child needs a waterproof/warm coat, waterproof leggings and wellies in school every day, also hats and gloves as the weather is colder.

Water bottle

A named water bottle to be taken home each day to be cleaned.

All items need to be NAMED

Book Bag

A packet of tissues that your child can keep in their tray.

Footwear

Your child can either wear shoes or hard soled slippers whilst indoors – they do not need both. The slippers need to be sensible, no logos or characters please. These need to be fitted, not with an open back.

Collective Worship Tuesdays

Collective Worship at St Patrick's Church will continue to be every Tuesday with Andrew, HOWEVER this will now be at **2:45pm**, you and all the community are very welcome to join us. Children (including the nursery) will need to be collected from church at 3:15pm.

After School Clubs

Monday – Mrs Butcher (3:15- 5pm) or Karate which is from 3:15pm –to 4:15pm

Tuesday – Football with a coach and Mrs Butcher (3:15- 5pm)

Wednesday – Mrs Butcher (3:15- 5pm)

Thursday – Miss Kendall and Mrs Curry (3:15- 5pm)

Friday – Coach Lucy (3:15-4:15pm)

£2.50 per session except for football and Coach Lucy which is £4.00

Family Photo

We are still missing a few family photos, please try and send us one soon.

For those new families to Patterdale, can you please send us a photo of your family for our Family Board.

Homework

Keldas Class

Homework will be given out on a Monday to be completed for the following Monday. This includes time spent on their Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars accounts. A little often is the best way to retain new information, so several 10 minute sessions would be the best approach. Please check your child's homework book for additional work.

Helvellyn Class

Homework will be given out on a Friday to be completed for the following Thursday. This includes time spent on their Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars accounts. A little often is the best way to retain new information, so several 10 minute sessions would be the best approach. Please check your child's homework book for additional work.

Unfortunately last term there were several children who were not completing their homework. This put those children at a disadvantage when carrying out work in class. For the benefit of your children can all parents please ensure that homework is carried out. We will be tracking Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

Apps for both of these programmes are available for phones and tablets, making access super easy. TTRS is free and Spelling Shed has a minimal cost.

You can see the progress your child made on TTRS last term, by looking at the recent heatmap, which was given out in the last week of term.

House points will be awarded at half term for progress in TTRS and Spelling Shed.

Also please remember to EVERY CHILD needs to read at least four times a week and this to be noted down in their reading record. Each child will receive one house point for each day they read, they will receive an additional house point if they read 4 times each week.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Facebook

We would encourage you all to log in to the school Facebook page as this is where you will find out what we have been up to on a daily basis. Please share widely.

This is also where we will inform you of any **school closures** due to the weather.

U- Dance

This year Reception – Year 6 children will be taking part in the U Dance Cumbria Festival in Carlisle. The children will be performing their dance early evening on Monday 17th March 2025 at The Crown and Mitre Hotel Carlisle. Tickets for this performance will go on sale on Monday the 10th February at 9am, it is the parents responsibility to book their tickets. More information to follow

New Home for Loved Toys

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who donated pre-loved toys. Mrs Steels delivered a boot full to Cockermouth where they were then distributed to new homes. Your donations brought great joy to many children this Christmas.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Please bring in all you empty chocolate and biscuit tubs to school before 10th February. We can donate them to help raise funds for Macmillan.



Fundraising Totals!

Well done to everybody who got involved! Here are the totals for the Autumn Term.....

Christmas Raffle: £720

Jigsaw (Eden Valley Hospice): £400

Craft Fair: £550

Tom Iredale: £2200

Donations: £5000

Due to this fabulous fundraising, all our children will be using a new Chrome Book in the Spring Term.

Thank you so much everyone.

Dates For Your Diary

January

Term Starts 7th 8:45am drop off at school not church.

8th Playgroup 1:45- 3:15pm

16th Book Bus

27th A visit from Ruth (NISCU)

February

5th Playgroup 1:45- 3:15pm

14th Tim Farron visits school

14th School Closes for half term

24th School starts again

26th & 27th Years 5 and 6 residential visit to Newcastle

March

3rd Work Experience student from UCC in all week

5th Playgroup 1:45- 3:15pm

5th Eden Rock bouldering competition

17th U-Dance performance

25th Lego League

31st A visit from Ruth (NISCU)

31st London Festival Opera performing for the children.

Many thanks for reading this newsletter and for your continued support.

Nicky and Nicola



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Paving Project

Be part of our History

As part of our 150th birthday celebrations we have launched an exciting new venture. This gives the local community, local businesses and the public a chance to 'sponsor' part of the school's new paved frontage, in the form of an engraved stone paver!



Thank you for supporting
our small rural primary
school.

All monies raised will be
used to purchase much
needed I.T. Equipment

- Shared Paver – 15 Characters - £195
(each paver will be shared with 4 other names)
- Exclusive paver – 60 characters - £550
- Extra Characters - £7 each

Pavers will be laid in front of the school for all to see now and in the future.

Contact us for an order form or more information

Email: info@patterdale.cumbria.sch.uk

Telephone: 017684 82383

Our School Vision

Lifting our eyes to the hills, we are a happy school filled with love for our place and all people. We recognise and nurture the uniqueness of everyone.

Friendship

Trust

Creative

Unique

Adventurous

Fun

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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Creative

Unique

Adventurous

Fun