



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 11 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy half term and children and staff are ready for some rest and relaxation. It is hard to believe that we are now at the half way point in the school year. Children have been working hard and have achieved so much. I am so proud of them! I hope you all have a wonderful half term break.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes

Mrs. R. Halsall

### **Safer Internet Day**

Respect is our school value for next half term and we talked about the importance of this in our assemblies on Monday. Part of this discussion was about respecting others in person and when communicating online. We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and children explored a range of activities designed to reinforce key messages about staying safe. The theme this year was 'Too good to be true?' with a focus on the importance of protecting yourself and others from scams online.

Throughout the year we teach children about different ways in which they can keep themselves safe. Online safety is paramount, particularly as the world of social media and online communication continues to expand at a rapid pace. We are aware that children communicate online through a variety of channels, some of which are designed for teenagers and young adults. If you would like any advice about supporting your child to stay safe online, please contact school. We are more than happy to talk through any concerns or queries you might have.

### **Headteacher Award – Shining a Light for Others**

Children have been reading scripture about The Presentation of the Lord in their Celebration of the Word sessions and learning about Candlemas. As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we strive to be a light for others like Jesus himself. Class teachers chose children who shine their light in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Thank you for being such a wonderful example, children!

Mila R – Rec S

Lucy R – 1S

Evie N – 2S

Benjamin S - Rec P

Scarlett P – 1P

Mariella G – 2P

Maria W – 3S

Elliott T – 4S

Tony D – 5S

Jacob J – 6S

Amy A – 3P

Rosie M – 4P

Oscar H – 5P

Isla W – 6P

For some photographs of children's Celebration of the Word sessions, please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/celebration-of-the-word-3/> and also children's Class Pages <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/class-pages-2/>.

Some of the children in 6P have been shining their light in a very special way this week. Using their initiative, they decided to make and sell bracelets made out of loom bands to raise money for Hope's Help. They have worked as a team and raised a terrific £118 in the space of 4 days – incredible! Thank you to all the children involved and to parents who have played a helping hand behind the scenes. <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/charity-work-hopes-help/>

### **Love My Community – Air Ambulance**

It was great to see children wearing their mufti clothes today as we joined other schools in Southport raising money for the Northwest Air Ambulance. The School Council from each school voted for a charity they would like to raise funds for and Air Ambulance was this year's winner. This week, children in Key Stage 2 learnt about some of the tremendous work undertaken by so many who devote their time and energy to saving lives through this charity. As a school, we raised £292.90 for this worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity today, your donations really will make a difference. We will share the final total raised by all the schools involved in the near future.

### **Antarctica Flag Competition**

Exciting news! The winning entry from our competition in the autumn term has reached Antarctica. Our flag bearer, Doreen Thompson, can be seen here on Adelaide Island.

Congratulations again to Madeleine R (3S) for designing the winning entry. We look forward to entering the competition again next year.



### **School Uniform**

Thank you for your support with ensuring that children are wearing the correct school uniform. It is great to see so many children looking smart. A little reminder that children should only be wearing trainers on their PE days. During the rest of the week, children need to wear sensible school shoes. Hopefully the half term break is a good opportunity for everyone to ensure their child has appropriate school shoes for their return to school on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### **PE Days**

Children will be having PE on the following days after half term:

Reception – Monday

Year 1S – Monday & Tuesday

Year 2 – Monday & Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday & Thursday swimming

Year 4 – Wednesday & Friday

Year 6 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 1P – Monday & Thursday

Year 5 – Wednesday & Friday

### **Silent Discos – Starkidz**

We are looking forward to welcoming Starkidz into school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Each class will be taking part in a 30 minute ‘Silent Disco’. These disco sessions are designed to boost mood and reduce stress through music and movement, encourage physical activity while having fun and create a safe, positive space for children to express themselves. As a local company, Starkidz recognise that children’s mental health is even more important than ever and they have been hosting ‘Silent Discos’ (music is played through wireless headphones) for children in local schools over the past couple of weeks.

### **Ash Wednesday**

This year, Ash Wednesday is on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children will be visiting Church on Ash Wednesday for reflections with Fr John & Linda to mark the beginning of Lent, a time of preparation ahead of Easter. Children love visiting Church and feel very much at home there. Year 5 attended Mass last Thursday and enjoyed sharing this celebration with members of our Parish. If you would like to visit Church and attend Mass, please see below for the current Mass times:

**St Marie’s:** 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday, 8.30am and 10am on Sunday

**St Patrick’s:** 10am Thursday, 6pm Saturday, 11.30am Sunday

### **Book Fair/ World Book Day**

Advance notice that the Book Fair will be arriving at school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, just ahead of World Book Day which is on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children will receive a £1 Book Token which they can use towards a book from the Book Fair if they wish. As in previous years, children are welcome to dress up for World Book Day. They can either dress up as a character from a favourite book or wear their pyjamas and bring in a bedtime story of choice. We recognise that the cost of living is increasingly challenging for families and do not want anyone to feel under pressure to buy specific costumes. Lots of children (and staff) enjoy wearing their pyjamas to school for World Book Day. It is a day to celebrate children’s favourite books and promote a love of reading.

### **Contact Details**

A little reminder that we need contact details for at least two adults per child in school. If your contact details change at any point, please let us know so that we have the correct details here at school. It is essential that we can get in touch with the appropriate adults in the event of an emergency. Many thanks for your help with this.

## Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who have 100% attendance for this half term. It was such a pleasure to give out so many Headteacher Awards this week. 100% attendance for the half term is a terrific achievement and we are very grateful to parents for your support. Attendance awards are given out on a half termly basis to ensure that in the event children are absent within a half term period, they have plenty of opportunities to win the award in the remaining half terms.

**Rec S:** Carter B, Flora B, Charlotte B, Edward B, Lily C, Oscar D, Myla F, Aibhlinn G, Alicia G, Gabriel M, Evie P, Mila R, Emily T & Ellis T

**Rec P:** Alice A, Isaiah A, Grace D, Archie H, Eleanor H, Ilaria H, Finley K, Sam K, Cecilia L, Ronnie O'S, Iris P, Harley S, Lennon S, Harry S & Rory S

**1S:** Bethany B, Berry C, Polly D, Amelie F, Alfie F, Maisie H, Rory J, Peyton M, Darcy M, Millie M, Edward P, Elowen P, Theo R, Harriett R, Lucy R, Joshua W-H & Marco Z

**1P:** Isabelle A, Gabriel B, Lola E, Felicity G, Orla H, Harlow H, Alicia H, Elliott L, Amelia M-K, Theia McC, Charlotte McL, Jack M, Harrison O'S, Scarlett P, Wilfred P & Callum R

**2S:** Charlie B, Freddie F, Nancy G, Evelyn G, Elliott J, George L, Emmy M, Evie N, Evangeline R, Ada R, Olivers U, Evelyn U, Fleur V & Xian V

**2P:** Freddie B, Jenson C, Poppy C-M, Ethan D, Pheobe H, Micah H, Arthur J, Isla J, Ellie L, Marianne L, Louis P, Theo R, Lula R, Annabelle S, Oscar T & Isabella W

**3S:** Flynn B, Nellie B, Jack B, Kevin C-B, Layla G, Phoebe H, Victoria K, Leo K, Billy M, Madeleine R, Khaleesi S, Alana S & Eddie T

**3P:** Amy A, Sophie A, Olivia B, Winniemae C-K, Elkie C, Beth G, Billy H, Sophia H, Ava M, Herbie M, Georgia R, Prithak S, Joshua S, Martins U & Lily W

**4S:** Oliver B, Darragh C, David G, Alfie H, Finlay J, Ruby L, Charlotte M, Kacper M, Josh M, Leighton S, Elliott T, Niamh T & Yves V

**4P:** Alice A, Pearl B-O'F, James B, Imogen C, Miles C, Jesse D, Teddy F, Archie H, Sapphire M, Rosie M, Teddy N, Mason O-B, Alfie O, Natalia R & Bobby S

**5S:** Angelynn C, Freya D, Lucas D, George G, Jaxon L, Ruby P, Lily-Rose U, Xavier W & Logan W

**5P:** Connie B, Lily B, Ethan B, Dayo D, Oscar H, Eli J, Anya K, Lucy L, Leila M, Amy M & Jack M

**6S:** Rose B-O'F, Joseph C, Zach C, Finnbar C, Betsy H, Ella H-K, Adam H, Jacob J, Finn M, Thea P, Joseph T & Disali V

**6P:** Paschalis A, Liam B, Lucas D, Joseph D, William F, Bobby G, Adam K, Antoni K, Lois McG, Jakub M, Molly M, Alba P, Joshua P, Meredith P, Emily S, Mason S, Matilda T, Noah T, Isla W & Esmé Y

