



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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We have had a busy fortnight in school. Children have been working hard and enjoying lots of different activities. Please see the Class Pages on the website to find out more about children's learning and see some photographs of the children in action. <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/>

Welcome Mass

Children in Key Stage 2 had a special 'Welcome Mass' with Fr John on Tuesday to celebrate our school community coming together again at the start of another school year. The children were terrific and joined in with hymns and responses with gusto. It was lovely to be back in our Church. A big thank you to Fr John for giving us so many opportunities to experience the joys of such celebrations. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/welcome-mass/> Children in Reception will be visiting Church for the first time next week.

If you would like to 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

Headteacher Award – Behaviour

Establishing routines and high expectations has been a priority since children have returned to school and lots of children have done a fantastic job with this. Last week, our teaching assistants had the difficult job of choosing children to receive the Headteacher Award. They chose children who have been setting a good example to others with their positive behavior for learning and sensible conduct on the playground. Well done children!

Leo D – Rec S

Berry C – 1S

Hugo C – 2S

Isaiah A – Rec P

Lola C – 1P

Louis P – 2P

Herbie M – 3P

Tyler W – 4S

Mia H – 5S

Disali V – 6S

Sofia S – 3S

Ruth W – 4P

Oscar H – 5P

Joshua P – 6P

Democracy – School and Eco-Council Elections

Key Stage 2 was a hive of activity on Wednesday as lots of children presented their manifestos for the role of School or Eco Councillors. Our Councillors play an important role in school as they share the views of their peers and have an input into some of the decision making in school. It was wonderful to see lots of children putting themselves forward and the quality of their manifestos and presentations was tremendous, a real credit to everyone involved. The winners will be announced in the Housepoint Assembly next week. Photographs of the elections can be found on <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/school-eco-council-elections/>

Veggie Patch – Soup Kitchen

Children in Year 4 have already been busy digging up potatoes and onions grown in the Veggie Patch which Mrs Williams took to the Soup Kitchen to help those in need. Clive Baines has spoken with Year 4 and has some exciting new projects planned for the upcoming weeks and months. Some of the work that our children were involved in was recognised in the Catholic Pictorial over the summer holidays. Please see **page 26** of the August edition for more details https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_august_2024
A huge thank you to Clive, Mrs Williams and our keen gardeners for all their hard work with the Veggie Patch.

Congratulations Footballers

Congratulations to the boys' and girls' football teams who played in their first tournaments this week. The boys won all their matches without conceding a single goal and the girls also played brilliantly, winning all their games apart from one match. What a great start to the year! The children have been tremendous ambassadors for school on and off the pitch – well done! Thank you to Mrs Garlick and Mrs Farley for organising and coaching the teams.

Headteacher Award – Reading

Reading is at the core of our curriculum and is a priority across school. Learning to read fluently with a good comprehension of texts is fundamental to education and is a key component in children's academic success. Children have opportunities to read and share texts every day in school and they enjoy a range of literature to promote a love of reading. Class teachers chose children who are working hard with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children – keep up the good work!

Carter B – Rec S	Harriett R – 1S	Arlo C – 2S	
Cecilia L – Rec P	Orla H – 1P	Logan M – 2P	
Beth G – 3P	Teddy D – 4S	Harry R – 5S	Lenny M – 6S
Victoria K – 3S	Lukas S – 4P	Amy M – 5P	Meredith P – 6P

Reading with children at home has a significant impact on their reading progress and we really appreciate parents' support with this. Thank you.

With You Always

Lots of children in Year 4 are ready to start the With You Always programme. This programme prepares children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) later in the year. We keep the children and their families in our prayers as they begin this journey together.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

Harvest Family Fast Day is on **Friday 4th October** and provides us with an opportunity to help others. Children will be accessing the Season of Creation national assembly and reflecting on ways we can love and serve others in the local and wider community. On Friday 4th October, children are invited to bring in an item of food (e.g. tin of beans, soup etc) which will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) who provide much needed support to people in times of need.

Uniform

It is great to see children looking smart for school, wearing the correct uniform with school shoes as opposed to trainers. A little reminder that nail varnish is not permitted. Long hair needs to be tied up and children wearing earrings must only wear small studs, for safety reasons. Children's cardigans and jumpers are sold at Whittakers and are the only branded items of uniform that children are required to wear. Children are welcome to wear either the summer or winter uniform up until half term, following which everyone should be wearing the winter uniform. Many thanks for your support with this.

Fundraising - School Discos

We are looking forward to having our school discos which are taking place on the following dates:

11th October: Reception - 4.00-5.00pm / **Years 1&2** – 5.15-6.15pm

18th October: Years 3&4 - 4.00-5.00pm / **Years 5&6** – 5.15-6.15pm

Tickets will be priced at £3.00 each and include a drink and a snack. We will send information about buying tickets next week.

School Calendar

A little reminder that we emailed parents with a list of dates with the last newsletter. These dates can also be found on the website <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-patricks-catholic-southport/UploadedDocument/b7314f9e-7606-44d1-bacc-d6b448df4a72/calendar-dates-for-the-diary.pdf> The calendar has now been updated to include the **Year 3&4 Christmas Productions** which will take place on **Monday 9th December at 2.00pm** and **Tuesday 10th December at 6.15pm**.

