



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome back! It has been lovely to see everyone after the Easter break. The children have settled back into school life very quickly and we have an exciting term ahead. A little reminder that different events that will be taking place throughout the term can be found on the calendar on the school website.

<https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/calendar/?calid=10,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9&pid=313&viewid=5>

School Values – Trust

Our first assemblies of the term were linked to 'Trust' which is the school value for this half term. We talked about earning people's trust and what it means to be trustworthy. Children also shared the people they considered to be 'trusted adults' who they can speak to if they have a concern. As we continue to prioritise safeguarding and ensure children know how to keep themselves safe, we also discussed the importance of not trusting people we don't know, online or in person. Class teachers chose children who are trustworthy in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations children!

Otto B – Rec S

Aibhlinn G – 1S

Amelie F – 2S

Max M - Rec P

Isaiah A – 1P

Benjamin M– 2P

Michelle L – 3S

Eddie T – 4S

Emme D – 5S

Jaxon L – 6S

Isabella W – 3P

Abilash K – 4P

Regan K – 5P

Jack M – 6P

A huge thank you to Kelsey Dottie who came in school last week and delivered a number of workshops with children from Reception to Year 6 about healthy relationships. Children enjoyed the sessions and engaged in different activities linked to key messages about friendship, trust and keeping ourselves safe.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern at any point, please get in touch with the school office or email dsl@stpatricks.sefton.school. Safeguarding concerns are shared on a 'needs to know' basis and information is stored confidentially. A little reminder that Mrs Halsall, Mrs Palmen and Mrs Shirley are the designated safeguarding staff in school who follow up on any concerns, big or small.

Live Simply Award

Over the coming months, we are hoping that our school will receive the Live Simply Award which recognises ways in which we have been living sustainably and in solidarity with our local and global neighbours. It has been a pleasure to have been working on various projects this year with the children, including our recent Big Lent Walk. The children enjoyed meeting with a representative from CAFOD and learning about ways in which the farmers in Bangladesh can grow their crops using floating gardens. The money raised from our Big Lent Walk will be sent to support these communities. At the end of last term, the children were involved in a day of planting. Once our vegetables have grown, we look forward to donating them to Southport Foodbank. Thank you to Mrs Williams for organising these opportunities.

Re-cycling Uniform

We have recently set up a clothes rail in the main entrance to school by the school office. This holds second-hand donated uniform which is available to anyone. Items are free to take. However, if you would like to make a small cash donation, this would be gratefully received at the office.

Next to the clothes rail is our Compassion Acts uniform collection bin. Any clean, unwanted uniform can be donated here and what we don't use on our rail, we will pass on to Compassion Acts to stock in their Uniform Hub in Wayfarers Arcade. Thank you to Nicole from Compassion Acts who came into school this morning and delivered an assembly for children about the wonderful work that Compassion Acts do within the community.

Please note, unnamed items of lost property are kept at the office in a separate container. We endeavour to return named items of lost property directly to children as quickly as possible.

Headteacher Award – The Wider Curriculum

Children enjoy a broad curriculum at school, designed to support a love of learning and foster different skills and talents. This week, class teachers chose children who thrive in one or more of the wider curriculum subjects to receive the Headteacher Award this week. It was wonderful to hear about the different ways in which children shine. Well done children!

Caelan B - Rec S	Myla F – 1S	Joshua W-H – 2S	
Theodora F - Rec P	Benjamin S – 1P	Aubrie C-J– 2P	
Elliot J – 3S	Emil P – 4S	David G – 5S	Macie G – 6S
Mariella G – 3P	Jack A – 4P	Mackenzie M – 5P	Eli J – 6P

With You Always – First Holy Communion

It is an exciting time for the children in Year 4 who have been participating in the With You Always programme as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Children will be making their First Holy Communion on either 3rd, 10th or 17th May and these will be very special celebrations for all those involved. We are keeping the children and their families in our prayers at this time.

Our children love going to Church, enjoying the sense of reflection and peace that this brings. If you would like to attend Church too, please see below for the Mass times at St Patrick's and St Marie's:

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

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

Maths Workshop – Years 1&3

Advance notice that Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bedwell are holding a workshop for parents on **Friday 1st May** from **9.00am until 9.40am**. This is a great opportunity for parents to come into school and find out more about children's Maths lessons and how parents can support children with Maths at home too. There will also be a chance to complete some activities with your child during the session. We hope to see lots of you there!

Cross Country Trials

Mrs Grant is holding trials for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) ahead of the annual Cross Country Event that takes place for schools in North Sefton at Stanley High School. The event itself will be held on **Thursday 21st May** from **4.00pm – 5.30pm**. Children in Years 3&4 will be running 1000m and children in Years 5&6 will run 1 mile. Each school is only permitted to take 5 boys and 5 girls per year group so we will be taking the fastest runners to represent our school. Thank you to Mrs Grant for holding the trials and organising our team.

Playtime Arrangements – Summer Term

Everyone has enjoyed the sunshine this week – long may it continue! As we approach the summer months and experience some better weather, children from Reception to Year 6 will be enjoying time on the school field for some of their breaktimes. This has already started for children in Key Stage 2 and will be put in place in Key Stage 1 from Monday. Weather permitting, children in Year 1 will be playing on the field during lunchtime breaks and children in Reception and Year 2 will be playing on the field during their afternoon breaks. Now that we have entered hay fever season, please let your child's class teacher know if your child requires any specific support with this.

Attendance

Thank you to parents for ensuring children attend school each day. As outlined by the Department for Education (DfE), school attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and wider development. It supports their long-term educational outcomes and helps children stay connected to learning, peers and the wider life of the school. In the event that children appear unwell, the NHS has produced guidance for parents to support them in making decisions about when to keep children at home. Please see

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Congratulations to 1S & 1P who had 100% attendance last week and RS with 100% attendance this week.

