



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

As we are approaching the final half term of the academic year, I am so proud of how much the children have achieved since September. They have grown in so many ways and it is a privilege to be part of their educational journey. We have had a very busy half term and our children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned break. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 8th June.

Best wishes,
Mrs R. Halsall

Sports Days

We have certainly seen a range of weather this week. The rain held off for the Year 2 – 6 Sports Days and children enjoyed their races. Unfortunately, the heavens opened just as children in Year 1 were about to start their Sports Day and it was then too wet underfoot for Reception to race on the field. Thank you to all parents who attended the Sports Days and a special thanks to everyone who got utterly soaked while waiting for Year 1. This was far from ideal! We recognise that people will have booked time off work to attend these events and understand that this can present a challenge. We are now hoping to have a **Sports Day for Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday 23rd June.**

Headteacher Award – P.E.

In addition to Sports Day events, children enjoy a range of sports through the year as part of their P.E. lessons. It is great to see children embrace different challenges and develop new skills. Class teachers chose children who have been working particularly hard in P.E. lessons to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations children!

Tyson M – Rec S	Xanthe M – 1S	Berry C – 2S	
Iris B-O’F – Rec P	Ronnie O’S – 1P	Elliott L – 2P	
Evangeline R – 3S	Isla C – 4S	Teddy D – 5S	Logan W – 6S
Oscar T – 3P	Alexander L – 4P	Teddy F – 5P	Max R – 6P

Walk to School Week

Thank you to everyone who has tried to be a little more active on their journeys to school in support of Walk to School Week. Children have been keeping a record of their efforts to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Congratulations to 2S who had the highest figures in Key Stage 1 and to 3P who are the winners in Key Stage 2. We do recognise the challenges that the weather has presented this week. Thank you for persevering in spite of the weather and supporting with this.

Star Trekk – Queenscourt Hospice

We are very proud of a number of our children who took place in this year’s Star Trekk, the annual 10k sponsored night walk through Southport, hosted by Queenscourt Hospice. Well done to Alice A (1P), Rory J (2S), Finley J (5S), Elizabella D (5S), Oliver B (5S) and Max R (6P).

Congratulations also to Luca P (6P) who had been hoping to take part in the Star Trekk but unfortunately, was not able to do so after he sprained his ankle. Determined to still make a difference, Luca decided on some more creative ways to raise money for Queenscourt. As well as setting up a GoFundMe page, Luca sold ice pops and different creations from his 3D printer after school. In total, Luca has raised an incredible £2018. Amazing, Luca!



SATs – Year 6

A huge congratulations to all the children in Year 6 who completed the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) last week. All the children were absolutely terrific. They arrived at school on time and tried their best. That's all we can ask for and we are incredibly proud of each and every single one of the Year 6 cohort. Children (and staff) had lots of fun on Friday when they went to Botanic Gardens in the morning. It was the perfect end to the week and a great way to celebrate their achievements. Well done children, you are such amazing role models to the rest of the school.

Sacrament of the Eucharist – First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children from Year 4 who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, making their First Holy Communion. The celebrations at St Patrick's and St Marie's Churches were all wonderful and it was lovely to see so many families at the Masses.

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

Whole School Science Day

We have had an exciting end to the week today with a Whole School Science Day. The theme for the day was 'Curiosity' with a focus on different activities linked to scientific enquiry. Children have been involved in lots of different tasks and have enjoyed this opportunity to become more curious and experience lots of hands-on learning. An additional focus within the day was linked to celebrating the tremendous work of Sir David Attenborough. This was a great way to end the half term and a good time was had by all.

National Numeracy Day

Children enjoyed celebrating National Numeracy Day on Wednesday, which started with several classes joining a live lesson that was broadcast across the country. The theme this year was 'Count on Your Community' with a focus on how important numeracy is within everyday life. Children enjoyed a wide range of activities throughout the day, exploring different aspects of numeracy using a variety of resources.

Active Sefton – Year 1

The Active Sefton team have been working with Year 1 over the last couple of weeks. Their first session was all about healthy eating and the benefits of having 5 portions of fruits and vegetables each day. Children took part in smoothie tasting, made fresh during the session.

Today, children were learning about their teeth and how they initially have a set of primary teeth (otherwise known as baby or milk teeth) before their permanent teeth (otherwise known as adult teeth). They explored the effect that different foods can have on their teeth and were learning how to look after their teeth and when they should be brushing them each day. Children have been provided with a free toothbrush and toothpaste sample to take home.

Eco-Council – Litter Picking

This half term, our fantastic team of Eco Councillors have been busy litter picking. The councillors from Years 4 to 6 have taken turns to take a litter picker home and collect rubbish in their local area. I know that Year 3 are looking forward to contributing after the half term break. Thank you to the parents for supporting this incentive. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team of councillors in our school!

PE Days – Summer 2

PE lessons will resume the first week back after half term. There are some changes to the timetable (please see below) to allow all children to access different sports throughout the year. On PE days, children should be wearing plain navy jogging pants, leggings or shorts with a white T-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan. Many thanks for your support with this.

Reception: Tuesday

Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Monday & Thursday Swimming

Cross Country

Children from Key Stage 2 took part in the North Sefton Schools' Cross Country Event last night and did a fantastic job representing St Patrick's. Children from Years 3&4 had to run 1000m and those from Years 5&6 completed a mile amidst stiff competition from lots of other schools. Well done to all the children involved and a special mention to Emme D (5S) who came second in her race. Thank you to Mrs Grant for organising our runners and to all the parents and staff who supported the children at the event.

Boys' Football Team

Congratulations to the boys' football team who have given their all this year. In addition to playing a number of league games, the boys reached the final of the Laurie Parr tournament and played their last game of the season at Haigh Avenue. Unfortunately, they lost the game but we are very proud of them for getting through to the final, which in itself was a great achievement. Many thanks to Mrs Farley, Mr Kelleher and Mr Becker who have given their time so generously to coach and support the football team throughout the year.

A Special Request

As headteacher of our school, it is a pleasure to get to know our school families and be part of such a wonderful community. Every family is different and people face a range of challenges. Supporting others through these challenges is so powerful and can make such a difference during the toughest times.

One of our families has asked for some very special support at a tremendously difficult time and has requested that we share their story with the rest of our school community.

Leon is 35 years old and a father to three young boys. Last year he was diagnosed with a rare and very aggressive kidney cancer. At the time of surgery, it was stage 3, and he had his kidney and tumour removed. He was then given the all-clear and started immunotherapy.

Sadly, within three months of starting immunotherapy, the cancer returned and spread to multiple places, meaning Leon is now stage 4.

The NHS is currently only able to offer tablets to try to slow the cancer down, and Leon has been given a prognosis of 1–3 years. Leon is currently enrolled on a clinical trial for a targeted drug that may help slow the progression of the cancer in the short term while we continue raising funds for treatment abroad.

Our hope is to access a specialist T-cell therapy trial in the USA, which offers the best chance of long-term survival, but we need to show proof of funding of approximately \$200,000 to enrol and cover costs.

So far, thanks to amazing support, our GoFundMe has raised over £20,000. We have also organised a sponsored charity walk from The Big Help Stadium in Southport to Everton's Hill Dickinson Stadium on 2nd August.

*If families would like to support, donate or share Leon's story, the links are below:
Go fund me-*

<https://gofund.me/045702bac>

Facebook – Leon's Fight Against stage 4 Cancer

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Fmdjdtz8x/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

We are keeping this family in our prayers as they face the journey ahead. Thank you to all our families for the kindness, love and support shown to each other in so many different ways.

Headteacher Award – Attendance

Thank you to all parents for helping children to be in school as much as possible. As always, the Headteacher Award in the last week of a half term is for children who have been in school every day since the previous school holiday. This gives everyone multiple opportunities to receive this award as we do understand that, on occasions, children might be too poorly to attend school.

Congratulations to the following children who have 100% attendance since returning to school after the Easter holidays:

Reception S: Otto B, Caelan B, Cloda C, Molly F, Raina F, Toby H, Leo H, Tyson M, Jasper McL, Vincent M, Dorian P, Henry S, Amelie S & Phoebe W

Reception P: Alfie B, Leila D-B, Theodora F, Charlie H, Chloe J, Sadie L, Max M, Alfie O'S, Reggie Q, Henry R & Leo S

1S: Carter B, Flora B, Lottie B, Edward B, Lily C, Oscar D, Myla F, Alicia K, Blaine M, Xanthe M, Gabriel M, Alice P, Ryan S, Emily T, Toby T & Ellis T

1P: Alice A, Isaiah A, Grace D, Micah E, Archie H, Finley K, Cecilia L, Iris P, Sonny R, Harley S, Harry S & Rory S

2S: Bethany B, Amelie F, Maisie H, Rory J, Peyton M, Darcy M, Millie M, Grace M, Edward P, Kiara P, Elowen P, Paisley Q, Theo R, Harriett R & Lucy R

2P: Isabelle A, Gabriel B, Felicity G, Alicia H, Amelia M-K, Benjamin M, Theia McC, Charlotte McL, Harrison O'S, Scarlett P, Maia P, Wilfred P, Rosie T & Sebastian W

3S: Charlie B, Keyon F, Nancy G, Evelyn G, Elliot J, Michelle L, George L, Evie N, Charlotte S, Olivers U & Xian V

3P: Freddie B, Poppy C-M, Ethan D, Pheobe H, Isla J, Adaline K, Ellie L, Marianne L, Billy N, Louis P, Annabelle S & Isabella W

4S: Flynn B, Nellie B, Jack B, Kevin C-B, Isla C, Phoebe H, Lilah H, Victoria K, Billy M, Florence P & Madeleine R

4P: Jack A, Amy A, Sophie A, Winniemae C-K, Beth G, Elias H, Alexander L, Ava M-L, Georgia R, Olivia S, Joshua S, Martins U & Lily W

5S: Benjamin A, Penny B, Oliver B, Darragh C, Jordan C, Elizabella D, David G, Alfie H, Finley J, Ruby L, Charlotte M, Ruby M, Kacper M, Elliott T, Niamh T & Tyler W

5P: Imogen C, Miles C, Teddy F, Archie H, Regan K, Patrick K, Sapphire M, Teddy N, Alfie R, Natalia R, Lukas S, Bobby S & Ruth W

6S: Emmie B, Arthur B, Darcy-Rose B, Angelynn C, Freya D, Lucas D, Macie G, George G, Isaac H, Jaxon L, Harry R, Lily-Rose U, Xavier W & Connor W

6P: Connie B, Lily B, Ethan B, Archie D, Antoni G, Oscar H, Amelia H, Evie H, Eli J, Anya K, Edward K, Leon K, Lucy L, Sabrina M-T, Raphael P, Bella S & Jasmine V

