



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Children have settled back into school life very quickly after their half term break and have been working hard over the last two weeks. Thank you to all parents who attended the recent Parents' Evenings. We are always keen to work in close partnership with parents and do appreciate you making time to see children's work and speak with class teachers.

School Values – Respect

Throughout each half term, we focus on one of the school values that the children chose in September, on our Mission Day. Our value for this half term is 'Respect'. We talked about the importance of respect in our assemblies last week and class teachers chose children who show respect for themselves and others to receive the Headteacher Award. Thank you for setting such a wonderful example!

Elowen P – Rec S

Fleur V – 1S

Lilah H – 2S

Eloise H - Rec P

Gabriella G – 1P

Julia O – 2P

Penny B – 3S

Lucas T – 4S

Charlie C – 5S

Evelyn B – 6S

Rosie M – 3P

Bella S – 4P

William F – 5P

Nathan Sh – 6P

Sporting Endeavours

Dodgeball: Well done to children in Year 4 who took part in a Dodgeball Tournament at Christ the King High School earlier in the term. The children gave their all and we are so proud of them. They were excellent ambassadors for St Patrick's.

Boys' Football Team: The boys' football team did a tremendous job at their tournament on Tuesday. Due to their success to date, they were placed with some very challenging competition and managed not to lose any of their matches. Well done boys!

Girls' Football Team: The girls' football team also played extremely well at their tournament on Monday. They only lost one game and that was to the winners of the whole tournament. Just like the boys, their sense of team spirit was tremendous. Well done girls!

Thank you to all the staff involved in these tournaments. A special thanks to Mrs Farley, Mrs Garlick and Mr Jacques for coaching the football teams and organising the matches.

The Wider Curriculum

Children enjoy a broad curriculum at school and it is wonderful to see them shine in different ways.

Music: On Tuesday, each class took part in an assembly to celebrate their achievements in Music. This involved children performing songs that they have been learning in class and using instruments to compose musical accompaniments. It was such pleasure to see each performance. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/music-assemblies/> for some photographs of our young musicians.

Art: Mark from Maximum Effort Art worked with children from Year 3 on Monday and the children thoroughly enjoyed this experience. They worked with a range of media and created some super artwork. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/artist-visit/>. Class teachers chose children who are flourishing in the wider curriculum subjects to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations children!

Millie M – Rec S

Xian V – 1S

Khaleesi S – 2S

Harrison O - Rec P

Phoebe H – 1P

Sam K – 2P

Oliver B – 3S

Emmie B – 4S

Betsy H – 5S

Faith McG – 6S

Miles C – 3P

Antoni G – 4P

Molly M – 5P

Fraser K – 6P

Book Fair/ World Book Day

It has been lovely to see so many people visiting the Book Fair, which is with us until Tuesday 5th March. A little reminder that World Book Day is on **7th March**. 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.

Attendance

Many thanks for your support with children's attendance. So much happens within the school day, academically and socially, and children miss out on lots of opportunities when they are not in school. Congratulations to 4P who have had 100% attendance this week. If you feel that you would benefit from some support with your child's attendance, please contact school so that we work together to make the necessary improvements.

PTA/ Parents Forum

Thank you to the parents who came to the PTA meeting on Tuesday afternoon and discussed some potential ideas for fundraising. We recognise that people have very busy lives and understand it can be a challenge to attend meetings. With this in mind, Louise Kitchen and Toni Muskett created a PTA WhatsApp group last year, in order to share communication with anyone who would like to help out at events. If you would like to be added to this group, please get in touch.

The School and Eco-Councils are working with the PTA to organise a Uniform Sale which will take place on **Wednesday 27th March at 3.30pm** in the hall. The sale is an excellent opportunity to recycle uniform that is in good condition but may no longer fit your child/ren. We will be collecting uniform from **Wednesday 13th March until Wednesday 20th March** in preparation for the sale. We are asking for a small donation for the purchase of any uniform, e.g. 50p per item of clothing, at the sale.

Lenten Reflections

Children in Years 4,5&6 have visited Church over the last fortnight to take part in some Lenten reflections with Fr John and Linda. Children in all other year groups will be visiting Church over the next few weeks. Children love visiting Church and feel very much at home there. 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

Children will be having a special Mass at 10.00am on Friday 15th March to celebrate St Patrick's Day, which falls at the weekend this year. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join the celebrations too, if they would like to do so.

Congratulations to Chris and the Kitchen Staff

The kitchen staff work very hard to prepare and serve delicious meals every day. The staff are lovely with the children and are integral members of our school community. The school kitchen had a visit from the Environmental Health Department last week in line with statutory requirements. The kitchen received a rating of 5, which is the top rating possible. This is a result of the tremendous work Chris and her team do on a daily basis. Thank you ladies – we really appreciate all your efforts to maintain the highest of standards.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £12.10 per week and is £70.18 in total for this half term. Thank you to everyone who has made prompt payments so far. Payments should be made in advance on a Monday for the forthcoming week or you can pay for the half term up front if you prefer. Please note, if your child wishes to move on or off hot dinners, 2 weeks' notice must be provided at the office. Many thanks for your support with this.

