



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Children and staff have been very busy this week and are ready for some rest and relaxation. So much happens within the school day and it is a privilege to see children flourish as the school year progresses. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes

Mrs. R. Halsall

Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday to raise awareness of a safer internet for all. 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. Children explored a range of activities designed to reinforce key messages about staying safe. Please refer to <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/internet-safety/> for more information about online safety in school.

Love My Community – Southport Foodbank

It was great to see children wearing their mufti clothes today as we joined other schools in Southport raising money for the Southport Foodbank. As a school, we raised £332.76. This week, each class has learnt about Compassion Acts who are a Christian charity that was launched in 2019, aiming to reduce poverty and improve social wellbeing in Southport and surrounding areas. Compassion Acts run the Southport Foodbank in addition to other projects. Thank you for your generosity today. Your donations really will make a difference. We will share the final total raised by all schools in the near future.

Headteacher Award – Behaviour

Having high expectations in terms of behaviour for learning and conduct around school is a priority in school with these expectations being reinforced on a daily basis. I was delighted to hear about all the different ways in which children have been setting a good example for their peers. Well done to the following children who received the Headteacher Award this week:

Harriett R – Rec S	Arlo C – 1S	Nellie B – 2S	
Theo R - Rec P	Ellie L – 1P	Georgia R – 2P	
Charlotte M – 3S	Logan W – 4S	Ella M-N – 5S	Patrick G – 6S
Jesse D – 3P	Lucy L – 4P	Isla W – 5P	Annabelle D – 6P

School Uniform & School Photographs

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.

The school photographer will be in school on **Monday 19th February**. If your child has PE on Mondays (see PE days below) and you would prefer them to wear their school uniform for their photograph, please send in their PE kit for them to change into for their PE lesson.

PE Days

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

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3S – Tuesday & Thursday swimming

Year 4 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 6 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3P - Thursday swimming & Friday

Year 5 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 3 Girls' Football

A number of girls in Year 3 will be participating in a football tournament on Friday 8th March. In preparation for this event, Mr and Mrs Dagger from Southport Trinity Football Club are coaching the teams and giving them the benefit of their expertise. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Dagger for giving their time so generously to do this.

PTA/ Parents Forum

We were delighted to hold a number of fundraising events last year, led by the PTA. Not only did we raise money for school, it was a lovely way to work together as a school community. We are keen to hold some more events over the coming months, if at all possible. With this in mind, there will be a meeting in school on **Tuesday 27th February at 2.45pm** for any parents or grandparents who feel that they would like to help with this. We are looking forward to hearing people's ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to bring any children who are not yet at school with you, they will be most welcome too.

Lenten Reflections

This year, Ash Wednesday is on 14th February. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a time of preparation ahead of Easter. After half term, children will be visiting Church for some Lenten reflections with Fr John and Linda. Children love visiting Church and feel very much at home there. 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 at the end of February, just ahead of World Book Day which is on **7th 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.

Enrichment Opportunities

Mini Vinnies: Thank you to the children in Key Stage 2 who applied to be part of our Mini Vinnies group who will be meeting after half term. Mr Holmes was very impressed with the quality of children's applications and is looking forward to working with those who have put themselves forward. Well done children!

The Art Council - Art Competition: A little reminder that children from all year groups are welcome to take part in this competition by creating a piece of landscape art in whichever media they wish. We have already received some fantastic entries. The closing date is Friday 23rd February and winners will be announced before the Easter holidays. Please ensure the landscapes include your child's name and class.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £12.10 per week and will be £70.18 in total next half term. 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.

Dates for the Diary

Advance notice that **Year 5** will be performing their Easter production for parents on **Tuesday 26th March at 2.00pm** and **Wednesday 27th March at 9.15am**.

Year 6 have the following events scheduled during the summer term:

Leavers' Mass: Friday 28th June at 10.00am

End of Year Productions: Wednesday 10th July and Thursday 11th July at 6.15pm

Leavers' Assembly: Wednesday 24th July at 10.00am

