



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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There has been a wealth of different activities taking place in school over the last fortnight. Please refer to the Class Pages <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-1/> for more information about topics children are currently exploring.

Collection for Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for the refugees and asylum seekers who have been placed in Liverpool. We displayed the items collected in our assemblies last week, following which Fr John displayed a selection in Church at the weekend. (Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/collection-for-refugees-asylum-seekers/>) People have been extremely generous and we are very grateful. Your donations will make such a difference to lots of families.

School Uniform

A little reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct uniform and school shoes (trainers should only be worn on PE days) throughout the school year. This helps to support children's sense of community and promotes equality amongst peers in terms of appearance. The following uniform expectations in particular have been designed with health and safety in mind:

Hair: We request that children with long hair tie it back for school to minimise the spread of head lice.

Jewellery: Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school with the exception of small stud earrings. Children will be asked to remove any other jewellery or accessories (e.g. friendship bracelets) in the event that they bring them to school. Children are asked to remove earrings or cover them with a plaster to prevent them causing injury during PE lessons. Please see the list at the end of the newsletter for all items of clothing included in our school uniform.

Advance notice that the School and Eco-Councils will be organising an opportunity for parents to recycle/ swap items of uniform next half term. This is a great way to reuse uniform that is in good condition but may no longer fit your child/ ren. We will share more information about how this will work in due course.

School Values – Courage

We are focusing on 'Courage' this half term in line with the School Values that children suggested on our Mission Day in September. Last week, class teachers chose children who have shown courage in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award. It was such a pleasure to hear how children have demonstrated this.

Lewi N – Rec S	Billy N – 1S	Halle F – 2S	
Isabelle A - Rec P	Micah H – 1P	Olivia B – 2P	
Tyler W – 3S	Mia H – 4S	Thea P – 5S	Summa R – 6S
Pearl B-O'F – 3P	Lucy L – 4P	Ophelia F – 5P	Jaiden B – 6P

French Celebration Afternoon

Children enjoyed a French Celebration Afternoon last week, participating in a range of activities to explore French culture. From tasting French food to taking a virtual flight to France, children were immersed in different tasks and had lots of fun. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/french-celebration-afternoon/> for some photographs from the afternoon.

Parents' Evenings

Many thanks to all parents who have booked an appointment with class teachers for the upcoming Parents Evenings on the following dates:

Reception/ Years 1-3: Wednesday 21st February and Thursday 22nd February

Years 4-6: Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 29th February

Class teachers are looking forward to speaking with you and will be sending out appointment times via email next week.

Pupil Voice – Playground Equipment

Following a request from the School Council, children in Key Stage 2 have been busy selecting equipment to use at break times. Councillors have discussed this as being a good way to support children being more physically active in a range of ways. A good lesson in democracy, children have worked together to choose equipment for their year group, making joint decisions within an agreed budget. Well done children!

Headteacher Award – Handwriting

As the world of technology continues to expand at a rapid pace, handwriting is still an important component within the National Curriculum. Children must be able to consistently join their handwriting by the end of Key Stage 2 in order to be assessed as working at the Expected standard.

([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/637ba0b0e90e072854bcab87/2018-](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/637ba0b0e90e072854bcab87/2018-19_teacher_assessment_frameworks_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf)

[19_teacher_assessment_frameworks_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/637ba0b0e90e072854bcab87/2018-19_teacher_assessment_frameworks_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf)) Congratulations to the following children for working so hard with their handwriting:

Albie F – Rec S	Evelyn G – 1S	Florence P – 2S	
Amelia M K - Rec P	Ellie L – 1P	Elkie C – 2P	
Alfie H – 3S	Ruby P – 4S	Grace K – 5S	Ava S – 6S
Mason O-B – 3P	Jack M – 4P	Mason S – 5P	Ava McI – 6P

Mini Vinnies

Catherine Jones from the St Vincent de Paul Society led an assembly for Key Stage 2 on Tuesday and talked to children about becoming ‘Mini Vinnies’. The Mini Vinnies’ mission is to ‘See, Think and Do’ to help others in the local and wider community. We are looking to establish a group of Mini Vinnies in school, led by Mr Holmes. Mr Holmes has spoken with each class in Key Stage 2 about how to apply to become part of this group. Applications need to be submitted by **Thursday 8th February**. Mr Holmes will provide more information about the group after half term. Many thanks to Catherine and Mr Holmes for providing this opportunity for our children.

Love My Community – Southport Foodbank

Our school is part of the Southport Learning Partnership (SLP) where we work together with other schools on joint projects. Love My Community is a special day in the school year where we join with other local schools to raise money for a charity chosen by the children of Southport. This year children have chosen to support the Southport Foodbank. With this in mind, schools are having a mufti-day to raise money collectively for this worthy cause. Children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes on **Friday 9th February**. If possible, we would appreciate a donation of £1.00 per child. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 5 Class Mass

Children love visiting Church and feel very much at home there. Year 5 attended Mass yesterday with members of the parish and it was a lovely celebration. Thank you to Fr John for giving us this opportunity and thank you also to parents and family members who were able to join us. 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

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

Contact Details

Please ensure that you notify school in the event that your telephone number, email address or home address changes. It is very important that we are able to contact parents in the event of an emergency. We require a minimum of two people as emergency contacts for each child. Many thanks.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

WINTER UNIFORM

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

Blue shirt

School tie

Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo

White or grey socks or grey tights

SUMMER UNIFORM

Blue checked dress

Grey shorts or trousers

Blue polo shirt

Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo

White or grey socks

Children should wear black sensible school shoes with a velcro or buckle fastening or laces.

(If your child is wearing shoes with laces, they should be able to tie these independently.)

P.E. KIT

White t-shirt or white polo shirt

Plain navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms or tracksuit pants

Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo

Trainers or pumps

Please label all items of clothing and shoes with your child's name. The children will be wearing identical items of clothing and despite our efforts they may get mixed up in class or at playtimes.

