



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 9

### 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Happy New Year! Children have made a great start to the spring term and have had a busy fortnight since returning last week. Please see children's Class Pages <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-1/> to find out more information about the term ahead.

#### Headteacher Award – Reading

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and is a priority in all year groups. Being able to read fluently, with confidence, is an essential skill that supports children's learning in all subjects. Class teachers chose children who have been making excellent reading progress to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children – keep up the good work!

Maisie H – Rec S	Keyon F – 1S	Francis W-M – 2S	
Jack M - Rec P	Ethan D – 1P	Jack A – 2P	
Benjamin A – 3S	Tony D – 4S	Adam H – 5S	Isabelle A – 6S
Patrick K – 3P	Lily B – 4P	Alba P – 5P	Emilia K – 6P

#### Congratulations Footballers

Some of the boys in Year 6 made a tremendous start to the year by winning a local futsal tournament. They managed to play 6 games over two weeks without conceding a single goal – very impressive! We are very proud of the players, not just because of their victory but also because of their terrific team spirit and sportsmanship on and off the pitch. Thank you to Mrs Garlick and Mr Jacques for coaching the team and taking them to the tournament.

#### PE- Spring

Children have started their new topics in PE and are enjoying a range of sports and activities across school. Neil from PDS is teaching Years 2, 3 and 5 and Miss Jennifer is teaching ballet to the children in Reception and Year 1. Children made a wonderful start with their lessons last week and are thoroughly enjoying these opportunities. Please ensure that children are wearing the correct PE kit when they come into school on their PE days. Children need to wear a white T shirt, plain navy shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and pumps/trainers, with their school jumper or cardigan.

A little reminder that **Year 4** will continue their swimming lessons until half term, with their final lesson being on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. Following this, **Year 3** will start their swimming lessons on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**.

#### Parents' Evenings

Advance notice that we will be having Parents Evenings after half term. For parents of children in **Reception** and **Years 1-3**, Parents Evenings will be on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Parents Evenings for **Years 4-6** will be on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**. Parents will be able to arrange either face-to-face meetings or telephone meetings, depending upon which works best for each family. We will be sending out request slips a little nearer the time.

#### French Celebration Afternoon

Children will be enjoying a French Celebration Afternoon next week on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. This will involve each class exploring different aspects of French culture and participating in a range of activities. Children are welcome to wear accessories (e.g. hair ribbon, socks) representing the colours of the French flag (blue, white and red) with their school uniform if they would like to do so.

#### The Art Council - Art Competition

Following the success of last year's Self-Portrait Competition, the Art Council have decided to hold another competition focused on landscapes. Children from all year groups from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to take part and create a piece of landscape art in whichever media they wish. Please ensure the landscapes include your child's name and class. Winners will be selected across the school by the Art Council. The closing date is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and winners will be announced before the Easter holidays.

## Headteacher Award – Mission Statement

*Faithfully following in the footsteps of Jesus,  
we serve, love and learn together inspiring each other to excellence*

Class teachers chose children who have been excellent examples of our Mission Statement to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations children – what a great start to the year!

Berry C – Rec S	Lola C – 1S	Halle F – 2S	
Elliot L - Rec P	Annabelle S – 1P	Sandra V – 2P	
Emme D – 3S	Arthur B – 4S	Charlie C – 5S	James C – 6S
Bobby S – 3P	Leon K – 4P	Paschalis A – 5P	Thomas W – 6P

## We Serve .... An Opportunity to Help Others

In an ever-changing world, there are lots of people in need at the moment, facing into these winter months with very little. Large groups of refugees and asylum seekers are being placed around the country in desperate circumstances. To help those in Liverpool, there are collections of much-needed items at St Patrick's and St Marie's Churches over the next couple of weeks. If you are having a spring clean after Christmas and are getting rid of any of the following items we would be very grateful if you could please pass them to your child's class teacher by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January** so that we can send them with the items collected at Church:

- unwanted toys that children may no longer play with
- any unbranded school uniform, e.g. trousers, polo shirts that is too small
- shoes that no longer fit but are in good condition
- spare nappies that are no longer the right size

Many thanks for your help with this. Any items donated will make such a difference.

## Hub of Hope App

There are so many challenges that people are facing at the moment, not least with mental health. The Hub of Hope is the country's first nationwide mental health database, which brings help and support together in one place. The app can help people to find much needed support using their phone's location to find key services and organisations. It is freely available via Apple or Google Play.

## Come & See - Community

As part of children's Come & See lessons they are learning about Community, with different focus points in each year group. Children in Year 1 visited Fr John in Church on Thursday to talk about 'Special People' in our community. Fr John also met with children in Year 4 this week as part of their learning. Thank you to Fr John for giving his time so generously.

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

Advance notice that **Year 5** will be attending 10am Mass on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Family and friends are most welcome to come too.

## After School Clubs

We are running the following After School Clubs this half term:

**Year 1:** Playground Games & Multi-Skills – Wednesdays & Thursdays from 3.15pm – 4.00pm

**Year 5:** Art Club – Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm

**Year 6:** Booster Clubs – Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Many thanks to all staff who are giving their time to run these clubs.

## Attendance

Congratulations to 3S and 5P who have had 100% attendance this week. Well done also to RP who had the best attendance last week. What a terrific start to the year!

