



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 8

22nd December 2023

Dear Parents,

Excitement in school has now reached fever pitch as we are so close to Christmas. With only three sleeps to go before the big day, children and staff are definitely ready for the Christmas break. This has been a very busy term and the magical month of December has been filled with the joys of Advent.

Thank you all for your support throughout the term. Working closely together is the best way to help children thrive and it is such a privilege to see children shining in different ways each day in school. They are amazing young people!

I hope that whatever your plans are over Christmas, you have a wonderful time filled with joy, peace and happiness. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Best wishes

Mrs. R. Halsall

Christmas Parties

Children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties yesterday. They participated in a range of Christmas activities and played a variety of party games. In the afternoon, children had party food and school was filled with Christmas music and lots of dancing. Children in Key Stage 1 had a visit from a very special guest who made time in his busy schedule to come and collect their letters and talk about the magic of Christmas Eve. It was great to see children in each class having an afternoon of fun – very well deserved after all their hard work throughout the term. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/christmas-parties/> for some photographs.

Headteacher Award – Come & See

Children have been exploring the wonder of the first Christmas and the gift of Jesus in their Come & See work over the last few weeks. Class teachers chose children who have been working especially hard in Come & See lessons to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Grace M – Rec S	Freddie F – 1S	Madeleine R – 2S	
Theia McC - Rec P	Arthur J – 1P	Ewa G – 2P	
Charlotte M – 3S	Lily-Rose U – 4S	Zachary C – 5S	Teddy E – 6S
Lucy G – 3P	Oscar H – 4P	Mason S – 5P	Zoie C – 6P

Advent Visits to Church

Children in Reception and Years 5&6 have visited Church over the last couple of weeks, sharing Advent reflections with Fr John and Linda. Amidst all the excitement, these have been such special times for staff and children to experience a sense of peace and joy. Many thanks to Fr John and Linda for giving their time so generously and creating these opportunities for our school family.

In October, Pope Francis made a request for children around the world to pray for the children in war-torn countries. Following each reflection, our children have decorated little cardboard people with either prayers or key words to share the Advent message of hope and peace. These 'prayer-people' will be displayed in the Churches of St Patrick's and St Marie's over the coming weeks as we pray very specially for those who are living with the turmoil and devastation that war creates. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primarysite.net/news/detail/advent-reflections/> for some photographs.

Christmas Mass Times

If you would like to attend Mass over Christmas and see children's 'prayer-people', please see below for the times:

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve: 6p.m. St Patrick's, 12 Midnight St Marie's

Christmas Day & New Year's Day: 9.30a.m. St Marie's 11a.m. St Patrick's

Christmas Productions

We had a grand total of 8 Christmas performances this year with children from Reception to Year 4 being involved in nativity plays. These were lovely opportunities for children to share the true meaning of Christmas in different ways with parents and families. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch the performances. Thank you also to all the children and staff who worked so hard putting them together.

Christmas Dinner

A huge thank you to Chris and the catering team for preparing 261 Christmas dinners for children on 13th December. The hall was very festive and children were full of Christmas spirit as they enjoyed their food. Our catering team work extremely hard throughout the year and we really appreciate all their efforts, not to mention their endless positivity. Thank you, ladies!

A Little Request...

Mr Holmes will be running an Art Club in the spring term, creating sculptures using cardboard. If, after Christmas, anyone has any unwanted plain cardboard packaging (e.g. small Amazon packages) or any unwanted cardboard roll, we would be very grateful if you could donate it to school. Many thanks for your help with this. Letters about the Art Club will be sent out in January.

Headteacher Awards - Attendance

Our final Headteacher Award of the term was presented to children who had achieved 100% attendance up to Wednesday 20th December. Well done to all our winners!

Rec S: Bethany B, Berry C, Polly D, Alfie F, Maisie H, Harriett R, Thazveen S

Rec P: Amelia MK, Charlotte McC, Jack M, Rosie T, Poppy W

1S: William B, Evangeline R

1P: Freddie B, Poppy C-M, Phoebe H, Mateo H-J, Isla J, Adaline K, Ellie L, Marianne L, Lula R

2S: Jack B, Kevin C-B, Layla G, Lottie G, Emil P, Madeleine R

2P: Amy A, Elkie C, Beth G, Julia O, Olivia S, Martins U, Sandra V, Lily W

3S: Oliver B, Ruby L, Josh M, Lucas T

3P: Pearl B-O'F, Felicity B, Teddy F, Lucy G, Archie H, Patrick K, Alfie R, Natalia R

4S: Macie G, George G, Isaac H, Connor W, Nicola Z

4P: Lily B, Eli J, Lucy L, Raphael P

5S: Rose B-O'F, Reggie L, Joseph T, Yesmika V, Caden G, Mary W

5P: Liam B, Jonas C, Joseph D, William F, Jakub M, Aidan M, Joshua P, Mason S

6S: Charlie B, Teddy E, Billy H, Niall J, Aura K, Julianne M

6P: Sylvie A, Zoie C, Ella G, Pablo H-J, Fraser K, Nathan S, Max S, Sofia T

PE Days – Spring 1

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

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3S – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 4 – Tuesday & Thursday Swimming

Year 6 – Monday & Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 3P – Wednesday & Friday

Year 5 – Monday & Wednesday

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.

Dinner Money

A little reminder that dinner money is £12.10 per week and will be £72.60 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. 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.



Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 25th October

Tuesday 5th November - Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February - Wednesday 9th April

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 23rd May

Monday 9th June - Tuesday 22nd July

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 1st November 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 6th June 2025

