



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

I am so proud of our children this half term. They have made a super start to the school year and are definitely ready for a break. You will be amazed by all their work when you come for your Parents Evening appointments at the beginning of November. In the meantime, I hope that you all have a wonderful week off. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes

Mrs R. Halsall

Young Musicians

The hall was filled with music this morning as we had some special Charanga sharing assemblies. In school, children follow the Charanga Model Music Curriculum which incorporates all elements of musical tuition within each unit of work. Children performed a range of songs with instrumental accompaniments and did a fantastic job. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/young-musicians/> for some photographs from the assemblies.

Class teachers chose children who have worked particularly hard in Music lessons to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done musicians!

Bethany B – Rec S

Evangeline R – 1S

Billy M – 2S

Harlow H - Rec P

Logan M – 1P

Martins U – 2P

Elliot T – 3S

Freya D – 4S

Betsy H – 5S

Callen L – 6S

James B – 3P

Lucy L – 4P

Jessica B – 5P

Sylvie A – 6P

Equality and Diversity – All Are Welcome!

Preparing children for life in modern Britain is a priority in school and part of this preparation is teaching children about equality and celebrating individuality and diversity. One of the ways in which we do this is through a collection of books called 'No Outsiders'. Within this collection there are picture books that encompass a range of themes at age appropriate levels. As we teach children to follow in Jesus' footsteps by loving and serving others, ensuring that 'all are welcome' within our community and in the wider world is an important message for everybody.

Year 5 – Trips to Martin Mere

Year 5 have recently enjoyed school trips to Martin Mere linked to their learning in History about Anglo-Saxons. During the day, children spent time as villagers in their settlement learning different skills and experiencing life as an Anglo-Saxon. Despite some variations in weather a great time was had by all and the children were great ambassadors for school. Well done children! Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/year-5s/> and <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/year-5p-1/> for photographs from the trips.

Phonics Information Evening

Many thanks to all Reception parents who attended the Phonics Information Meeting on Zoom last night, led by Mrs Shirley. We have a 'Phonics First' approach to teaching reading and writing at school, using Pearson Bug Club Phonics which is one of the programmes accredited by the DfE. If you have any questions about the content of the meeting, you will be able to discuss these with your child's class teacher at Parents Evening. A big thank you to Mrs Shirley for holding the meeting and working so hard as the English leader in school.

Local Offer Live

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there is an event at the Family Life Centre on Ash Street on 22nd November at which parents can find out more information about services for children with Special Educational Needs and their families. Please see [Local Offer Live is Back on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 9:30am to 5:30pm | The Sefton Directory](#) for more information.

Visits to Church

Year 6 joined members of the Parish yesterday when they attended Mass at St Patrick's Church. This was a very special experience, not least when they prayed a decade of the Rosary within the celebration. October is the month of the Rosary and this has been the theme for children's Collective Worship sessions this week. Year 1 also spent some time in Church with Fr John yesterday as part of their learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. Seeing the baptismal font and talking to Fr John about the Sacrament of Baptism really helped children to put their learning into context. Children in Reception popped into Church yesterday afternoon with their teachers. It was the first time they have been into Church together, the first of many times as part of our school family.

All children will be visiting Church on 1st November to celebrate All Saints Day. These occasions are wonderful for everyone involved. 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

Key Stage 2 Art Council

A little reminder that Mrs Palmen is organising an Art Council for pupils in Key Stage 2. The Art Council will meet every half term to discuss and help implement art projects both within the school and beyond. If your child would like to be considered for the role, they should submit a short statement detailing why they would be the perfect candidate by Tuesday 31st October. One pupil from each class will be chosen to take on the role for the rest of the academic year. This is an exciting opportunity for any Key Stage 2 pupil who is passionate and enthusiastic about Art. Thank you to Mrs Palmen for creating this exciting opportunity for budding artists.

PE Days – Autumn 2

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

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 3S – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 5 – Monday & Thursday Swimming

Year 6 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 3P – Thursday & Friday

Attendance

Many thanks for your support ensuring that children are in school each day. Congratulations to Rec S, 2S and 6P who all had 100% attendance last week. So much happens within the school day and children miss out socially and academically when they are absent. In line with statutory and local authority guidelines, we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time and taking your child away during school time could result in a fine. With this in mind, we no longer have 'Holiday Request Forms' in school. Please refer to <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/attendance/> for school's Attendance Policy and documentation from the Department for Education for more information.

Dinner Money

A little reminder that dinner money is £12.10 per week and will be £96.80 in total next half term. 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.

Christmas Performances

Reception: 7th December: Reception S - 2.00pm **8th December:** Reception P - 2.00pm

Year 1: 14th December: 1S - 2.00pm

15th December: 1P - 2.00pm

Year 2: 12th December: 2S - 2.00pm

13th December: 2P - 2.00pm

Years 3&4: 11th December: Years 3&4 - 2.00pm in St Patrick's Church

12th December: Years 3&4 - 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church

