



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 6

29th November 2024

School has been filled with the sound of children singing Christmas songs for their performances recently. There is nothing quite like it! Children are excited to show off their talents in the upcoming productions. Letters regarding tickets have been sent out this week to parents of children in each class from Reception up to Year 4. If for any reason you haven't received a letter, please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Values – Friendship

Our school value for this half term is Friendship. As we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, being a good friend to others makes such a difference within our school family. Class teachers chose children who have been demonstrating this quality to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Fantastic job!

Alexander O – Rec S	Amelie F – 1S	Lola C – 2S	
Ronnie O'S - Rec P	Aubrie C-J – 1P	Isla J – 2P	
Sofia S – 3S	Lucas T – 4S	Macie G – 5S	Finnbar C – 6S
Joshua S – 3P	Lucy G – 4P	Leon K – 5P	Aidan M – 6P

Advent Reflections

Children in Years 4,5&6 have been to Church this week for Advent reflections with Fr John and Linda, <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/advent-reflections-1/> These are special experiences for children and staff, providing a wonderful chance for everyone to focus on how we can show love to others during the season of Advent and Christmas. Over the next couple of weeks children from Reception up to Year 3 will be visiting Church and enjoying their own reflections too. Thank you to Fr John and Linda for giving their time so generously to provide children with these opportunities.

Many thanks also to the O'Malley family who kindly donated a porcelain nativity set to school that belonged to Joan and Bernard O'Malley who both died recently. Bernard was the Vice Chair of Governors at St Patrick's for a number of years and we are very touched to have received this gift in his memory.

Headteacher Award – Celebration of the Word

Children enjoy opportunities to engage with scripture each day in school during their Celebration of the Word sessions. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/celebration-of-the-word-3/> Amidst the busyness of school life, this time to worship is appreciated by all. Class teachers chose children who shine during these sessions to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children!

Edward B – Rec S	Elowen P – 1S	Freddie F – 2S	
Micah E - Rec P	Rosie T – 1P	Gabriella G – 2P	
Billy M – 3S	Jordan C – 4S	Riley B-M – 5S	Joseph C – 6S
Sandra V – 3P	Alice A – 4P	Amelia H – 5P	Jessica B – 6P

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A number of children in Year 4 have made a wonderful start to the With You Always programme and are looking forward to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next week. This will take place at St Patrick's Church on Thursday 5th December at 7.00pm. We are keeping the children and their families in our prayers at this special time.

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation too, Fr John is available before each of the weekday Masses at St Marie's and before all the Masses at St Patrick's which take place at the following 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

Christmas Jumper Day/ Santa Dash

Many thanks to people who donated surplus Christmas jumpers to our Christmas Jumper Swap which took place last week. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 12th December** and holding our annual Santa Dash (weather permitting). Children from each class are invited to wear their PE kits with a Christmas Jumper or accessories (e.g. Christmas hat, socks, scarf etc) for the day. The Santa Dash is an opportunity for children to enjoy some fresh air, exercise and festive fun with their friends.

Antarctic Flag Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry for the Antarctic Flag Competition. We had some fantastic designs and it was such a difficult decision to choose the winning flags. Congratulations to Madeleine R and Kevin C-B from 3S as well as Lucas D from 5S who designed the top 3 flags, with Madeleine's being sent off to Antarctica. What a fantastic achievement! Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/geography/> for a photograph of the winners.

Girls' Football Teams

The girls' football teams braved the weather on Monday and did a terrific job in their matches. Throughout the evening, some of the games were actually called off due to the extreme conditions and we are so proud of all the players for their sterling efforts on the pitch. Well done to all the girls involved and thank you to Mrs Farley who coaches the teams.

Reception Cycling

Children in Reception have been working with Coach Dave over the last fortnight, learning to ride their bikes without any stabilisers. This can be a tricky challenge and we are so proud of all the children involved. Well done superstars – keep up the good work!

Attendance

Thank you for supporting children to have good attendance. So much happens within the school day and children really miss out when they are not in school. Congratulations to Rec P and 6P who have had the highest attendance figures over the last two weeks. Well done! A little reminder that staff are able to administer medicine in school, if needed. Please complete a form at the school office if your child needs to have medicine within the school day.

Support for Parents – Sefton Mental Health Team

A little reminder that Sefton Mental Health Support Team are running the following sessions for parents:

Thursday 5th December: A coffee morning to discuss mental health and any associated concerns

Thursday 23rd January: A session about 'The Anxious Child'

Thursday 13th March: A session about 'Sleep and Screen Time'

All parents are welcome to attend these events which will run at school from 9.00am until 10.00am.

Christmas Performances & Celebrations

Reception S: Tuesday 3rd December – 2.00pm

Reception P: Wednesday 4th December – 2.00pm

1S: Tuesday 10th December – 2.00pm

1P: Wednesday 11th December – 2.00pm

2S: Thursday 12th December – 2.00pm

2P: Friday 13th December – 2.00pm

Years 3&4: Monday 9th December – 2.00pm / Tuesday 10th December – 6.15pm (St Patrick's Church)

Advance notice that children will be having their **Christmas Parties** on **Thursday 19th December**.

Children are welcome to come into school wearing their party clothes. They will still be playing outside at breaktimes so will need sensible shoes and a coat with their outfits. Children in Key Stage 1 will be having a visit from a very special guest from the North Pole..... how exciting!

