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Dear Parents/Carers

We are have had some great few weeks in school with the time flying by! I hope it has been a great few weeks for you too!

A very successful Cross Country Event

On Tuesday 8th October we had over 60 pupils that took part in a cross country event at Batley Sports Centre – with a mix of team performances and individual performances. What a successful event St Patrick's pupils have had! The pupils made us so very proud with their wonderful performances and the great sportsmanship they showed. We are very pleased to say that over 40 of our pupils have made it through to the finals which will be taking place in Huddersfield next Tuesday 2nd October during the afternoon. We know they will enjoy developing their skills further and having the opportunity to meet pupils from other Kirklees schools. We wish them all lots of luck.



Bike Ability for Year 5 Pupils



Last week our Year 5 pupils took part in bikeability training, developing their understanding of how to be safe when riding their bike. They learnt all about the importance of protection from a helmet and how to stay safe when riding on the road – being aware of traffic and knowing the rules of the road. The pupils had a super week, even with the horrible weather – which did not stop them! Every pupil has achieved the

appropriate standard and they were presented with a certificate and pin badge in assembly on Friday – congratulations Year 5 for your hard work.

Class Mass in school

We have had two class Masses in school this half term with Father Eamonn. The pupils have worked with their class teacher to plan, organise and lead the Masses which have been very much enjoyed by all who took part. Thank you to Father Eamonn who shared a question and answer session with the pupils at the end – a chance to get to know one another so that we can continue to build our school-parish partnership. The next class Mass will be on Thursday 7th November for Class 4 and Class 1 / 2. You are very welcome to join us.





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Sports Leader training for Year 5 and 6

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have taken part in sports leader training. Developing skills in leading sporting play activities for the younger pupils at lunchtimes. They were a real credit to the school when they had their training and I am sure they will enjoy using their new skills and leading play activities in school. We thank them for their hard work and the great leadership skills they showed and cannot wait to see them in action. Well done!



Autumn Parent Consultations

We have the parent consultations coming up in the next half term which will give you the opportunity to discuss the learning progress and attitude of your child so far this year – ensuring we work as partners to help them be the very best they can be. The consultations will be on Tuesday 19th November - 4 to 6pm and Thursday 21st November – 5pm to 7pm. Each consultation will be 10 minutes. The letters for you to request a day and timeslot will be coming out next week.

Headlice:

I have had a number of parents inform school that the dreaded headlice are making their presence felt! This is an issue that I know causes distress for both families and the poor children! Please could I ask you to be vigilant at making sure you always send your child to school with their hair up in a ponytail if it is long, letting school know if you have had some visitors so that we can communicate that with parents as appropriate. I know that there are some great treatments available over the counter – having had to use these myself with my own children!

Sacramental preparation

If your child is in Year 3 or 4 and ready to begin the sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Father Eamonn has application forms and Mass attendance sheets at church for you to collect after Mass. I will be sending a letter out to these year groups next week.



Academy Conversion:

Thank you to all who came to the meeting for parents / carers last night. We had very fruitful discussions and hopefully I was able to answer the many questions that had been sent. If you were unable to attend I have added the information to the website under a new tab – Academy Conversion Information.

Half Term:

We break up for half term on Friday 25th October returning on Monday 4th November.

Thank you for your partnership working during this half term.

Kind Regards Mrs C Moulding (Head Teacher)

