



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

14.02.20

I cannot believe we have come to the end of a very busy and fun filled half term and are now at the half way point in the school year! The pupils have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of the many successes they have had, challenging themselves to be the best they can in all areas of school life, using the work on the virtues to support this.

**Spring Term 1 Attendance:** Overall school attendance for Spring term: **97.1% SUPER**

Nursery	95.5%	Class 1	95.8%	Class 3	96.6%	Class 5	97.2%
Reception	98.6%	Class 2	98.8%	Class 4	96.3%	Class 6	96.3%
		Class 2-1	97.1%				

Thank you for ensuring our pupils are in school every day – we have reached 97% for this half term let's keep this going so our overall attendance for the year is as good.



## Virtues

Our focus Virtue after the holiday will be **CHARITY** and this is founded on acts that are selfless and not selfish. It is not all about raising funds for charitable organisations, although that comes into it. Charity begins with how we interact with, and behave towards, others. What can we do to live out the virtue of charity in our daily lives?

We will be trying to show...

- I treat everyone as I would like to be treated.
- I do simple acts of kindness to show my love.
- I show my love for God by caring for others.
- I give my time to help others.
- I share what I have with others.

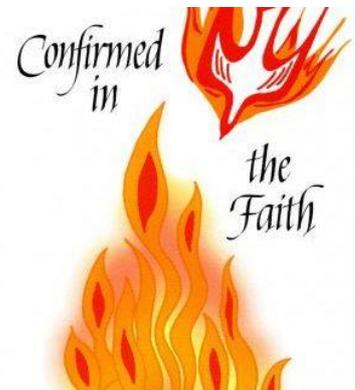


## CONGRATULATIONS:

I would like to say a **huge congratulations** to our fourteen pupils who celebrated the sacrament of confirmation at St Paulinus church with Bishop Marcus last night. He spoke beautifully and from the heart to each of the candidates saying, that from this moment they are always to remember, "You belong to Jesus, and Jesus belongs to you." He reminded us all that no matter what is happening in our lives we always have God next to us even if we forget.

He is always there loving and cherishing us.

Our pupils were wonderful and I know they were all very excited and felt immensely proud. Well done from everyone in the family of St Patrick's.





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## PFA and Mini Vinnies Coffee morning and Bun Sale



This morning the PFA and our Mini Vinnies organised a wonderful coffee morning and bun sale. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members joining us and having a lovely time together, sharing kindness and friendship – the theme of love was certainly present.



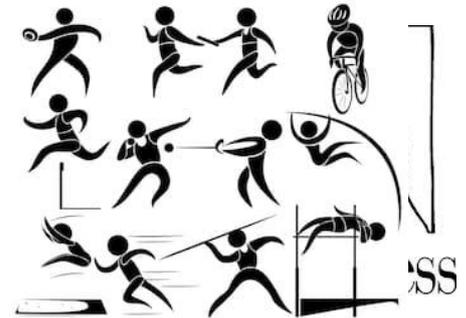
Thank you to all who took part, either through your donations of buns, money or helping with your time and effort. The British Heart Foundation is a super charity to be supporting – once the funds have been counted we will let you know how much we raised.

## Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:

Our preparation sessions for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin shortly after February half term. It is important that you speak to Father Eamonn to register your child for the journey of family catechesis. Letters were sent out earlier in Autumn term with the dates for the preparation sessions. If you would like another copy please ask at the office or see the website.

## Sports Hall Athletics Final for Years 5 and 6

20 pupils represented St Patrick's at the Sports Barn in Huddersfield. Although schools across the whole of Kirklees attend the placing given for us is within North Kirklees. As always our pupils tried their very best and were great ambassadors for the school. I am very pleased to tell you they were placed SECOND – what a brilliant performance well done!



## Dodgeball Festival

On Tuesday this week, Year 4 took part in a super dodgeball festival, developing their skills and learning about teamwork. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were great representatives of St Patrick's – well done!

## Lent

After half term we enter into the church's season of **LENT** on Ash Wednesday, the first Wednesday back February 26<sup>th</sup>. **Our Key Stage two pupils ONLY will be celebrating with Mass at St Patrick's church and we ask that they are dropped off at church at 9:15am ready for Mass to begin at 9:30am.** This will give time for younger siblings to be brought to school for 8:55am. The Reception /Key Stage one pupils will share a liturgy which is appropriate for their age, helping them in their understanding of Lent.



I hope you have a wonderful half term. We will be open again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind Regards Mrs C Moulding (Head Teacher)

