

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Thank you

This summer after many years of wonderful, dedicated service to the children and community of St Patrick's Mrs Greenbank, Miss Cardle and Mrs Humpheson will all be taking their well-deserved retirement. Mrs Hudson has also resigned and so we will see some new faces on the staff board in September. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them all the very best for the future and thank them not only for their professionalism as teachers but their love of the children in their care. Our school community has been enriched by their presence and its continued success is in no small part due to their hard work and dedication to the school.

RE Inspection

The diocese carried out its inspection of the school on the 13th and 14th June. The inspection looks at those areas of school life which are fundamental to the Catholic nature of our school; Catholic Life, Curriculum RE and Collective Worship. In all, nine judgements are made, three for each area. I am pleased to say that school was judged to be outstanding in all nine areas.

In a report packed with so much that is complementary I would just like to highlight two sections that I think typify the tone of the feedback.

"A strong and vibrant sense of family characterises the school and there is a profound feeling of everybody working together, inspired by the Gospel, to achieve a common good. A strong sense of

mission permeates the school, being visible in the environment and tangible in its daily life."

"The Collective Worship of the school is of an excellent quality... It is varied and creative and offers opportunities for all stakeholders to be joyful, to be thoughtful and to be prayerful. It engages all stakeholders and the quality of participation and reverence is outstanding."

The report in full is available for you to read on the school website.

My thanks go to the staff, in particular Mrs Middleton our RE co-ordinator, for their hard work and dedication to their calling, to the children as our inspiration and to yourselves and the governors for your continued support.

Hot and sunny

With the weather forecast set fair and temperatures rising over the next two weeks can I please ask you to send the children to school in a suitable hat/cap to offer them some protection from the sun.

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day takes place, weather permitting, on Friday 6th July starting at 1.15 p.m. Can all children including EYFS please bring along a pair of trainers to wear and be suitably dressed for the day: sun hats etc. If for some reason we have to cancel we will try again on Friday 13th July. As usual the children in Class 6 will not be participating in the events but will be acting as Young Sports Ambassadors leading the activities.

St Peter and St Paul

Just to remind you that children in Key Stage 2 will be attending Mass at church on **Friday 29th June**. Could I ask that children are at church by 8.45 a.m. Children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years will be attending school as normal.

Leavers Mass

This year's Mass for our Yr 6 leavers will take place at St. Patrick's Church at **6.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 18th July**. All are most welcome to attend.

Term dates for 2018-2019

Term dates can always be found on our school web-site but just in case you need something for the fridge door. Please remember that absence from school for family holidays during term time **will not** be authorised.

Autumn Term	2018	
Inset Day	Mon	3 rd Sept
School will open on	Tues	4 th Sept
School will close on	Fri	26 th Oct
School will open on	Mon	5 th Nov
School will close on	Fri	21 st Dec
Spring Term	2019	
Inset Day	Mon	7th Jan
School will open on	Tues	8 th Jan
School will close on	Fri	15 th Feb
School will open on	Mon	25 th Feb
School will close on	Thurs	18 th April
Summer Term	2019	
School will open on	Tues	7 th May
School will close on	Fri	24 th May
Inset Day	Mon	3 rd June
School will open on	Tues	4 th June
School will close on	Fri	19 th July
Inset Day	Mon	22 nd July
Inset Day	Tues	23 rd July

Dinner Money

From September Kirklees LA has increased the price of a school meal to £2.20 per day, £11.00 for the week.

Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Yr 1 or Yr 2 and you wish them to have a school dinner their school meal is provided free. If you wish them to have a packed lunch, you will of course still need to provide this yourself.

Sporting success

The schools proud achievement in a wide range of sports continues at a pace. In recent weeks our tag-rugby team swept all before them, winning every game as they were once again crowned Kirklees champions.

Our swimmers have also been in action with our boys and girls teams winning the Batley and District swimming gala. Whilst we have had considerable success as individual teams it is the first time we can recall that the boys and girls teams have been trophy winners in the same year. Congratulations to all and a huge thank you to the staff who give so much of their time in support of the children.

Summer Holiday 2018

School will close on Friday 20th July and open again on Tuesday 4th September.



