



ST.PATRICK'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Live, Learn, Love with Christ

NEWSLETTER

18th January 2019

Welcome back to all our children and families!

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and share with you how fantastic our first two weeks of term have gone! " weeks over already - I can't believe it! Our classrooms and outdoor areas have been hives of activity with children really focused and enjoying learning their new topics and themes. One child said to me this week 'We really do love learning now Mrs Lomas!' - Music to my ears! We have celebrated in Collective Worship the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus and our Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation began this week.

All children and staff are working towards our Bronze award in the Food for Life programme which promotes healthier lifestyles and we ask that you only send water (still) into school for your child to drink. As you will know from research the amount of sugars in drinks are particularly unhealthy for children and we can refill still water bottles throughout the day from our water coolers!

I am concerned that some children are regularly arriving at the main office at 9am to start the school day- please arrive before 8.50am and take your child around into the playground to join their classmates. The start of the day is such an important time to arrive calm and relaxed and ready for learning! We will start issuing late slips to families after half-term and will report continued lateness to our Education Welfare Officer to seek support for families.

We have been invited to take part in a funded project which helps schools to raise standards in English called the PEARL project. As a Leadership Team we are working with National Leaders and Specialist Leaders of Education to improve outcomes for children across school by training staff, auditing provision and researching new evidence based ideas to help plan the best opportunities for our children here at St Patrick's. We are all committed to having great successes with lots to celebrate at the end of the year and I thank our parental community for all you do to help us on our journey to excellence!

Both Miss Hudson and Mrs Nutbrown are Maths Mastery Specialist Teachers and they are introducing a Maths Mastery Curriculum across school this year. Look out for Parent Sessions when you can come along and find out more about a Mastery Approach to Maths in school and how to best support your child at home.

Our Year 5 children will be going on a retreat residential along with St Mary's RC Catholic Primary School in March. A Parent's Meeting will be held soon to inform Parents and Carers of the programme whilst the children are there. Our Year 6 children will be going on a residential visit to 'Castle Rigg' in the Lake District in June as part of their end of primary school celebrations! We are planning fundraising events to help minimise costs to families for these visits and ask our whole school community to be as generous as possible to enable these visits to go ahead!

Please support our Friends of St Patrick's and the fabulous work they do to assist our school with resources for our children. They have a series of meetings and events planned - please see the website and their newsletter!

Have a wonderful weekend and please remember to attend Mass with your children if you can, especially if they are engaging in a sacramental preparation journey now or in the near future.

God bless,
Mrs Lomas

Attendance

Attendance certificates are issued for the previous half term only and are categorised as follows:-

Platinum - 100% Gold - 99 - 100% Silver 98-99% Bronze 97-98%

The percentages for the half term does not reflect your child's overall attendance figure, this could be lower or higher.

If you have any queries please contact Tracy Gorin on 01422 373104 or email tracy.gorin@st-patricks.calderdale.sch.uk

The weather is turning colder so in the event of heavy snow we will let you all know first thing in the morning (7am) by text, email and our website with a school closure. We **MUST** have your up to date mobile numbers and emails so if you have changed them please let us know.

Our new website was launched before Christmas which we will be updating every day so it should now be easy to navigate and more current. Dates for any events will show on the home page so please get into the habit of checking our website.