



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY BIRSTALL



Friday 22nd July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we have now arrived at the end of the academic year 2021-2022 and what a successful but challenging year we have had, as a result of the continued impact of the pandemic – let us hope that next year is more straight forward for us all!

Standards and Achievement across school:

The pupils across school need a huge *congratulations* for all their hard work as they have achieved extremely well in all of the statutory assessment points – EYFS, Y1 (Phonics), end of KS1 assessments, Y4 Multiplication check and end of KS2 SATs.

- **EYFS:** The progress and achievement of our EYFS pupils with **69% reaching the “Good Level of Development”** which is **above National averages, Kirklees averages and our Trust averages**. Well done to the Reception pupils! **BRILLIANT!**
- **Year 1:** The progress and achievement in phonics – our Year 1 pupils have made us so proud with **89% passing the phonics check** with 32 or more marks out of 40, which is **significantly above national averages, Kirklees averages and our Trust averages**, even after such a challenging two years of schooling. **BRILLIANT!**
- **End of KS1:** The progress and achievement in the end of KS1 assessments – our Year 2 pupils have made us so proud with **71.4% reaching the Reading standard for Y2, 63% reaching the Writing standard for Y2 and 69% reaching the maths standard for Y2** which are **all above national averages, Kirklees averages and our Trust averages**, even after such a challenging three years. **BRILLIANT!**
- **Year 4:** The pupils performed brilliantly in the online Multiplication check – with the vast majority of pupils achieving at least 20/25 marks there is however no “pass mark” or comparative data but we are very proud of each of them for their hard work and achievements.
- **End of KS2:** Our Year 6 pupils have made wonderful progress and achieved amazing results as a result of all their hard work - **76% reaching National Standard or higher in Reading, with 38% reaching Greater Depth, 71% reaching National Standard or higher in Writing with 15% reaching Greater Depth, 94% reaching National Standard or higher in Maths with 21% reaching Greater Depth and 94% reaching the National Standard or higher in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling with 32% reaching Greater Depth.** The progress measures for all subjects were above National and Kirklees averages (we do not have the Trust averages yet) and for Reading and Maths were significantly above. **WELL DONE!**

I am sure you will all agree that the results for all assessment points are **SUPER** and we say a huge congratulations to the pupils.

Although we have had challenges along the way this year, with COVID outbreaks and even an EYFS closure, the school family have worked in great partnership to ensure we have been able to get through it all as successfully as possible together. Our school led tutoring programme has been a huge success and supported many pupils in achieving their very best.



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I wish to thank all our families for their support across this year, together we have been able to ensure our pupils continue with their learning and all pupils make good progress setting them up for their transitions to the next year group. This dedication from yourselves has had a significant benefit to your children and we look forward to working in partnership with you once again in September.

Reminder of Staff who are leaving today:



We wish Mrs Lynn Hallahan all the very best as she starts her retirement.



We wish Miss Nicola Blanchfield and Mrs Elizabeth Graham all the very best as they look ahead to their new adventures.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF WHO ARE LEAVING US TODAY, FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF WONDERFUL SERVICE TO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY.

In 2022-2023 academic year:

A reminder of our school uniform:

Uniform:

Boys and Girls: Green pull-over/cardigan, or the green sweatshirt bearing the school logo.

Girls - Tailored, straight legged, charcoal grey trousers, Green skirt, White blouse/polo shirt bearing the school logo

Boys - Grey trousers or smart school tailored shorts, White shirt/polo shirt bearing the school logo

Footwear - Plain black school shoes or plain black smart trainers with black laces and no flashy logos

(Uniform vouchers have been issued this year to those who have accessed Free School Meals entitlement over the year)

PE Kit: To be worn on PE days

PLAIN BLACK tracksuit bottoms, or **SCHOOL GREEN PE SHORTS**, the school white **PE t-shirt, school jumper and trainers.** (If your child wears plain black trainers during non-PE days please wear these for PE days too, if your child wears black school shoes they can wear their home trainers for PE)

Please **ENSURE** all clothing is fully labelled as we have had a lot of lost property this year that has had no name labels meaning it is very hard to find the correct owner!





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BOOK BAG/Small School bag - Please ensure pupils have a book bag or small bag to fit their reading books and homework in – but not too big as it becomes very challenging in the cloakrooms and on pegs.

New Mental Health and Wellbeing provision for September 2022

I am very pleased to share with our school community that from September we have been invited to access a new service from Kirklees called the “Mental Health Support Team or MHST”. This will allow school to have increased access to additional support and provision on top of the current Catholic Care which we currently purchase. There are two pathways to the new provision, one for pupils and one for parents of current pupils – Miss Helena Ho is the support worker linked to the pupil provision and Miss Victoria Wade is linked to the parent provision.



There will be a coffee morning at 9:00am on Friday 16th September for parents to come to school, enjoy a coffee after drop-off in the morning and meet our Mental Health Support team, who will be explaining more about their roles and the new provision. Over the course of the year, we will be hosting a number of coffee mornings/workshops to offer support and ideas for dealing with a variety of issues such as bed wetting, bedtime routines, food related challenges, dealing with anxiety, parental separation and supporting effective transitions (as well as others not mentioned today). I am sure you will agree this is a very welcomed addition to our current provision and hope you will feel the benefit of it moving forward.

We say a very fond farewell to our wonderful Class 6 pupils:



I cannot believe we have come to that time where we say goodbye to our Class 6 pupils! You have been a wonderful class, great role models to the rest of the school community. Your attitude to learning has been exemplary leading to you all reaching for the stars and achieving your potential with amazing end of year assessments.

Well done to all of you!

You have all been great examples of putting the virtues we have been learning about into action – following the example of St Patrick through your faithfulness, your love and your courage especially in order to reach for the stars in all that you have achieved this year!

The whole staff and school family thank you and wish you all the very best in your new journeys. Please do not forget you will always be part of our family and are welcome back to visit (when it is safe to do so).



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To all our pupils this year:

You have all been superstars, hardworking, considerate to others and eager to be the very best version of yourself. Our school virtues have certainly been lived out over the year, both in school and at home:

Be Faithful

Be Loving

Be Courageous

To the wonderful St Patrick's staff team:

**THANK
YOU!**

Can I please take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the wonderful St Patrick's staff team. Every member of staff has made such a huge difference to each of our pupils this year. Your hard work and dedication has shone throughout the year.

I am sure our parents would all like to join with me to thank each one of them for their dedication to the pupils and hope they all have a very well earned rest over the summer.

St Patrick's school is a very special place with an amazing team of staff along with wonderful pupils and their families.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe summer break and we all look forward to coming together once again for the new academic year.

School Opens again to pupils on Tuesday 6th September 2022

With very best wishes and thanks

Mrs C Moulding (Headteacher)