



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday.

I would like to give a special welcome to the parents of our new children in school; I hope that you and your children enjoy your time here at St Patrick's. I would also like to say a very special welcome to Mr Grimshaw who will be teaching in Class 2 this term.

In our belief statement assembly this morning we shared the statement, '**We are all special.**' This is a lovely statement to begin the year with as it helps us to identify something special in each child.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see all of the children looking so smart on Thursday and Friday last week. It was especially pleasing to see that most of you had remembered that we have changed our school uniform by stating that children should wear sensible black shoes and that children no longer now need indoor shoes. For the few who had forgotten I hope that you will be able to get black shoes for your children as soon as possible. Please remember to put your child's name on their clothes so that we can identify what belongs to who. Children still need pumps or trainers for PE.

House System

We have decided to set up a house system in school, all children have been allocated a place in a 'house' and they will be able to earn points for their house in a variety of ways: good work, helpfulness, punctuality, smartness and so on. Each week we will announce which team has done best that week and at the end of each term the leading team will earn a fun afternoon. The overall winners at the end of the school year will be given an extra treat.

High School Application Packs

Year 6 will be bringing home an application pack for high school today, I know it seems incredibly early as we have just started but please make sure you look at it carefully.

Dinner Money

Please remember that school dinners cost £1.90 a day or £9.50 a week. Please ensure that money comes in an envelope marked with your child's name. It really does help the office if you send in money on Mondays, please try to do your best with this.

Data Collection Forms

Please return these as soon as possible, it is vital that we have up to date contact information for all of the children in school.

Special Mention Assembly

You are most welcome to join us on Friday at 2.30pm to celebrate the good work from the start of the school year.

Home School Agreement

I would ask all parents to read and sign the home school agreement; I really believe that it will help us to make the most of each child's education.

Here I Am

I include a letter about our RE syllabus for the term ahead with this Newsletter.

Welcome Mass

Fr Bill Bergin will join us to lead a mass for the start of the school year on Tuesday 15 September at 9.15. You are most welcome to join us.

Bonus Ball

The bonus ball starts up again this week, please try to pay Cherry by Friday of each week. This is a really useful way of helping to raise funds for school.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin for Classes 1 and 3 next week. Class 1 will be on Wednesday mornings at 9.00am and Class 3 on Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm.

Football Training

Football training will start next Monday after school, 3.00 - 4.00pm; it is open to boys and girls from Year 3 up. Shin pads are essential for all taking part.

Scholastic Books

A magazine accompanies this week's Newsletter.

Diary Dates

I will send out a full set of dates with next week's Newsletter.