



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

In our belief statement assembly this morning we shared the statement, '**I try to use words that make the world a better place.**' Good manners cost nothing at all and yet do help to make the world a much nicer place.

Parents Meeting

This half term's parents meeting will take place tomorrow at 2pm in Early Years, it is a chance for you to share any concerns and also to find out about what has been going on over the past half term.

Parents Evenings

This term's parent's evenings will take place next Tuesday and Thursday. Appointment slips are attached to this week's Newsletter and we will send out appointment slips this coming Friday.

Uniform

Several parents commented on the fleeces and reversible coats that staff were wearing last week, if you would be interested in buying one of these items please let the office know.

After School Activities

Monday: Football 3.00 - 4.00pm

Tuesday: Magazine Club 3.00 - 3.30pm

Wednesday: Foundation 2 / Key Stage 1 music, 3.00 - 4.00pm

Thursday: Homework Club 3.00 - 3.45pm

Y4/5/6 Residential Visit

I will be submitting final numbers on Wednesday so if there are any children still not sure you have two days to confirm you want to take part. So far we have 21 children so the visit will definitely go ahead.

Homework Club

Some of the money raised from the homework club has been spent on buying equipment for the children to use in school, a new CD player has just been put into Class 3 and over coming weeks similar items will be bought for the other classes.

Special Mention Assembly

You are welcome to join us on Friday, at 2.30pm, to celebrate this week's good work.

Bonus Ball

Please try to pay Cherry by Friday of each week. This is a really useful way of helping to raise funds for school.

Swimming

Please remember that children should wear one piece costumes when swimming and that in order to wear goggles a letter should be sent in to me. I am aware that there were some concerns regarding swimming last week but rest assured that the first week is the most difficult as the teacher has to do the safety drills and also assess the children. They will spend more time in the pool in subsequent weeks.

However I would like to remind parents that if they interrupt the lesson by banging on windows and so on that their behaviour may result in the viewing area being closed for all parents. It is vital that children pay attention to the swimming instructors and that they are not distracted by parents.

Improving Schools Programme (ISP)

One of the key ways that we are looking to raise standards in school is by taking part in the 'Improving Schools Programme' ISP is a proven way of raising standards by the use of short term, 6 weeks, focused targets in Maths and English. I have attached a sheet with some information on this to explain it in more detail.