



## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Welcome back**

I hope you all had an enjoyable break with your families. It's good to see the sun shining as the children are back at school enjoying their playtimes. This is a busy half term with lots planned and lots of dates for your diaries.

### **Clubs**

I apologise that clubs will not be on a Wednesday night for a few weeks, but we have staff who are helping with the children in Carlton and Holland over the next couple of weeks. I am sure that you understand that staff cannot be in two places at once.

### **Carlton Residential**

Our Year 4 children are looking forward to their residential visit this week to Carlton. Let's hope they get this glorious weather!

### **Holland**

52 children are off to Holland on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June to enjoy the coastal town of Noordwijk. Children (and staff) are very excited and almost ready to go.

### **First Holy Communion**

Our children are almost ready to receive a special blessing or the special Sacrament of Holy Communion. The children will be receiving their first communion on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10am at St Patrick's Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. Our thanks to Miss Donnison (Mrs Leonard) for helping to prepare them so well.

### **Celebrations**

Miss Donnison was happily married to Mr Leonard over the holidays and will now be of course known as Mrs Leonard. Our best wishes to her and her husband.

Iris Faith Conwell – Mr Conwell is delighted with the news that his wife has given birth to a beautiful baby daughter. All are doing well!

### **Staffing Changes**

Mrs Leonard (Miss Donnison) and Mrs England (Miss Swainston) will be leaving us this year. Both will be returning home and have taken teaching posts closer to home. We thank them both for their fantastic contribution to our school. Both started here together as Newly Qualified Teachers and it has been our pleasure to work with them. We wish them every success in their new positions.

**We welcome two new teachers to our school for September: Miss Ward and Miss Degan.** Both are very excited to have secured positions here and can't wait to start their careers here.

Both teachers know the school well as they have been on placement in the school before and have worked with some of the children and staff for a number of years. Miss Ward was actually a pupil here in my class – many years ago – if that doesn't put her off then nothing will.

**We also welcome Mrs Crooks to the school as our School Business Manager.** Mrs Crooks is very experienced with finances and will be taking up her position in July. I know she is looking forward to working here. I am sure she will keep Mrs Williams in the office right!

Exciting times for St Patrick's as we welcome 4 new teachers next year:  
Mr Barber, Mr Sherrington, Miss Ward and Miss Deganan.

I am sure you will make them all feel very welcome.

### **Uniform**

I am pleased to hear that all of the parents I have spoken to think the changes to the uniform are a good idea. If any parents need reminders then the full details are on our newsletter section on the website.

The main changes are of course the wearing of ties at all times and the new V-neck jumper. As a reminder to parents: extreme hairstyles (shavings etc) are not allowed. I thank the many parents who support us with this as it means we are working together and giving the same message to the children. Where this is not the case, the message is quite clear to the child that you don't support the school and the school rules. This of course then means that the child will question why they should follow the school rules and respect them. This is not a healthy situation.

### **School Holidays 2015/2016**

Governors have decided on holidays for the next academic year (copy of dates attached). I am sure you are aware that legislation on children taking holidays during school time has been tightened severely. Please check the Attendance Policy on our School's website and also the DfE website, for guidance.

### **Some Important Dates for your Diary:**

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Parents Evening (not Foundation Stage and Year 6)</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Parents Evening (not Foundation Stage and Year 6)</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Carlton children set off</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Holland children set off at 11pm</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Parish Summer Fayre in school at 1 pm</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Holland children return</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>New Starters - Welcome Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>New starters welcome day in their class</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day (main school)</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Little Big Assembly – Diocese event</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Visit to Manchester Cycling Velodrome Year 5 children</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Wilf Mannion Football tournament</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Wilf Mannion Football tournament</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes at the end of the day for Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>School re-opens after the Summer Holidays</b>

Mr M Ryan/15<sup>th</sup> June 2015

WEEK COMM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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All Dates are provisional 195 term dates required including PD Days