



Newsletter

Second best School on Teesside?

I am sure many of you will have recently seen the article in the Evening Gazette stating we were the 'second best school on Teesside'. I know many parents were rightly proud and were pleased to see how well the school had done.

Personally, I am a little reluctant to make such bold statements and to want to share them publicly.

St. Patrick's performed especially well last year with fantastic academic results, amazing sporting achievements and I would have to say a very rich and full school life. There are many good schools on Teesside and I'm not sure declaring 'the best' in such a public way is always a good thing. We are here to work with our neighbouring schools, we aren't here to compete with them.

I know there are many things about the school to be rightly proud of, but the governors and the staff here never want to sit back and think that we have all the answers and that we have everything perfect. We have to continue to work with you, the parents, to try to improve so that we offer the best we can for your children. I know there are many times we don't get it right, but we have very supportive and reasonable parents who accept that we don't. When things go wrong we simply work harder to put them right and we do that in cooperation with you.

Congratulations to the pupils, the parents, the staff and the governors for such a successful year for the school.

School Applications

We have received many applications to the school for children leaving their Nursery schools to start in Reception. This is a very anxious time for parents as they wait to hear if they have a place in St. Patrick's. Please keep them in your prayers.

First Holy Communion

Thank you to the many parents who came to the meeting after school recently. As we discussed, the preparation will now take place after mass on a Saturday evening or the Sunday morning. Only children who have prepared, by attending these classes, will receive their First Holy Communion in June this year.

The programme starts this weekend.

Skiing

Good luck to all of the children in Year 5 who will be off skiing next week. A big thank you to Mrs Holtby for organising this special trip for the children. I am sure they will always remember it.



Breakfast Club

After half term when parents bring their children to breakfast club can we ask that you drop your children in the hall, they can keep coats and bags with them. We appreciate your co-operation and support with this matter as we cannot allow people to wander round the school unsupervised as this is a safeguarding issue. Thank you.

Staffing

Unfortunately, Mr Kendal is still ill and he is unable to be in school at this time. After the half term, Mrs McLean, a very experienced teacher will be joining us in Class 10, hopefully until he returns.

Mrs Staley, unfortunately, is unable to be in school at this time due to her illness. She is very grateful for all your kind words of support and for keeping her in your prayers.

Half-Term Holiday

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday, 12th February for a PD Day and will re-open after half-term on Monday, 22nd February 2016.

Dates for your Diary

School Photographer	Friday, 4 th March
School Mission	Wednesday-Friday, 9 th - 11 th March
Scholastic Book Fair	week commencing Monday, 14 th March

Thankyou

A huge thank you for helping raise so much money to help a pupil at Christ the King, Dominic, raise sufficient money to buy a defibrillator. We will send the money to them. I think they have been overwhelmed with support and hopefully, because of people's generosity there will be enough money to buy a defibrillator for all of the schools in our Academy Trust.

God bless,

Mr Ryan

10th February 2016