



# Newsletter

## February 2017

The weeks seem to have flown by and we are almost at half term when our Year 5 children will be off to Scotland to try their hand at skiing! Not much snow there at the moment, so we need a few snow flurries to come to help us soften the blow for when we fall over.

### **We are Premier League, we are Premier League!**

A huge congratulations to our football team, who have managed to win the MFC tournament, playing against all the top teams in the area. The children will now represent Middlesbrough in the Premier League finals to be held at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge in May. This is a huge achievement and is one I am sure the children will always remember. The team will compete against all the other Premier League teams in the National Finals. The team will be traveling to London and staying there for the tournament. We are all very proud of them – well done. Up the Boro (Pats)!

### **Sad News**

I am sure many of the parents and children will all remember Mrs Swinhoe, our former Head teacher, who was simply an inspirational Head teacher. She is now Chair of Governors of the Academy Trust and still gives so much of her time to help our academy. Sadly, at the weekend, one of her grandchildren was tragically killed in an accident. Obviously, the family are completely devastated at the loss of their loving grandchild. Young, Louis, was only 14 and was a talented and loving boy. He lived in Preston and he loved Liverpool and was a passionate supporter. On Friday the parish mass will be held in school where we will pray for him and his family. At the mass we will have a representative from each class to be there. On the field there is a tree dedicated to Mrs Swinhoe and at this tree, after mass, we will place a Liverpool scarf and 14 flowers in memory of Louis. If you see the scarf and flowers please remember to say a prayer for the family to help them at this difficult time. You are of course welcome to join us. Mass begins at 9.30 in the school hall.

One of our longstanding and dedicated teachers, Mr Kendal, has sadly retired due to ill health. Mr Kendal is obviously upset that he cannot continue in the career he loved dearly. He has worked at the school for over 25 years and he has been a huge part in the success of the school. We of course wish him well in his retirement and are grateful for the many years of service he lovingly gave to St. Patrick's.

Mrs Staley is still absent due to her illness and I know she would want me to thank you all for your prayers and your continued support at this difficult time.

One of our parents is quite ill at this time and all I would ask is that you remember all those who are sick in your prayers.

God bless

M Ryan