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25th May 2018

Dear Parents,

We come to the end of another busy half-term and looking forward to the final summer term. Again lots of things have happened for us all to be proud of our school community.

- **Sporting achievements**-Well done to our sporting heroes who have represented us this half-term in athletics, swimming and football. You always compete well and behave impeccably. There were lots of first places too. Well done children!
- **Global Learning**- Many classes have been finding out about looking after our planet by reducing the plastics we use. Please talk to your children about this and encourage good eco and environmental issues at home.
- **Out and About**- Some of our year 6 visited the Dementia Hub to spend time reciting poems and sharing memories with the folks there. Both young and old had a wonderful time. This is all part of our work as being a "Dementia Friendly" school. Our choir also brought joy to the patients of North Tees Hospital when they visited them to sing. What wonderfully caring children we have who help out in their community! The choir enjoyed visiting Laurence Jackson School in Guisborough to watch their Dance Performance- I'm sure they picked up some tips for their own show in July!
- **Future Animators**- A great day was had at the Animex International Festival at the University of Teesside. Watch out for our animations on our website.
- **May Procession**- there was a big turnout for honouring our parish tradition of crowning Our Lady's statue- thank you to those families who attended. Many children have enjoyed Rosary Prayers in school led by parishioners.
- **First Holy Communion**-the First Holy Communion children celebrated their special day last Saturday. They looked amazing and were a credit to their families. However some parents have expressed their disappointment with the noise in parts of church during the service. Can I urge you as parents to model respect and reverence when in a place of worship and while attending Mass.
- **History Quality Mark**- we have been awarded the Silver Award for delivering an excellent History curriculum. The assessor was very impressed with the school environment, lessons and the way our children spoke about their enjoyment of learning about history and the trips that they have been on. Thank you Mr.Sherrington for successfully guiding us through this award!
- **Maths In Motion**- we have done it again. Our fantastic Year 6 mathematicians have made the World Finals of the Maths in Motion Championship. They will race their cars on line next half-term. Well done children (and Mr.O'Donnell!) on the fourth successive year we have reached the final.





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- **National Key Stage Tests**- A huge “Well Done” to our Year 2 and Year 6 children for completing their SATs. We are very proud of the way that the children have worked and approached the tests. Well done children and I’m sure you have all done your very best!
- **Safety Barriers**- work is due to commence during the holiday on erecting the safety barriers on the pavement outside of school on Lanehouse Road. This is a safety measure that will prevent cars from mounting kerbs. Thank you to our Health and Safety Crew for raising their concerns and to Thornaby Town Council for funding the project.
- **Buildings Work**-during the holiday the classroom and corridors areas will be installed with new energy efficient lighting- bright children deserve bright classrooms! Also, Key Stage 1 playground will be receiving a splash of colour. New playground markings will be ready for when you all return. This will look great next to the new astroturf outside of class 1.
- **Website/Twitter accounts**- many parents have commented on how they enjoy being kept up to date (*and entertained!*) by our twitter feeds. Remember you can also access our website to keep up to date with what is going on in school www.stpatricksthornaby.org.uk
- **Class Attendance**- Our overall school attendance is 96.4% Remember there is a special Summer treat for classes achieving over 97% and to children who achieve 100% for the year! So far we have:

Class 1- 94.9 % Class 2-95.8% Class 3- 96.3% Class 4- 95.9% Class 5- 96.3%
Class 6-95.5% Class 7-97.2% Class 8- 97.5% Class 9-95.7% Class 10- 96.5%
Class 11- 96.3% Class 12- 96.2%

- **Parent Surveys**- a big thank you for your feedback from the questionnaires. We will look at these and consider your comments carefully and respond in due course. A comment that stood out so far was this:

“What I really like about the school is that when I drop off the most precious things in the world to me (my children) they are safe in a school that promotes a loving family environment. St.Pat’s not only have helped all of my children reach their full academic potential, they have helped them to read and write, wiped tears, rub grazed knees, found lost PE kits, given up time to support four rounds of Holland trips, introduced them to skiing, made it personal when supporting Holy Communions, introduced them to new authors, encouraged after school clubs, given advice and so much more! After 21 years of the St. Pat’s school run with my youngest leaving in July, I will be sad to say goodbye to my St. Pat’s family but I know my children will always be proud to say that they went to The Pat’s!”

I don’t think I can add anymore to that really and there were many more positive comments from parents similar to it!

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Here are some of the events which will be happening next half-term.

- ✓ 7th June- Final Holland Meeting for parents
- ✓ 8th June- Rokit Climbing/fencing and Archery- Classes 9-12
- ✓ 8th June- The Railway Children Production- Classes 3-8
- ✓ 12/13th June- More than Dance Workshops
- ✓ 13th June- Visit to Manchester Velodrome (Cycling)
- ✓ 20th June -EYFS Sports day Morning nursery & class 1 at 10am and afternoon nursery and class 2 at 2pm
- ✓ 20th June-Maths In Motion World Final- Year 6
- ✓ 24th-28th- Year 6 Residential in Holland
- ✓ 26th June 9-10am Transition meeting for Nursery parents
- ✓ 27th June 8.30-11.30am Transition morning for all school starters
- ✓ 30th June- Catholic School Football Cup in Bridlington
- ✓ 3rd July- Classes 1 and 2 visit to aquarium
- ✓ 2nd-6th July- Year 6 Transition Week at Secondary Schools
- ✓ 4-5th July- Parent's Evenings for Classes 3-10
- ✓ 6th July- Class 3 visit to Saltburn
- ✓ 9th July 8.30-12.30-Nursery Morning children lunch taster
- ✓ 10th July 11.40-3.15-Nursery Afternoon children lunch taster
- ✓ 10th July- Class 9 visit to Durham
- ✓ 10th July- KS2 Results Day
- ✓ 10-11th July- Year 6 Parent's Evening
- ✓ 11th July- Musical Production at The College 6pm
- ✓ 13th July- Sports Day
- ✓ 15th July- Leavers' Mass-In Church 10am
- ✓ 16th July- Life Museum Visit for Classes 4 and 5
- ✓ 19th July- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
- ✓ 20th July- Break for Summer

Enjoy the half-term break and see you all back at school on Thursday 7th June

God Bless

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