

# St. Patrick's RC School

## Newsletter

17 September 2021



### **Mass**

On Monday, the whole school attended Mass to celebrate the start of the school year. Many thanks to Canon Paul for leading us in a lovely celebration and to Bill Wilkinson for supporting the Mass with music. Also, thank you to Lewis, Lily Nowell, Lilly Oliver, Oscar, and Victoria, for reading, and to Blanka and Leon, for their part in the offertory procession.

### **Welcome**

A warm welcome to Cyril, who joined our school in the Reception year group, this week.

### **Celebration Assembly**

This week, the following pupils received awards during our Celebration Assembly:



#### Class 1

Kiahna Lumley for Maths  
Lilly Oliver for English  
Lewis Patterson for Citizenship

#### Class 2

Aidan Thompson for Maths  
Poppy Starr-Robson for English  
Isobel Hill for Citizenship

#### Class 3

Oren Ellison for Maths  
Jackson Thompson for English  
Lily Sykes Kondic for Citizenship  
James Magee and Matila Slater for Lexia  
MacKenzie Bylevedt and Benediktas Treciokas for Mathletics

Well done, children!

### **Police Visit**

On Tuesday, all pupils will receive a visit from Jet and Ben, Durham Police's Safety Dogs. Their handler, Claire, will meet with each class. She will talk to our infant pupils about how the police can help us and then talk to junior pupils about how to stay safe online.

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Teachers will be meeting with parents (remotely) to discuss how well their child/ren are settling into school. These remote meetings will take place week commencing 27 September, via telephone, and you will receive details of your allocated time next week. If you are unable to receive the call at the time given, please contact the school office to rearrange.

### **First Holy Communion Preparation**

Due to the significant amount of disruption in schools and churches over the past 18 months, we are proposing that First Holy Communion preparation, over the next few years, is organised as follows:

2021-22 – Year 6  
2022-23 – Year 5  
2023-24 – Years 4 and 5

Thereafter, we would revert back to preparing pupils in Year 4. **If any parent has concerns about this, please email, or telephone, the school office at your earliest possible convenience.**

### **Diary Dates**

Please find below some important dates for your diaries.

#### **Week Commencing 27.09.21 –**

Parent/Teacher Meetings (times will be issued next week)

**Friday 22 October** – Break up for half term

**Week Commencing 13.12.21** – Termly written reports to parents

**Monday 13 December (5pm)** Christmas Performance – Tickets to be issued next half term

**Tuesday 14 December (10am)** – Treasure Island Yo-Ho-Ho Panto @ Empire Theatre, Consett – All classes

**Wednesday 15 December** – Christmas Lunch (booking will be available for those on packed lunches)

**Friday 17 December** – Christmas Party Day – Children come to school in their party clothes

**Tuesday 21 December** – Break up for Christmas