

St. Patrick's RC School

Newsletter

24 September 2021



Collective Worship

This week, we listened to a reading from the Gospel of Mark (9:33-35), and reflected on its message that, 'The last shall be first'. We talked about some of the ways in which we can follow the example of Jesus and put the needs of others first.

Jet and Ben

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

Celebration Assembly

The following pupils received awards during our Celebration Assembly:



Class 1

Osahenrhunmwun for Maths
Italia for English
Jamie for Citizenship

Class 2

Phoebe for Maths
Shauna for English
Albie for Citizenship
Osagbemwonrhue for Citizenship

Class 3

Lyla for Maths
Aria for English
Matilda for Citizenship
Oscar Nowell, Dylan, Oliver Bowsher-Billingham, Jacob, Ella and Blanka for Lexia
Mackenzie, Blanka, James, Ella and Oscar Nowell for Athletics

Head Teacher's Award (for being a great example to others)

Class 1 – Osahenrhunmwun
Class 2 William
Class 3 Jacob

Well done, children!

Uniform

Parents have long supported the school in adhering to our uniform policy (which can be found on the school's website).

Just a reminder that we require pupils to wear plain black or white trainers for PE, and that long hair should be secured away from the face.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Cashless Transactions - ParentPay

We will soon be moving to a cashless system for the payment of school meals, trips, clubs etc. This will assist parents greatly with the payment of lunch money, etc.

This particular system is used in many schools and is now affordable to small schools, due to the support of our local authority.

More details to follow, but the slides below give you some information that you may find useful, in the meantime.

ParentPay
COUNT ON US

PAY ONLINE FOR SCHOOL
DINNERS, TRIPS AND CLUBS
IT'S EASY, QUICK AND SAFE

WHY USE PARENTPAY...

- **Convenient & transparent**
 - Paying online makes life easier for everyone!
 - Saves our school time to focus on teaching
- **Trusted**
 - ParentPay's been used by schools for over 15 years...
 - Used by over 4 million parents across the UK
- **Safe & Secure**
 - Removing cash from school helps keep pupils safe
 - Your money is guaranteed to be spent on what it was intended for!
- **Helps us to help your children**
 - Going cashless helps us focus on what's important - your children



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...IT'S EASY



- **Step 1 - You'll get a letter from us about ParentPay.**
 - Includes information about how to activate your account
- **Step 2 - Activate your account.**
 - Use the codes in your letter and you will be able to pay for school dinners and other items straight away
- **Step 3 - Don't miss out!**
 - Don't forget to set up Alerts so you receive an email (free) or SMS text when your balance is low or there are new items to pay for



© ParentPay 2019

parentpay.com



Olga Cera, UK

Really helpful for school related payments

ParentPay made my life as a busy mum so much easier. Now I can pay for school trips and lunch in my own time and I do not have to worry about cash.



Brian Parsons, UK

ParentPay is great!

So easy to pay for school related items, particularly lunches. You can see what choices your child is making and keep an eye on the balance easily.

© ParentPay 2019

parentpay.com

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

(There was an error on last week's newsletter, with regard to the week in which the written reports will be issued. This has been amended here and on our website.)