



ST.PATRICK'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support yesterday at our Annual Sports Day – thank goodness the rain held off! I would like to also remind you of the various events that are taking place next week for our end of term celebrations, to which you are all warmly invited:-

- Monday 17 July/Tuesday 18 July – Choir/Class Aire production presenting songs from “Annie” and “The Lion King” at 6 pm in the school hall.
- Leavers’ Mass on Thursday 20 July at 11.00 am, celebrated by Father Tim Swinglehurst, Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Diocese of Leeds
- Final whole school assembly of the year at 9.00 am on Friday 21 July, with presentation of trophies, awards etc.

We will be saying welcome to Miss Jade Vincent as our new Reception Class teacher in September and I hope you will all make her feel welcome as she begins her teaching career at St Patrick’s. Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to 2 other members of staff. As you know, Mrs Prendergast is leaving us to further her career in another school and Craig Ackroyd, our sports coach, will also be leaving us after 23 years of service to the school. Craig is setting up his own company, Cleaning, Caring Services (07577 591001) offering a range of domestic services and also care services for vulnerable family members. We express our deepest thanks for the time they have both spent supporting and nurturing pupils at St Patrick’s, changing their lives for the better, and we wish them every success for the future.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued co-operation in working with us to support all our pupils to achieve their full potential and help them to move along their individual learning journeys through life. We particularly send our best wishes to all our Y6 pupils as they transition to high school. They will be in our thoughts and prayers as they begin this new phase in their lives.

Finally, I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to become more active members of our PTA, who raise valuable funds (particularly in this day and age of decreasing school budgets) for resources for all our children throughout the school. I know they need new members on their committee from September and would ask that you all give this serious thought over the summer to see if there is any way at all you can help. It would be both sad and disappointing for the PTA to have to fold after all the hard work they have put in over the years and particularly at a time when their support and fund-raising is most desperately required.

I wish you a happy and peaceful summer and look forward to seeing you all again refreshed and rejuvenated in September.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Brown'.

Mrs L Brown
Headteacher