



ST PATRICK'S
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and managed to find some rest over half term, despite Storm Eunice! I thought it would be useful to give you an update on the school's work as we begin a new half term and head into spring.

Firstly, a Covid update. Rates in our school are currently very low. As a result we are able to move freely around the school without wearing masks. It is lovely to see our children's beautiful faces and smiles again! Some children are continuing to wear a mask which is absolutely their choice. We hope rates will stay low. If this changes Public Health will advise us.

This week marks the beginning of lent – a time to fast and make sacrifices in order to stand with those in difficulty or suffering. Yesterday all children participated in our Ash Wednesday service and we thought about those less fortunate than ourselves. This week we are collecting items for those people from the Ukraine who have escaped to Poland. Thank you to those of you who have already sent items in. We are also asking every child to join in with CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger. We will be doing a sponsored walk and asking each form to raise £40. This is about £1.66 per child. I am sure each child can give up crisps, sweets, fizzy drinks etc. for a day or two and donate to this important cause. The money raised will go towards basic food for the 200 million children worldwide who go hungry each day. Please donate to this worthy cause and help your child understand their duty to support others.

As I watched each year group file into the hall for the Ash Wednesday service I felt incredibly proud. The children look so smart. They were so respectful and mature. They respond so positively and warmly to our staff. It truly is a joy to lead such a wonderful school and spend each and every day with your children. Thank you for the support you offer us. We know how hard you work at home making sure your child is smart, prepared and has the right attitude. This has been especially evident this week with Year 11s being such examples to everyone in their PPEs. All your hard work, combined with our hard work is a winning formula for your child and helps them grow into the very best versions of themselves.

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In other news, we are expecting Ofsted to visit us in the near future. The school was judged outstanding in 2008 and has not been inspected since this time. Many things have changed since 2008! However, we believe this school is still a wonderful place to learn and grow and we work hard every day to give our children the best education possible.

We are interested in what our parents think. We have information from surveys but, now Covid restrictions are lifted, we want to speak to parents face-to-face. We will be holding a parents' forum on the evening of Tuesday 5th April and would love you to join us. This is a meeting to tell us what you like about St Patrick's and what we could improve. We wouldn't be able to discuss individual issues or concerns – please speak to your child's form tutor for this instead. More details to follow.

Finally, Mr Campbell, our deputy headteacher, has been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Antony's in Urmston and will leave us in the Summer. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mr Campbell and we know he will be an excellent Headteacher, just as he has been an excellent servant at St Patrick's.

Kind regards
Mrs Byrne

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