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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you remain well. School seems to be getting busier by the day as we are back in the full swing of learning. Although certain restrictions remain in place, our pupils continue to impress us, as always, with their conscientious approach, their positive behaviour and readiness to engage.

Academy Update

As you know, in line with the diocesan plan, all catholic schools will become academies by July 2022.

From May 1st, St Patrick's starts an exciting new chapter, when we become part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Academy Trust (BWCET). We look forward to exciting times ahead sharing all of our existing good practice with new partners as well as explore different ways of working too.

We may be a small school, but we have a big heart and big ambitions and we will always aim high for every member of our school family. New adventures await and we are ready!

Mrs Greener's Retirement

Mrs Greener, one of our cleaning staff, retires today. I want to extend my sincere thanks to her for her wonderful commitment to our school. Mrs Greener – you will be a big miss, but you have certainly earned a long and happy retirement! Thank you for working so hard to help keep us all safe. Good luck for the future.

Parents' Evening Survey

Moving forward, we have an opportunity to review the wide range of changes introduced, during this current situation, with a view to deciding what aspects are worth pursuing. Please follow the link and take a few moments to share your thoughts on our recent parents' evening via video. We would be grateful if you could complete the form by Friday 7th May 2021. Thank you, in advance, for your time.

<https://forms.office.com/r/54ZmZ1ZqGB>

***'Call it Out' Police Survey**

Safeguarding updates

A survey to gather the views of women and girls on personal safety in County Durham and Darlington has been launched by police.

The survey – named 'Call it Out' - seeks to listen to the concerns and lived experiences of women and girls across the force area and understand how safe they feel.

Durham Constabulary will use the results of the survey to tackle safety concerns by working with the Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council.

The survey will run until Wednesday 5th May and is completely anonymous. To take part,

visit <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=161892396031>

***I am sharing this information on 'Call it Out' in terms of the wider school community. We are not directing any of our primary aged girls to this survey unless, as a parent of our oldest pupils, you think they will have sufficient understanding to complete this.**

I hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Let's hope we see some sunshine!

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess
Headteacher

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