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We follow in Christ's footsteps

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Dear Parents/Carers

Reception to Year 1 Transition

We are delighted with the progress our Reception pupils have made in their first year at St Patrick's. A separate, custom-built Reception unit has certainly helped our pupils to initially settle and then, in no time at all, thrive! We want this progress to continue and we want to do everything we can to continue to make your child's experience of school life as happy and rewarding as possible. We have already heard some parents tell us that their child is so happy in Reception that they are determined to stay put! This is a great reflection on the start they have had. We all know, however, that it is nearing the stage to move onto new adventures when our current Reception pupils transfer to the main part of the school and become Year 1. Time certainly flies!

To make this transition as smooth as possible, we have arranged extra transition sessions for our current Reception children. Pupils will have additional time with their new teachers and they will have the opportunity to sample how it looks, feels and sounds moving around in the main part of school. It will be busier for them but we are fortunate that our school promotes calm, positive behavior, at all times, and all pupils, as well as staff, are always on hand to guide and support.

Every year group will have a parent 'Meet the New Teacher' session. We have timetabled this earlier for our current Reception parents before the additional pupil sessions. We strongly encourage you to attend this as it will provide a great insight into the new experiences your child will encounter. All relevant dates are highlighted in our Diary of Events.

For the remainder of this term, staff will work together across Reception and Year 1 to share information and plan appropriately building on each child's development and appropriate next steps.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your on-going support.

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess
Head teacher

