



The Sun trying to shine
in Newcastle, N Ireland.

News from Paraguay

Dear Friends,

Greetings once more from Paraguay! We arrived back on Friday after a long, but uneventful, journey. The change in temperature from the Uk is huge and we are now back in summer clothes with the air conditioning on to keep us cool! It is nice to see the blue shies and sunshine again although we got caught in a big storm yesterday and were soaked!!

It was good to be home again and the dogs were pleased to see us. The cats a Little more indifferent! They had all been well looked after in our absence. We are still sorting things out in the house but we have at least unpacked!

It was good to have time back in England and to see family and friends again. We managed to visit a few churches but didn't have many Sundays that we could visit. It was great to see folks again. A big Thank you to all our churches for your great support.

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The Bingham's



Beryl Whitehead 1971



Molly Cooper



The Trews



Aunty Hannah

We also had a few days in Ireland where we went for a SAMS council meeting. It was lovely to see old friends again, people we have worked with in Paraguay over the years. We were very much looked after and enjoyed a lovely 3 days there. We even had a day trip to visit the seaside as well.

We now have to get back into school mode. The heads will start back first and then the rest of the teaching staff. We will have an opening service next Tuesday for all the staff. The office staff have already started and the maintenance staff have worked all holiday painting and repairing. We will have a few days without the pupils where we can have meetings and get the classrooms ready for the new school year. The pupils will be back on the 15th.

Back to school!



St. Andrew's College



Beautiful sunshine then caught in the storm.

Points for Prayer

When we left here in December we thought we had all the staff we needed as we had interviewed for vacant positions and taken new staff on. Whilst in England we heard that the teacher who teaches maths in English has decided to leave at Easter. This leaves us with a big gap and one that is hard to fill as there aren't many teachers around who can do IGCSE maths. Mags will have an even bigger workload if no-one is found so we'd value prayers for this.

Points for Prayer

A new Maths teacher

A good start to the year - Heads return on the 6th, Staff on the 7th

The kids start on the 15th and the 6th form on the 16th - pray that they will take their role seriously.

They will be off to camp the next week for Leadership training.

The new 3yr olds start on the 22nd. Pray that they will settle quickly.

There are Parents' meetings for each class. Pray that they will go well and the parents be supportive.

Thankyou for your support and prayers as we start this new year.

God bless and love from Gwen and Mags xx



Bishop Ken Clarke, head of SAMS