



The Keys Newsletter

10th September 2021

Message from Mr. Robinson

Dear Parent/Carers

It has been a lovely start to the year in school with the children settling in quickly to their new classes. The atmosphere has been, as is usual at St Peter's, very calm and as I walk around the classes are filled with the gentle buzz of work, as they busily get on with their learning.

Our new Reception have settled in also and it is lovely to watch them make new friends and get used to the routines that are everyday practice around school. They met their Y6 buddies this week which all the children were thrilled about.

We are not sure what life will be like in the months to come with regards to Covid, but that hasn't stopped us making plans.

This week, the children were introduced to our new House names. We have chosen inspirational Olympic athletes whom have all overcome barriers or shown great determination and resilience to become successful. They are named after Laura Kenny, Ellie Simmonds, Tom Daley and Sky Brown.

Some things to look forward to and coming soon:

Extra-curricular clubs:

- Sport4Kids-after school sport
- Gardening Club
- Basic Computing
- Choir
- Kidslingo French Club
- STEM Club Science Club
- Nurture Club
- Follow on Music Lessons

Further developments include a Key Stage 2 '**St Peter's Award Scheme'** we have devised a bronze, silver and gold award for children to strive for by achieving a set of tasks, over the school year. Tasks gradually become more demanding and range from looking after their belongings in school, to taking part in a community event such as litter picking.

Next week I will be sending out a letter asking for volunteers for a **School Parent Council**. The idea is that we have representatives from each class so we can talk about the school, what we can do going forward, find out what we do well, what we could improve on and really forge what is already a strong home school partnership.

The *Rainbow Team* has started already, and we are taking care of and listening to children who feel they just want to talk either individually or as part of a group. The mental health of our pupils is of high importance to me and I have allocated an extra 10 hours' of time per week devoted to the nurture of our children. Please contact your child's teacher if you are worried about your child and you feel that we could help, sometimes just a bit of time to talk is all that is needed, but sometimes more help is required and that is what the Rainbow Team are for.

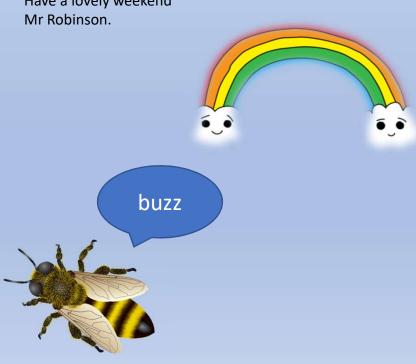
Catch Up Programme: The government has awarded schools around £6,000 for catch up this year. This sounds a lot, but doesn't touch the surface, so as I wrote to you before the end of last term, I have allocated an extra £20,000 in catch up provision by employing two extra part time teachers who will work with every class at some point though the week.

Parent Survey: It has been some time since we completed a parent survey due to the obvious issues with the pandemic. I am always keen to hear what you think of St Peter's; I take your views seriously, as can be seen with the proposed new Parent/School council. You will receive an email next Monday, via School Spider, asking you to fill in a questionnaire and the more people who reply, the better picture we get. Thank you in advance for taking part.

A final reminder about PE kit, please ensure you follow the school uniform policy on this and ensure that the children come in **plain white T-shirts** for their lesson.

There are lots of other things going on in school and I will, as usual, keep you posted.

Have a lovely weekend





P.E. Kits

Please ensure that from September the **SCHOOL PE** kit is worn in school.

Indoor Kit

- Black short
- · Plain white t-shirt
- Socks & black pumps

Outdoor kit

- Navy blue joggers
- White t-shire
- Navy blue hoodie
- Socks & trainers

You do not need to have a school badged hoodie.

We still have a small stock of school hoodies in school in limited sizes at £9. These can be purchased through School Money and sent home.

Alternatively you can purchase one through Touchline

https://www.touchline-embroidery.com 01925 413777

New Reception Tours

We will be holding tours of school for those children who are due to start Reception in September 2022.

All of these tours will take place out of school hours.

Please telephone 01744 678630 or Email stpeter@sthelens.org.uk to book a place

- 1. Wednesday 3rd Nov 4.30pm
- 2. Monday 8th Nov 4.30pm
- 3. Wednesday 1st Dec 4.30pm.

Please note there is a limited number allowed on each tour so booking is advisable.

Thank you

P.T.A NEWS

PTA AGM

The PTA would like to invite everyone to the Annual General Meeting on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be held online and a link will be issued in due course.

The meeting is a chance to see what the PTA have been up to for the last 12 months and to input into the planning for the coming year.

All our welcome.

Changes

If any changes took place during the holiday, such as change of address, telephone, name or if there have been any medical issues please email the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Please Remember

Can we please ask that you remember to send your child into school with everything they need for their day in school.

We try not to disrupt the children's lessons so the constant interruptions with water bottles, coats, packed lunches etc is not ideal.

Many thanks for your assistance going forward.



Could you be a Parent Governor?

Ask yourself the following questions:

You don't need any special qualifications or expertise, just a commitment to engaging in your own development, to learn about the role and our school!

A willingness to undertake governor training is essential

The governing board would particularly welcome nominations from parents with expertise in Buildings, Health & Safety and HR

Do you want to give something back to St Peter's School?

Are you prepared to work as part of a team?

Do you have time to spend a couple of hours a month to go to meetings and read documents and reports?

Are you open to new ideas and ready to learn?

Do you want all our children to get the best from school?

If the answer is yes to any of these and you have enthusiasm and commitment, then you could be our next parent governor!



Want a friendly, confidential chat about what the role involves?

Please contact Sharon, Chair of Governors gov.sharon.bra mmeier@sthel ens.org.uk To arrange a time

The nomination forms and further details can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the web-site

Closing date: 12 pm on Friday 24th Sept 2021

Further information will be emailed out today and will be on the school web-site.

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust St Helens Immunisation Team Parr Childrens Centre Ashtons Green Drive St Helens WA9 2AP 01744 624353



To all parents/carers of children in reception to year 11, Could you please complete your child's electronic flu consent form via this link ASAP

https://forms.merseycare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination

If you have any difficulties accessing the link please contact the corresponding immunisation team who will be happy to help, (see details above). Remember flu is a really unpleasant illness and having your child vaccinated with a quick, painless nasal spray is the best way to protect them, your family and friends.

We understand that some people may not want to take up this offer and we ask that you still complete the form and choose that you don't want your child to receive it to avoid our service contacting you.

If your child is in a different year group for their age please add the year group according to their DOB to ensure you can progress with completing the form.

Many Thanks, School based immunisation services



LTA Starts Wed 8th Sept YOUTH START



Newton-le-Willows Tennis Club

Crow Lane East, Newton-le-willows, WA12 9XE

6 weeks of great coaching, racket, t-shirt, set of balls, lanyard & stickers

Ages 4 & 5 Wednesday 4.00pm - 4.45pm Ages 6 - 8 Wednesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm Ages 9 - 11 Wednesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

We Do Teen Tennis (only includes a tennis racket) Ages 12 – 16 Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Covid Regulations

We recognise it is a strange time and want to assure you that we have a risk assessment & measures in place to ensure social distancing. Tennis is a great sport to play with the outdoor nature and safe distance between players.

All sessions delivered by an LTA Accredited Coach
Coaches have a clean DBS, safeguarding & first aid training
Sessions are open to members and non-members

Courses run for 6 weeks and cost just £34.99

6 weeks of great coaching, racket, t-shirt, set of balls, lanyard & stickers

BOOK ONLINE

https://wedotennis.co.uk/newton-le-willows

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CONTACT US:

01952 984 894 enquiries@wedotennis.co.uk

wedotennis.co.uk

Official equipment partner





Any queries please contact 'we do tennis' direct. Thank you.

Office news

Dinner Money

If your child wishes to change their lunch preference please advise the office via email giving <u>a week's</u> <u>notice.</u> Payment is taken through the School Money Online Payment System.

Uniform

Uniform can be ordered direct from Touchline UK Liverpool Rd, Warrington, WA5 1AE, 01925 413777 sales@touchline-embroidery.com

We also have a small number of items on the School Money site under SHOP which you can pay for then contact school to arrange for them to be sent home with your child.

Absence

When reporting on the absence line, can we politely request that you leave a brief description of your child's illness rather than just saying they are unwell. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea please note that they should not return to school for a period of 48 hours after the last incident. This is a local authority policy

Applications for Holiday Leave must be submitted to school at **least 4 week**s in advance. Forms can be found on the school website or requested from the school office. In accordance with Government and Local Authority policy, holidays taken during term time will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**.

Changes

It is very important that if you change contact numbers, emails or addresses that you advise us as soon as possible. Any changes must be sent into school via email.

Thank you



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Covid-19

<u>Can we please stress</u> if you or a member of your household show any symptoms of Covid-19 you must remain at home and get a test.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/or by phoning 111

If you or your children have any symptoms you MUST take a PCR test not a Lateral Flow Test

To arrange a test call 119 or go to the website https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test

Further information is available on https://www.gov.uk/government/public ations/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

Invitation to the New Pupils and Parents of St Peter's School

St Peter's Church extends a warm welcome to our brand new reception children from St Peter's Church of England School.

You are invited to join the St Peter's Church Family at one of the next three Family Services at St Peter's on the 12th, 19th or 26th September. Each service will begin at 9.30am

The children will receive a Certificate and a gift marking the beginning of their membership of our Church School Family.

I hope you are able to make it. I look forward to meeting and welcoming you all

Kind regards Canon Stephen



