

Message from St Peter's

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we draw to the end of term, I would just like to thank you for your patience and understanding through what is still a difficult time. We know that the Covid- 19 is still out there and we've had staff struck down by it, as well as some pupils this term, but the vast majority of the school community have once again pulled together, taken their children for PCRs when needed and ensured we are all safe.

This week we announced our Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl. As usual it was very close, as the calibre of applicant was very high. The children needed to write to me to say why they think they should have the position and what they can bring to it. The teachers then vote, and the winners are announced. It is always very hard, as there will be some disappointed children, however the standard was so high, those who were unsuccessful have become prefects, a position of great responsibility.

Well done to: Head Girl - Grace Close Head Boy – Oliver Davies Deputy Head Girl – Isabelle Collin Deputy Head Boy – Lucas Oakden

Other positions include House Captains, Library Monitors, Sports Captains, Worship Committee, Eco Council and School Council. Well done to all the children who applied. Pupil voice is hugely important in our school and we listen very hard to their views. The school council, then the whole school, voted on a number of things to put forward to the senior leadership team. They would like, the MUGA football pitch covered in artificial grass, so they don't hurt themselves when they fall, a roof over the MUGA, new basketball posts, an outdoor classroom and the most popular by far – the return of Wednesday morning toast; something that I had forgotten about, but obviously they hadn't. A big list, and a few things to work on.

It was lovely to see the children back in school for their neon disco on Thursday. A big thank you to the PTA for putting this on. There is also lots planned for the run up to Christmas...not long now!

Have a lovely half term break Mr Robinson



Please ensure that at the end of the day, children do not play on the equipment, and you have your child close to you whilst waiting for the 3.30pm children to leave school. Apart from the safety aspects of this. Year 6 are still having their lessons during this time and are being disturbed. It has always been the rule not to play on this after school time and teachers are asking children to get off it on numerous occasions. All the children have been informed not to play on the trim trail after school.



Thank you

Some of you may not be aware that the Unsworth's family will be donating a defibrillator next term. More to follow on this. With this in mind, for a fund raising event, every day in November the girls will complete 100 star jumps each with the hope of raising funds for another defibrillator for Tumbles.

If you would like to make a donation you can send it direct to

Mrs L Unsworth 770438 36207360 using donation as the reference or you can pass a donation to Mrs Unsworth in the playground .



Digital Family Agreement

As we are beginning half term, and routines may not be as strict as usual, a good way to safeguard your children online is to create a digital family agreement. This will enable parents to strike up conversations with their children and agree online boundaries, such as time, phones at the table etc. This sets clear rules for the child and when broken, they will understand that there can be consequences. Please find attached a template to help you create your own digital family agreement.

Digital Family Agreement-LGfL DigiSafe.pdf - Google Drive



Thank you to all those who have completed the E-form to advise if you wish your child to have the flu vaccination. 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 do not want your child to receive it. This will take place Thursday 18th November during school hours. https://forms.merseycare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination



Please be aware that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea it is 48 hours from the last incident before they can return to school. Please remind your child that hand hygiene is extremely important, not just for Covid reasons and to continue washing their hands even if they are not in school. Thank you

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 <u>stpeter@sthelens.org.uk</u> to book a place

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

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

Poppies

When we return after half term we will be selling poppies in school. We will have the stick on ones for the infants and the regular ones for the juniors.



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.

<u>Uniform</u>

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.

<u>Absence</u>

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 weeks** 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/coronavi rus-covid-19/check-if-you-havecoronavirus-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 <u>https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test</u>

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