

18th March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

The week ended in a sea of red as the children came together to celebrate Red Nose Day. They were very excited, and I even excused the Liverpool shirts entering the school gates! It is really important for our children's own development to take part in events like this. It is intrinsically linked to our Christian ethos as a Church of England School and covers so many of our values that run through their daily lives.

Every week I have groups of children knocking on my door with a proposal for a new idea or to tell me they would like to do a presentation in front of school. This week, we had two girls who spent twenty minutes in front of the whole school talking about diversity, what it is and what it should look like. Next week, we have some pupils who are talking to the whole school about an ECO initiative they would like to start and the week after we have two pupils who will be educating us all about Ramadan. Pupils come to me with these ideas without any encouragement needed and although we can't always accommodate every idea, I am always immensely impressed by their passion and confidence.

After a meeting with the pupil school council last week, they brought up 'Toast Day' For those who have only been here during the pandemic, every Wednesday a group of parent volunteers came into school and made toast for the children and delivered it to the classroom. It was 20p per week and hugely popular. I thought they had forgotten about this; however, they have been waiting for an opportunity to bring it up as the older children have missed it. This is certainly something we can look at again after Easter and if any parents would like to get involved, then I will be asking for volunteers after half term.

Finally, a reminder that parents' appointments have gone 'Live' on school spider so please don't forget to book in

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson

A big **Thank You** to all those who made a donation for Comic Relief, we will leave the school money system open over the weekend if anyone still wishes to donate. Thank you for all your support.





The amount raised so far on the Readathon is £1,041.50. Thank you to the PTA for all their efforts and to all the children who took part and those who sponsored them You are AMAZING!

Celebration & Congratulations

GROWTH MINDSET

Imogen YR George YR/1 Joseph G Y1/2 Harry Y2 Charlotte Y3 Abigail Y4 Tallulah Y5 Isabelle Y6

help me to grow

"Failure is an opportunity to grow

"Challenges

"I like to try new things"

STAR OF THE WEEK

Dolly YR Talia YR/1 Harrison Y1/2 Audrey Y2 Amelia Y3 Charlotte Y4 Charlie Y5 Ashton Y6

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Scarlett Y5

E-Safety Wordle Game

Wordle is a new, very simple game which has grown in popularity over the last few months. In the main it is a very safe game but with the rise in popularity it's important to be aware of a couple of concerns. Internet Matters have written a great, short article which would be ideal to read if your child is accessing this game.

Within the article, Internet Matters points out some things to watch out for including copycats that are imitating the original game but collecting and storing information that the original does not. These include cookies which retain data for targeted ads, which may take children away to other apps which may not have parental controls in place, therefore opening up children to unsuitable content, bad language etc. To ensure your child is safe whilst using Wordle, check that they are using the original, web-based game. To read the full article from Internet Matters, follow the link

What is the Wordle game? -- What to watch out for | Internet Matters

Living with Covid

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following the Government announcement about 'Living with Covid'

a letter was emailed out to parents outlining the position for schools. As you will read, <u>public health advice remains unchanged</u> for schools, and we still need to be as vigilant as ever as we still have Covid cases in school.

A reminder that should you send a child in to school with Covid or symptoms of Covid, you risk the chance of their class friends, families and teachers having to isolate due to catching Covid. If a teacher has to isolate, then we will have to try to bring in a supply teacher to teach the children.

The guidance is as follows:

'Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?' If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and it is to **stay at home** and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a PCR test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend school as usual. ' *Department for Education: Feb 2022*

Our procedures in school including high levels of ventilation, having an isolation room and constant cleaning. We will continue to send children home who have symptoms for you to then get tested. You can order PCR tests using the following link: <u>Get a free</u> <u>PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

As always, can I thank you for your continuing and unwavering support, understanding and co-operation during this time. It really is appreciated by all the St Peter's Community. Kind regards

Mr Robinson



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 <u>exceptional</u> <u>circumstances.</u>

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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There will be a meeting for Y6 parents on Wednesday 23rd March at 3.30pm to discuss SATs.