

# The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you had a lovely break and it's hard to believe we are at the end of the first week already. It is always wise to take a look at the school calendar going forward, as Merseyside schools seem to be on a different timetable to neighbouring boroughs at the moment, this includes next years October half term.

**Strike action:** A reminder that industrial action will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and again in March when there will be two consecutive days within a week. The reasons for the action can be found on the NEU website. Classes that will **NOT** be in are **Year 1 / 2, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5.**

**Year 6, Year 3 and Early Years should come in as normal.**

There are plenty of activities and events coming soon, World Book Day, Mother's Day and Red Nose Day – comic relief are all on the calendar. Details can be found in this newsletter.

Finally, congratulations to Harry in Year 3 who came 15<sup>th</sup> in his World Golf Championship in Portugal. What a great achievement, we are very proud of him. We know of quite a few of our pupils who have talents and skills, if you would like to share achievements with us, please do, we would love to hear about it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Robinson

# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

**Reception: Joseph H**  
**Year 1/2: Alfie H**  
**Year 2: Hugo C**  
**Year 3: Effie T**  
**Year 4: Ferne M**  
**Year 5: Evie M**  
**Year 6: William McM**



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Reception: Alan M**  
**Year 1/2: Luis A**  
**Year 2: Callen T**  
**Year 3: Charlie C**  
**Year 4: George A**  
**Year 5: Fynden A**  
**Year 6: Aiden B**



## VALUES AWARD

**Year 5: George A**

## COURAGE AWARD

**Year 5: Seb Q**

# GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



## St. Peter's Geography Competition

### Design your own island

*Can you design your own island using Ordnance Survey map symbols?*



*See the slides attached for details*



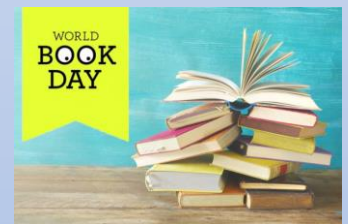
**Entry deadline:  
1pm on Friday 10th March**



*Our Geography Ambassadors with one of the amazing prizes for the winning entries.*



**WORLD BOOK DAY  
THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2023**



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. We hope you will join us in celebrating this reading event.

Letters have been sent home regarding the arrangements for the day along with other activities that will be taking place in the lead up to World Book Day including book fair, book recommendation competition and the PTA sponsored read.

***Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, bringing with them their favourite book to share with their class.***

## BAGS 2 SCHOOL



Leaflets have been sent home regarding the clothing collection from Bags 2 School.

The collection date will be: **FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2023.**

If you have any good quality, unwanted clothing items please **bring to the playground in a plastic bag on the morning of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 by 9.00am.**

***Please note we are unable to take any collection items prior to this date.***



## READATHON SPONSOR FORMS



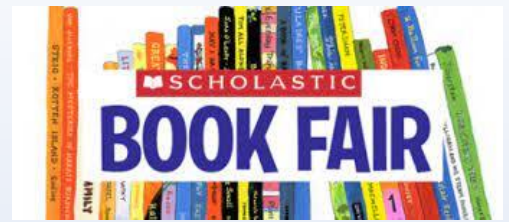
Please can Readathon sponsor forms and money be returned to school by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

St Peter's is the most oversubscribed school in St Helens with more people choosing us as first choice than any other school. It is important that you follow our admissions criteria and take particular attention to having a sibling in school is third on the list, behind Looked After Children and Church Attendance. School tours will start in September 2023 for the 2024 intake.



# BOOK FAIR



Next week we are holding a scholastic book fair where families can come into school and browse a library of books for purchase if they wish. Children have had a good look around today and seem very excited.

Mr Badley has organised this and will be sending out an information letter today. This will inform you of what days parents can come in after school.



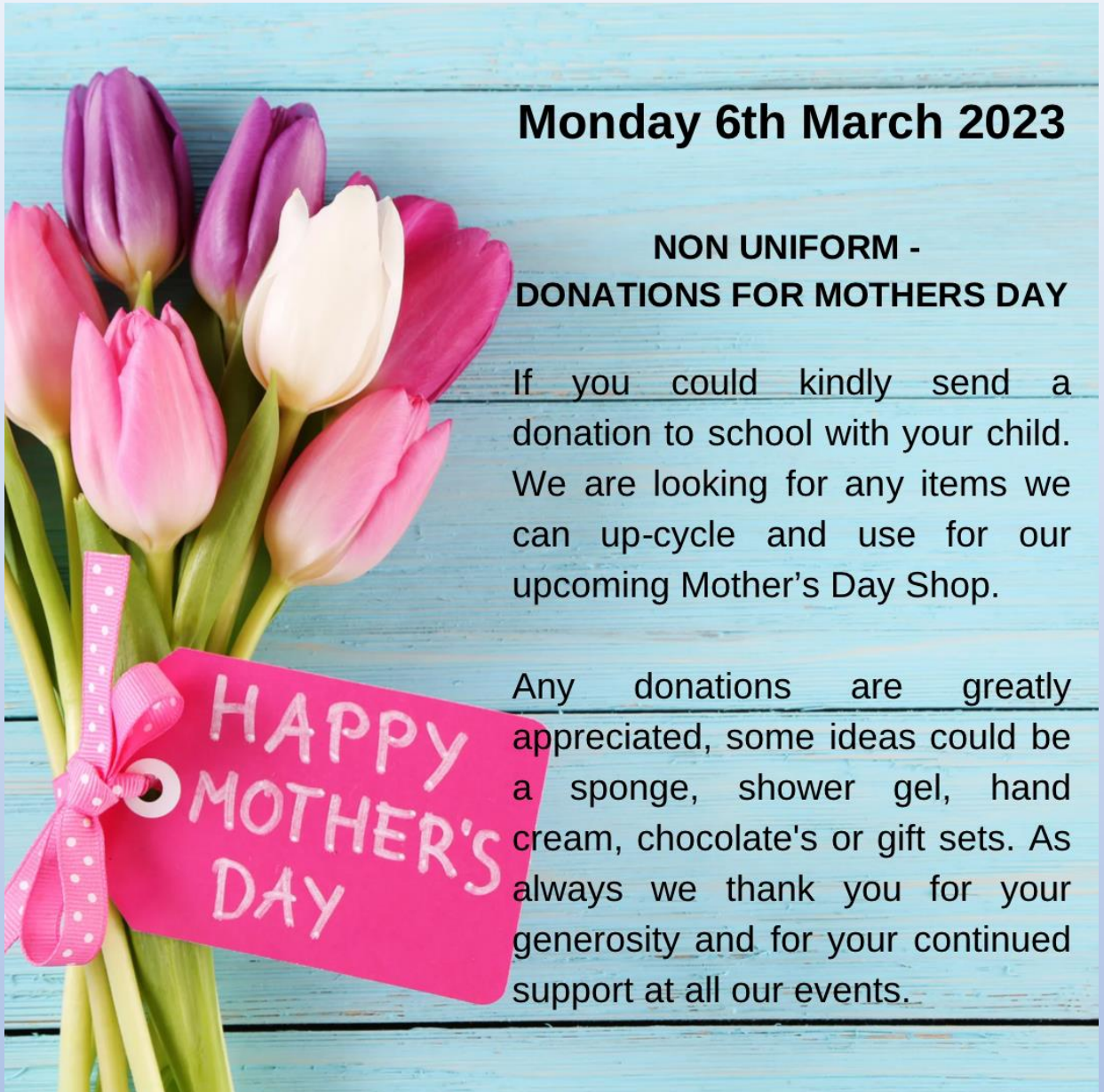
## MOTHERS DAY

**Monday 6th March 2023**

**NON UNIFORM -  
DONATIONS FOR MOTHERS DAY**

If you could kindly send a donation to school with your child. We are looking for any items we can up-cycle and use for our upcoming Mother's Day Shop.

Any donations are greatly appreciated, some ideas could be a sponge, shower gel, hand cream, chocolate's or gift sets. As always we thank you for your generosity and for your continued support at all our events.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

- KS2 Girls Football Afterschool Club: 3.30-4.30pm
- Year 2 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15-4.15pm

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

STRIKE DAY – Only Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 classes in school

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

- KS2 Netball Afterschool Club: 3.30 -4.30pm
- Year 1 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

- World Book Day – Children are invited to come into school wearing book character costume
- Year 4 – Swimming – CANCELLED due to World Book Day
- Year 5 and 6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Kidslingo Club: 3.30-4.30pm

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

- Bags for School Collection – Please bring any bags to the playground by 9am
- Year 4 Catalyst Museum Trip

*Please note some of these dates may be subject to change.*



## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please could we ask that you let the school office know in advance if your child has a medical appointment.

Could we also ask that provide the office with a paper copy or phone screen shot of the appointment and inform us what time you will be collecting/dropping off your child on the day of appointment.

## HOLIDAY REQUESTS

# Holiday Requests

Please note that all term time holiday requests will be unauthorised. Taking holidays during term time does have a detrimental effect on a child's education. Extended holidays in particular can be the difference between children achieving their year group objectives and not particularly if the pupil then is off for period of time with a sickness. Any pupil that falls below 94% attendance is classed as a cause for concern and will be contacted by the Education welfare Officer.

There are penalties, as set out by St Helens MBC, that could lead to up to £600 for a family of four  
[Penalty notices - St Helens Borough Council](#)



## OFFICE NEWS



### DINNER MONEY

If your child wishes to change their lunch preference please advise the office via email giving **a week's notice**. 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](mailto: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 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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