

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

3rd March 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

This week has been dominated by books and in particular, World Book Day. School days like this are always fun for the children as they set about guessing who each person is and what the adults have come as. A big thank you to all who took part and making it a very special and memorable day for the children. Of course the whole idea of World Book Day is to get children reading, something that St Peter's is passionate about. Mr Badley organised the book fair this week and after a rather cramped first day (we underestimated the interest...apologies) the book fair moved to the hall and in total we sold around £1400 worth of books. A big percentage of that is handed back to the school in the form of books, so all the pupils will benefit from this event.

Some of you may have noticed the three new cottages in the playground. These will be used for a variety of functions during the day, however in particular they will be used as quiet areas during playtime, where children can read and draw and certainly not be used as bases for tag games.

On Monday, we have a non-uniform day for the PTA. As in previous years, children are asked to bring in any gifts that they think the PTA could use for their Mother's Day Fair. You can find details later in this newsletter.

School Video: On Wednesday, we are hosting a film company who will be producing a school promotional video. The production company will be filming for most of the day. The film will be posted onto our Website via a YouTube link for prospective parents to look at. We have a list of all children who can and can't go on our webpage, YouTube and so on, these children will be identified and not filmed as you have requested. Only a few pupils will make it on to the video, such is the production process.

Finally, good luck to our Year 6 girls football team who will be representing St Helens next Thursday in Liverpool. I am sure they will do us and the Borough proud.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Robinson

Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Oliver M
Year 1/2: Roisin Mc-J
Year 2: Verity F
Year 3: Jakob P-E
Year 4: George A
Year 5: Frazer P
Year 6: Angel O

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Eddie P
Year 1/2: Leo T
Year 2: Marianna W
Year 3: Jonathan W
Year 4: Lucas T
Year 5: Aoife O
Year 6: Tallulah P



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Karla L

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Charlotte B

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Henry L – Year 2
Amelia F – Year 4
Eloise C – Year 4



ST PETER'S IN THE NEWS




St Peter's made the local news again this week with a nice story about our Digital Exhibition.

St Peter's pupils introduced to classic technology during exhibition
26th February



Pupils were introduced to retro technology (Image: Paul Robinson)

By **Catrin Jones**
Community reporter
@CatrinJaw28

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A PRIMARY school in Newton-le-Willows went back in time during a vintage exhibition.

Pupils at St Peter's Primary School were introduced to retro devices from the late 70s, 80s, and 90s, with teachers taking a trip down memory lane during the exhibition of how Britain entered the computing age.

Get involved with the news

READATHON SPONSOR FORMS



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

COMPETITION - WHAT DOES SPACE MEAN TO YOU?



We're working closely with the Ogden Trust, here at St Peter's, to raise the profile of science - particularly physics. With this in mind, we are running a competition against the other schools in our partnership (all St Helens primary schools) called ***What does Space mean to you?***

Teachers will be running the competition in their classes next week but considering the creative ability of our St Peter's community, we thought we would open it out to you at home too. Entries can be anything your child can think of- a piece of art, a piece of writing/poetry, a small investigation (e.g. Astronauts wear nappies on space walks: which store brand nappy holds the most water?). If you have any sparks of inspiration, or a budding young physicist at home, **please send your entries into school by Monday 13th March**. There will be prizes, and winners will be selected to represent our school at the next round of the competition against the other partnership schools.

WELL DONE WILLIAM!



Congratulations and well done to Year 6 pupil William who recently starred as 'Young Arthur' in the NADOS production of Sleeping Beauty.



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



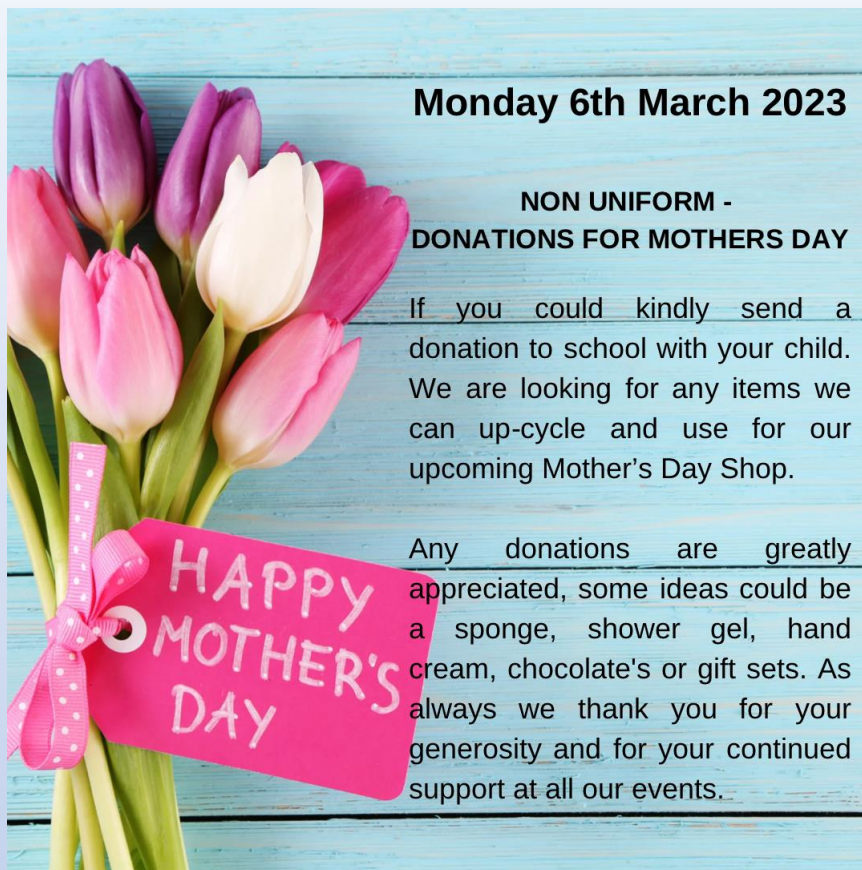
**Entry deadline:
1pm on Friday 10th March**



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



MOTHERS DAY – NON-UNIFORM/SHOP ARRANGEMENTS



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.



Mother's Day Shop



On Friday 10th March 2023 we will have gifts ranging from £1-£5.

Please ensure your child brings there money in a envelope marked with there Name, Class & Amount and a bag to take the gift home in!



INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Industrial Action

Please be advised that Industrial Action is due across England and Wales on

- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Talks are ongoing, however please be aware that the classes likely (but not definitely) to be affected are, Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. This can change for a number of reasons, however it would be wise to prepare for these two days.

Mr Robinson

SCHOOL OFFICE NOTICE

Could you please inform the school office as soon as possible if any of your contact details have changed. It is very important that you inform us if you change address, telephone number or email address immediately so that we can keep our records accurate and up to date.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Helens Local Offer Information Day

For Parent Carers of Children and
Young People with SEND (Special
Educational Needs or Disability)
from birth to age 25

LA
Education
and School
Ageservices

Play and
Support
Groups

Early
Years
Services

Post 16
Services

Social
Care
Services

Further
Education
Providers

Health
Service
Providers

Local
Charities

Thursday 9th March 2023

Daytime: 10:30am - 2:00pm

Evening: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

At St Helens Town Hall, Victoria Square,
St Helens, WA10 1HP

No need to book!
Drop in anytime to
find out how local
services can support
you and your family



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th March 2023

- NON UNIFORM DAY – Donations for Mothers Day gifts
- KS2 Girls Football Afterschool Club: 3.30-4.30pm
- Year 2 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 7th March 2023

- Year 4 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 8th March 2023

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

Thursday 9th March 2023

- Year 4 – Swimming
- Year 5 and 6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Kidslingo Club: 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 10th March 2023

- Mothers Day Fair – Children are invited to bring money in a sealed envelope for shop purchases.
- Year 3 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm

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 you 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

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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