

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

17th November 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer

This week, we took part in inter faith week with visitors from our local Islamic and Buddhist communities. The children were really interested in the different faiths and cultures and asked some really thoughtful questions. Year 3 were also treated to a wonderful presentation from Mia in Year 3 who talked about Hindu celebrations. Next week, we have a further visit from our Islamic and Jewish communities.

As always, there is lots going on in school. One notable lesson occurred in Year 6, Mr Badley, our science lead, brought the cardiovascular system out from the pages of a textbook and onto the pupil's desk, literally. Their practical lesson was to dissect some hearts and identify the different parts. It looked good fun and a great learning experience. Well done to our Year 3 & 4 girls football team who took part in a tournament last Friday. They did very well and really enjoyed themselves.

One final piece of news is that the Environmental Hub which will be located on the school field is one step closer to becoming reality. We have the funding which includes an amazing contribution from the PTA. The Hub will consist of a 26ft x 12 ft summer house within a fenced wildlife garden. Hedgehog houses, bird boxes, bat boxes and bug houses are just few things we plan to put in place. We also plan for a forest school area, and we have had some interest from a local Hedgehog care group for it to become a release centre for rehabilitated hogs. More to come on this soon.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr Robinson

Mr Paul Robinson

Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Leo B
Year 1: Ava G
Year 2: Joseph D
Year 3: Hugo McD
Year 4: Ava L
Year 5: Amelia F
Year 6: Fynden A

Reception: Arthur G
Year 1: Oliver M
Year 2: Eliza D
Year 3: Callen T
Year 4: Zoe G-D
Year 5: Heidi H
Year 6: Daniel S



VALUES AWARD

COURAGE AWARD

Reception: Jack W
Year 1: Daniel M
Year 2: Gracie C
Year 3: Mia P
Year 4:
Year 5: Amelia H
Year 6: Evie M

Year 4: Micah D
Year 5: Zachary W

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Isaac and Leo who have donated this fantastic hamper of goodies to raise money for school. The boys think a nice garden bench in our new wildlife garden would be something that everyone can use. In amongst the hamper are bottles of wine, coffee, smellies, candles, sweets and much, much more.

The PTA will be organising a raffle and advertising soon.



TT ROCKSTARS AND NUMBOTS DAY

Friday 24th November is

TT Rockstars and Numbots Day!



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can come to school dressed as a **colourful robot**. This will launch our new 'Numbot' maths game to use at home and school. Numbots will focus on addition and subtraction facts, reasoning and maths fluency.

Years 3,4,5 and 6 can come to school dressed as a **rock star**, as we re-launch TT Rockstars, a great popular timetable game to use at home and school. Rock out!

We look forward to having a day filled with maths activities and fun!



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

There will be a School Nurse Drop-In Session taking place on:

TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2023

The nurse will be available for appointments between 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Appointments are 15 minute slots.

If you would like to make an appointment to see the school nurse please contact the school office to book.

PARENT REQUEST – WINE DONATIONS

Wine donations for St Peter's Church Christmas Fair

If any parents would like to make any wine donations for St Peter's Church Christmas Fair that is taking place on Saturday 25th November these can be brought into the school office. All donations will be gratefully received.

Sweet Jar Donations

Collecting in class on
Friday 24th November

To support St. Peter's Church Christmas Craft Fair, please can we ask for donations for the very popular Sweet Jar Tombola

Jars of all shapes and sizes, filled with wrapped sweets would be welcome or even bags or tubes of sweets.

Please remember to wash your jars thoroughly and avoid jars that have contained anything strong smelling...no one wants a curry flavoured humbug 😊

Can you help take the sweet jars across to the church on Friday morning 10am or can you help on the tombola on Saturday 25th November?

Christmas Movie Nights

Wear your P-Js or onesie and bring your teddy, pillow and throw for a snuggly, magical Christmas Movie night.

Infants (Y1 - Y2)
Wed 29th November
6:30pm to 7:45pm

Juniors (Y3 - Y6)
Wed 6th December
6:15pm to 8:15pm

PRE-ORDER
[SNACK BAGS £4
HOT DOGS £1]

ONLINE SALES ONLY!!

www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta

Shhhh....

Can you help Santa?

We are wrapping gifts, for the Santa's Breakfast, during the Christmas Movie Nights and need some elves to help.

★ Please sign up via the Christmas Movie Night online booking and select 'volunteer'.

Thank You



St Peter's Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 25th November

11am – 3.00pm



Local Crafters

plus

Tombolas

Home Made Cakes

Raffle

Santa's Grotto

Refreshments

Games





YEAR 6 TRANSITION FREE ONLINE PARENT / CARER SESSIONS

If your child has an SEN or significant worries and is due to transition to secondary school in September 2024, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share preparation tips and advice.

By 31st October 2023 you will have submitted a secondary school application to name your 3 preferred schools.

We are delighted to offer you some advice and support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your child's journey.

Many of the strategies will work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Sessions will be delivered online through TEAMS directed to parents/carers (not to children); if you can attend all four it would be more beneficial.

For further information please email us on LASCstransitions@sthelens.gov.uk so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

<p>Session One - The Year Ahead</p>	<p>Friday 15th December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differences between Primary & Secondary • Independence & Preparation • Travel to school • Next Steps
<p>Session Two - Building Blocks</p>	<p>Friday 20th February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a transition? • Managing change • Developing independence
<p>Session Three - A Helping Hand</p>	<p>Friday 22nd March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing worries & nerves • Emotions Scales • Looking for the positives
<p>Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!</p>	<p>Friday 10th May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Prepared • One Page Profiles • Communication • Preparation & Practice

SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS 2023-2024

Parent Open Day Tours will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 5.00 pm

Please email school at stpeter@sthelens.org.uk to book a place.

THE RAINBOW TEAM



The Rainbow Team

Safeguarding Nurture Wellbeing Behaviour

When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on Earth.

Genesis 9:16



Mrs Colley: RainbowTeam Lead

Mrs Colley:	Senior Mental Health Lead Behaviour Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Vinyard:	SENCO
Mrs Harrison:	EYFS / KS1 Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Davidson:	Pastoral / Nurture

Our Early Help approach

If you feel your child could benefit from some pastoral support, do not hesitate to contact us.

Our Senior Mental Health Lead ensures that all our pupils who require pastoral care for issues such as bereavement, friendship issues, home issues and anxiety, receive time each week with our pastoral staff who offer over 8 hours of individual and small group sessions.

If you feel that your child could benefit from this offer, please contact Mrs Colley.

The team has regular meeting to discuss and measure the progress of pupils who fall into specific categories, including attendance, wellbeing issues, SEN, behavioural issues and safeguarding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th November 2023

Mad Science	KS1	3.20-4.20pm	
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 5 & 6	3.30-4.30pm	
Girls Football Club	Year 4 ,5, & 6	3.30-4.30pm	

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 4	3.30-4.30pm	
LEGO Club (Superstars)	Year 1 & 2	3.15-4.15pm	

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 2	3.20-4.15pm	
STEM CLUB	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Swimming	Year 6		
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 3	3.30-4.30pm	
Kidslingo	Years 1,2,3	3.30-4.30pm	
Sewing Club (Superstars)	Year 6	3.30-4.30pm	

Friday 24th November 2023

Numbots and TT Rockstars Day	Reception		Children to wear a colourful robot costume
	Year 3,4,5, 6		Children to wear a rock star costume
Sweet Jars	All Years		To be brought into school to support St Peter's Church Christmas Fair
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 1	3.20-4.15pm	
LEGO Club (Superstars)	Year 3,4,5,6	3.30-4.30pm	

PLEASE NOTE THE PLAYGROUND GATES WILL BE OPEN FROM 3.10pm EACH DAY.

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





CHRISTMAS DATES

2023 - 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 11 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i>
Wednesday 13 th December	Nativity – 9.30am <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i> Nativity – 6.30pm <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i>
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Pantomime
Thursday 14 th December	Nativity – 2.00pm <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i>
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Craft Day Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service Practice <i>(Children only)</i>
Wednesday 20 th December	Carol Service – 2.00pm, St Peter's Church <i>(Parents welcome)</i>
Friday 22 nd December	Breakfast with Santa

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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