

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

24th November 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer

Some of you may have noticed the extra-curricular activities we have going on now at St Peter's. We have in total 13 sessions afterschool and 12 within school hours, along with the 13 tournaments we will have attended by Christmas, it's been a busy term. There is still much more going on and it was lovely to hear the first sound of a Christmas carol reverberate down the corridor this week.

As well as the festivities we have planned up until Christmas, we will be looking to help our school community out again by taking in food and drink contributions for those who may find this Christmas harder to get through. In a few week times we will be collecting in any contributions to help make Christmas a little easier. Details to come, however if you would like to be in receipt of some hampers of food to help you out over the festive period, please send the school an email or contact me personally. As always, this will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Just a quick reminder that our website tells you everything you need to know about what your child(ren) are learning, not just this half term, but all year. Our Knowledge Mats in particular give an insight into what children should already know before they start a topic, what vocabulary they will be learning and what they should know by the end of half term (we call these end points). Have a look on our website curriculum link to find out all you need to know about our Courage Curriculum.

Kind regards

Mr Robinson
Headteacher

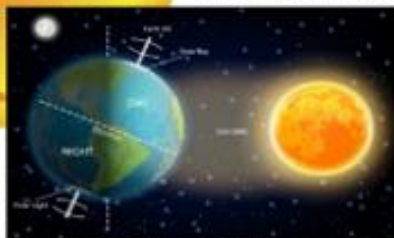
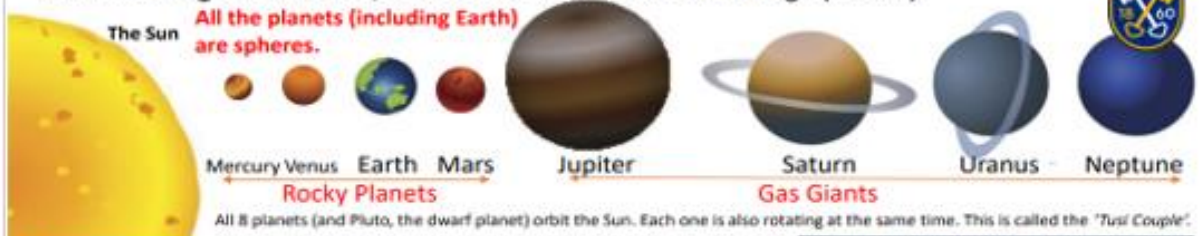


KNOWLEDGE MATS

We have knowledge mats for every unit of every foundation subject in every year group. They are designed by our teachers for our curriculum and tell the pupils what they should know by the end of the topic. They are then assessed on what knowledge has stuck! If you want to practice and go over the knowledge mats with your child(ren) you can find them on the curriculum subject pages on our website.

An example Year 5 Science Knowledge Mat

How do things move? Sun, Moon and Earth- what's moving? (Year 5)



Because light travels in straight lines, only half of the Earth is lit at any one time. We call this half 'day'. The side in darkness is called 'night'.

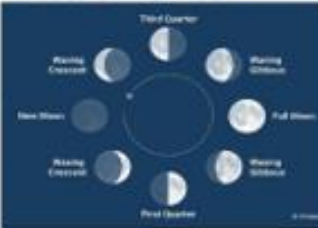


The Moon orbits the Earth as the Earth orbits the Sun.

We can use 'time zones' on a map to work out what time it will be on different parts of the globe.



Phases of the Moon



Key vocabulary

Star	A giant ball of gas held together by its own gravity.
Moon	A natural satellite which orbits Earth or other planets.
Planet	A large round object that orbits a star.
Sphere	A 3D shape in the shape of a ball.
Orbit	To move in a regular path around something
Rotate	To spin.
Geocentric model	A belief that people used to have that thought the Earth was the centre of the Solar System.
Heliocentric model	The correct structure of the Solar System, with the Sun in the centre.

Should we put people in danger to further science?



Prior Learning (Year 5)	Local links	Unit Objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the night sky in Newton look the same as the night sky in Australia? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. describe the Sun as a star at the centre of our solar system and that it has eight planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune (Pluto was reclassified as a 'dwarf planet' in 2006). understand that a moon is a celestial body that orbits a planet (Earth has one moon; Jupiter has four large moons and numerous smaller ones). <p>Where next? Gravity, mass and weight, and Constant forces (Key Stage 3)</p>

Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Millie A
Year 1: Joseph H
Year 2: Luke McL
Year 3: Cecelia G
Year 4: Amber H
Year 5: Lalitha S
Year 6: Adam C



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Leo H-S
Year 1: Ava G
Year 2: Ella N
Year 3: Jessica F
Year 4: Evie B
Year 5: Emilia W
Year 6: Darcy T



VALUES AWARD

Reception: Pippa S
Year 1: Leo L
Year 2: Penny K
Year 3: Erin S
Year 4: Sophie R
Year 5: Isaac H-S
Year 6: Florence L

COURAGE AWARD

Year 4:
Year 5: Oliver N

TT ROCKSTARS AND NUMBOTS DAY



What a great day!

Thank you to all children (and parents) who helped to make the day so successful. The costumes were amazing!

We have all been TTRockstars and Numbots, practising our Maths and having fun. We voted for the 'best dressed' and took part in a poster competition, then completed number games and activities.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have their new Numbots login and all children have taken home a 'parent guide' today.

Please encourage your child to play TTRockstars or Numbots at least three times each week, for around 5 to 10 minutes. Teachers can see how they are doing online. Get busy and fill yourself with number facts!





**Save us from
LANDFILL
this Christmas!**

Year 6 Toy Sale

**Over 3 million toys have been sent to landfill
in the last 6 months.**

Year 6 pupils would like to rehome toys that are no longer played with to raise money for our leavers party and have a more sustainable Christmas.



**Thursday 30th Nov
Friday 1st Dec
Playground 3.10pm**

**Cash
only**



PARKING NOTICE



Parking on Yellow Lines

Unfortunately , we have received reports that some pupils are being dropped off and picked up on the school yellow Zig Zag lines. Parking on yellow zig-zags puts children at risk, there are lots of children running around, buggy congestion and little ones on scooters and bikes. We see poor parking every day, however, parking on the yellow lines is another level with regards to keeping our children safe. Please use the church car park if you can't find a space.

This has been reported to the police and they will be conducting random checks.



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





Pre-loved Uniform Update

Huge thanks to everyone for generously donating pre-loved uniform, we have been truly overwhelmed with the amount of items.

Whilst the online shop has been popular for badged jumpers and cardigans, supply has massively outstripped demand for the other items and so we have taken the decision to stop stocking anything non-badged. All of the uniform we currently have will be donated to the Hope Centre in St Helens.

Please do keep donating your badged jumpers and cardigans via the box in the playground but please do not put anything else in that box. Click the link below to access the online shop to purchase.

[St Peter's PTA Pre Loved Uniform Eco Shop](#)



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





St Helens
Santa Dash
2023

DATE: SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023
TIME: 11AM START
VENUE: VICTORIA PARK, WA10 2UE
CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!

ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL



What do I need to know?



HOW FAR? The route is 4km long.

DO I HAVE TO RUN? Absolutely not - this is a fun, family-friendly event. You can walk, jog or skip your way round.

HOW DO I REGISTER? You can register online by scanning the QR code to the left, or visit: <http://bit.ly/sthelenssantadash2023>

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR? Safe footwear is a must, then whatever you feel comfortable and are able to walk/jog in. Fancy dress is welcomed.

HOW MUCH IS IT TO ENTER? £5 for adults and £2 for children aged 5-18 years. Children under 5 are welcome free of charge. Every paying participant will receive a Santa hat to wear on route, plus a medal when you finish. If you would like a Santa hat and medal for a child under 5, you are welcome to pay the £2 if you wish. If you have any further questions, please phone the Active Lives & Sports Development Team on 01744 675403 or email markhurst@sthelens.gov.uk

THE BFY CHRISTMAS PARTY



**NEWTON FUNCTION ROOMS,
Patterson Street, Earlestown**

THIS EVENT IS **FREE** TO ALL CHILDREN OF N-LE-W
AGED 5 AND ABOVE

10TH DECEMBER, 12-3PM

ENTERTAINMENT



**PARTY GAMES
FREE RAFFLE
FOOD AND DRINK
THE ZANY BFY CREW
PRESENTS**



**FATHER AND MOTHER CHRISTMAS
MARTIN TURNER MUSIC**



If your child has been to our summer games or craft club, just inbox their name. Otherwise, a form can be sent to you.



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



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(INBOX OUR FB PAGE or
email businessforyouth.nlw@gmail.com)



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 LASCSttransitions@sthelens.gov.uk so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

Session One - The Year Ahead	Friday 15 th December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differences between Primary & Secondary Independence & Preparation Travel to school Next Steps
Session Two - Building Blocks	Friday 20 th February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a transition? Managing change Developing independence
Session Three - A Helping Hand	Friday 22 nd March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing worries & nerves Emotions Scales Looking for the positives
Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!	Friday 10 th May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<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 27 th 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 28 th NOVEMBER 2023		
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 4	3.30 – 4.30pm
LEGO Club (Superstars)	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 29 th NOVEMBER 2023		
Open Evening Tours	Booking Required	5.00pm
Movie Night	INFANTS	6.30 – 7.45pm
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 2	3.20 – 4.15pm
STEM CLUB	Cancelled until further notice	
THURSDAY 30 th NOVEMBER 2023		
Swimming	Year 6	
Year 6 Toy Sale	PLAYGROUND	3.10pm
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 1 st DECEMBER 2023		
Year 6 Toy Sale	PLAYGROUND	3.10pm
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 1	3.20 – 4.15pm
LEGO Club (Superstars)	Year 3,4,5,6	3.30 4.30pm

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

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



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	KS2 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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