

# The Keys Newsletter

## Messages from St Peter's

9th February 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

Pupils have enjoyed a busy final week in school before the half term holidays next week. We have another busy half term planned after the holidays with lots of exciting events coming up, including: Mother's Day Shop, Scholastic Book Fair and World Book Day to name a few.

This week, Year 6 performed alongside 9000 other children at the Young Voices Concert at the AO Arena in Manchester. They were privileged to perform alongside Natalie Williams (an amazing jazz singer), MC Grammar (a former teacher and now amazing rap star), and Nandi Bushell (a 13-year-old drummer extraordinaire, who has already performed with the Foo Fighters). Together, they put on a two hour performance, singing songs that included a Matilda Medley and a Moana Mashup. It truly was a night to remember. A big thank you to Mr Badley, Mr Moorcroft, Mrs Wilcox and Mrs Miller for taking the pupils to this fantastic event.

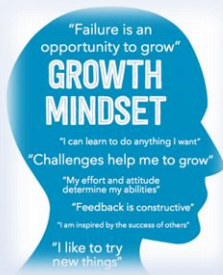
As we finish for the February half term holidays today I would like to wish all pupils, parents/carers and staff a well deserved, restful break and we look forward to the start of the next half term when we re-open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Please be aware that some of our afterschool clubs are not running for the first week back after the holidays, further details can be found in the 'Dates for your Diary' section of this newsletter.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Robinson  
Headteacher

# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Jimmy K  
Year 1: Archie H  
Year 2: Kaden T  
Year 3: Noah B  
Year 4: Sam F  
Year 5: Jasmine A  
Year 6: Danica W

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Kitty McC  
Year 1: Roman R-B  
Year 2: Ella Q  
Year 3: Marianna W  
Year 4: James D  
Year 5: Deacon M  
Year 6: Athena G



## VALUES AWARD

Year 4: Amber H  
Year 5: Emilia G

## COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Niall B

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Amelia in Year 5 who has secured a place at the Hammond School of Performing Arts on their summer camp for intensive dance and theatre training.



Well done Amelia on this fantastic achievement!



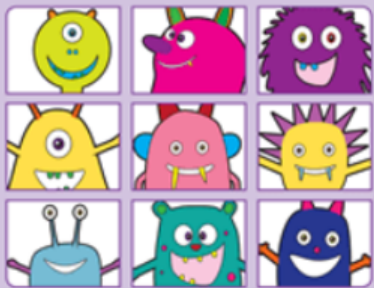
**WELL DONE!**

# PHONICS WORKSHOP – YEAR 1 PARENTS

## Key stage 1

### Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials

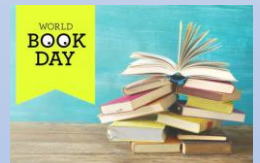


Year One parents are invited to a Phonics workshop on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, in the Year One Classroom at 3.35pm. The meeting will focus on phonics in Year One and the Phonics Screen in June

this year. Mrs Harrison



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



***This year's theme for World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is 'Once Upon a time.....'***

We invite children to dress-up to mark the occasion. Many younger children may already have fairy tale character costumes at home or perhaps you could revamp a witch or pumpkin costume. Simple costumes could include pink t-shirts and ears (3 Little pigs!) or decorated green t-shirt (a beanstalk!)

We will also be running a competition to complete at home! We would like families to decorate pebbles with this year's theme to create a fairytale rockery garden near the toadstools on the playground. Please ensure they are weatherproof! Each entry goes into a draw to win book tokens to spend at the scholastic book fair, which will be taking place from 6<sup>th</sup> March.



## SCHOOL BUILDING

Please be reminded that parents should under no circumstances enter the school building via the playground doors.



If you need to speak to a teacher, please report to the main office/reception.

Many Thanks

## PARKING

Please can you ensure you park responsibly at all times during pick up and drop off times. Parking irresponsibility endangers all our school community.

Please take notice of road markings and signs do not park on the zigzag lines.

Many Thanks



## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Contact  
US

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

**Even if you speak to a teacher on the playground, could we also ask you to contact the school office either in person, telephone call or email.**

Sometimes there is a delay in messages being received in the office from the class teacher if you only speak to a teacher on the door. This will result in you being contacted by the office if we are unaware of the reason for absence.

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 be collecting/dropping off your child on the day of the appointment. This will ensure your child will receive a 'Medical' mark on the register.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER

Could we please politely remind parents not to send children into school with any food items containing nuts. We are a nut free school and have some children with nut allergies. Thank you.



# ENVIRONMENTAL HUB

## BIRD AND BAT BOX BUILD

In the next week or so the PTA will be selling a limited number of bird and bat box projects for the Environmental Hub.

The boxes will be flat-packed and pre-cut with instructions on how to assemble them. The only tools required will be a screwdriver and a hammer!

Once assembled, the bird and bat boxes would be returned to school where they will be put up around the Environmental Hub site to support a diverse range of wildlife.

There will be lots of opportunities to get involved and support the Environmental Hub so please keep watching out on School Spider and the PTA Facebook page.

# BARBECUE WANTED

The trusty PTA barbecue has seen it's last Summer Fun Day!

If you have a large, charcoal barbecue that you don't need anymore and would like to donate it to the PTA, please email us: [stpeters\\_pta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk)

Thank you!







# Mother's Day Shop



After the success of the Mother's Day shop last year we would love to hold it again this year.

We would like to request donations for Mother's Day gifts that will be sold ranging from £1 - £5.

Although wine/alcohol may be a welcome gift unfortunately, we cannot sell it at the Mother's Day shop.

The shop will be held during school time and each child will have the opportunity to come and buy something.

Donations and non-uniform day  
**Friday 23rd February**

Mother's Day shop  
**Friday 1st March**

## **Can you help?**

We need your help setting up and running the Mother's Day shop in the School Hall. If you're able to help on Friday 1st March from 1pm, please sign up via PTA Events.





**BOARDGAMES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

***St Peter's Mothers' Union***

St Peter's Mothers' Union will be holding a morning of Boardgames for Parents and Children in the Church Annexe on:

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**FROM:** 10.00 am

**TO:** 12.00 Noon

An opportunity to have fun with friends.

All welcome. Games provided

*There is no charge.*



# ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

## Newton-le-Willows Library

### What's On in February Half-Term 2024

Speak to library staff for more information

<p><b>Craft Club</b> Monday 12 February 4pm-5pm</p> <p>We'll be crafting Valentines Day Cards to show appreciation to our loved ones.</p> <p>Drop in</p>	<p><b>Board Games Club</b> Tuesday 13 February 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Play classics like Chess or Dominoes as well as newer games like Bandido and Star Wars X-Wing.</p> <p>Drop in</p>	<p><b>Mindful Colouring In</b> Wednesday 14 February 11-12:30</p> <p>Colouring is a good way to relax and feel more mindful. We'll have plenty of colouring sheets available for children and adults.</p> <p>Drop in</p>
<p><b>Lego Club</b> Thursday 15 February 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Take on our half-term Lego Challenge and earn yourself a hero builder certificate...</p> <p>Drop in</p>	<p><b>Read and Rhyme</b> Mondays 10:30am and Fridays 2:15pm</p> <p>Join us for our regular slots of fun rhymes, songs and stories aimed at toddlers.</p> <p>Drop in</p>	<p><b>Want to start a new club or activity?</b></p> <p>We are eager to hear about what activities you'd like to get involved in.</p> <p>Speak to staff or drop us an email on the address below with your ideas and suggestions.</p>

Crow Lane East, Newton le Willows, WA12 9TU  
Contact: 01744 877 885 or newtonlewillowslibrary@sthelens.gov.uk



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BOROUGH COUNCIL



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b>	CANCELLED TODAY	
<b>Girls Football with Mrs Grace</b>	CANCELLED TODAY	
<b>Phonics Workshop</b>	Year 1 parents	3.35pm

## TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b>	CANCELLED TODAY	
<b>LEGO Club</b>	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm

## WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

<b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b>	CANCELLED TODAY	
<b>STEM CLUB</b>	Year 5 and 6 – Pupils will be informed if they have a place.	3.30 – 4.30pm

## THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

<b>Swimming</b>	Year 3	Please remember to bring swimming costume and a towel in a separate bag.
<b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b>	CANCELLED TODAY	
<b>Sewing Club</b>	Year 5 & 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>Kidslingo</b>	Year 1,2,3	3.30 – 4.30pm

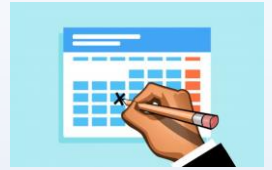
## FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

<b>Mothers Day Donations and Non Uniform Day</b>	Whole School	
<b>Sports Club (Superstars)</b>	CANCELLED TODAY	
<b>LEGO Club</b>	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.***

## 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.

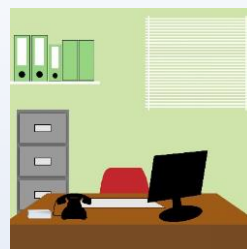
## HOLIDAY REQUESTS

### 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](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*

## Contact Details

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