



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

26th November 2021

Message from St Peter's

Dear Parents/Carers

There has been a wide range of activities both for and instigated by our pupils this week. On Thursday, Year 5 took part in a VR (Virtual Reality) workshop. They were taken across the realms of space and it was a really exciting and engaging experience for them.

There has been lots of charity work going on and a huge well done to some of our Year 6 girls. It seems an age since we had our last cake sale run by pupils and this year, they raised £146.50 for McMillian which is a charity close to all our hearts. Well done to all.

We also have some girls in Year 5 who are collecting crisp packets. These crisp packets are recycled and made into thermal, waterproof blankets for the homeless. An excellent idea and yet another example of our children using our values to help other people less fortunate. So if you have any crisp packets with a silver lining inside, please bring them in, as we have three bins located around the school as collection points.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thankyou to the Unsworth family for their very kind donation this week. You will find out more in this newsletter, however they have donated a defibrillator that we are going to use when we take children or have events on our school field. It is a gift that we hope we will never have to use, but it is hugely reassuring that we have this in school should we need it. I am sure we all extend our thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Robinson





DONATION

Message from Mrs Carol Hillam and the Unsworth family

Stephen Hillam was a pupil of St Peters school in the 1960's. Stephen passed away suddenly on the 23rd May 2021 and as a family we have made a donation for the purchase of a portable defibrillator to the school. I hope this is a gift that will give peace of mind to the school, however I also pray it is a gift that will never be used.

Please Remember

Can we politely ask that your child remembers to bring everything with them in the morning ready for their school day. The number of forgotten items is increasing which is resulting in class lessons being disturbed. We are also trying to follow Covid guidelines in keeping our school environment safe. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Children In Need

Thanks to your amazing support we have so far raised £340.50



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. **AMAZING!** SEE YOU ON SATURDAY

This week we are focussing on Anti-bullying week. It's incredibly important for us to be kind and consider other people's feelings in everything that we do. Last year, around 1 in 5 children aged 10-15 experienced online bullying and so we thought we'd share these 10 top tips on how to spread kindness online.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10-15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying; most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Christmas Craft Fair



St Peter's Church

Saturday 27th November

11am – 3pm

Local Crafters

plus

Santa's Grotto

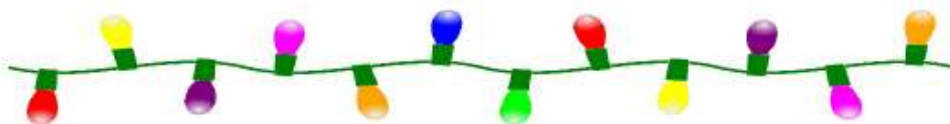
Tombola's

Games

Home-made cakes

Refreshments

Raffle's



Registered Charity No: 1133794

PTA News

Bags2School

Thank you so much for all your donations. Your support as always was greatly appreciated.

Film Night

Years 1 to 6 are invited to put your PJs on, bring a blanket and come and join us in the school hall to watch a Christmas film. Don't forget a pillow and your favourite cuddly toy!

Years 1 & 2 - Wednesday 8 December - Arthur Christmas

Years 3 to 6 - Thursday 9 December - Christmas Chronicles

£3 gets you a wrist band colour coordinated with your snack bag choice and you can add a hotdog for an extra 50p.

Doors will open at 6:00pm and the film will start at 6:15pm, pick up will be 8pm from the side door. Please be mindful that your child is happy to sit through a 1hr 45min film.

ONLINE PURCHASING NOW LIVE!

We are really excited to be trying out a new way of working using an online platform. Just go to www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta

Any queries please email stpeters_pta@yahoo.org.

PTA LOTTERY CLUB

Lottery Club application forms were sent home last week, please take the time to consider supporting the PTA with the added chance of winning in the monthly draw
Thank you.



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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Covid-19

Can we please stress if you or a member of your household show any symptoms of Covid-19 **you must remain at home and get a test.**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/or> by phoning 111

If you or your children have any symptoms you MUST take a PCR test not a Lateral Flow Test

To arrange a test call 119 or go to the website <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Further information is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>