

# The Keys Newsletter

## Messages from St Peter's

11th November 2022

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

A week of inspiration and aspiration.

One of the areas we have been concentrating on over the past few years is how we prepare our pupils for the future, their transition into high school and beyond. Last year we had our Inspiration and Aspiration week that we will do again this year, however, to add to this, we are now starting to work with local businesses and organisations to give our St Peter's pupils a real insight into the types of jobs and vocations that they could explore in the future.

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The programme culminated in a '**careers carousel**', in which eight local businesses (4 from the Parkside site) visited us about their work. We were given the opportunity by Puritos to dress as factory workers and taste some of their products; we were shown the fibre optic cables provided by ITS Technology and shown how they provide internet to a range of businesses; and allowed to explore the 3D printed buildings designed and created by Fletcher Rae Architects, to name but a few.

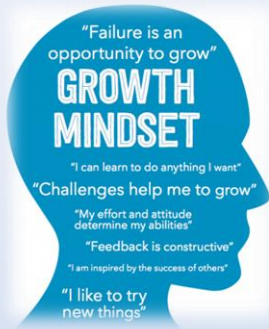
Year 6, now have knowledge of a much wider range of career options, and of a variety of educational routes that they can follow in order to achieve their dream vocation.

Year 3 had a really exciting day on Wednesday when they were visited by a 'Stone Age' women. As part of their Stone Age history unit, they took part in a full morning of productions, presentations and activities by a hugely entertaining Stone Age actor. Also on Wednesday, Reception went on their first, of what will be many educational visits. Their destination was Croxteth Park Farm and lots of fun was had by all as they learned about, held and fed all the different animals.

Finally, could I please draw your attention to an outbreak of Scarlet Fever in the school. At present this is contained to Key Stage 1 and Early Years. It is very infectious and parents must respond with speed (Doctors then antibiotics) if this is to remain under control. We have had no reports in Key Stage 2, however if you are unsure, please contact school for details. I have attached an information image later in this newsletter for you to look at.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mr Robinson

# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

**Reception: Zain K**  
**Year 1/2: Theo M**  
**Year 2: Cece G**  
**Year 3: Ava L**  
**Year 4: Beren E**  
**Year 5: Noah S**  
**Year 6: Lucy P**



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Reception: Charlotte G**  
**Year 1/2: Eliza D**  
**Year 2: Henry L**  
**Year 3: Robbie N**  
**Year 4: Laylah B**  
**Year 5: Harry CL**  
**Year 6: Lily M**



## VALUES AWARD

**Year 5: Rowan P**

## COURAGE AWARD

**Year 5: Samuel L**

# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Jacob and Tilly who have done amazing in the HIP HOP School Breaking Championships. First place in October across Merseyside, Cheshire and West Lancashire. Well done indeed.

**the crew**  **POWERED HIPHOP**

**MERSEYSIDE, CHESHIRE AND WEST LANCS  
SCHOOL BREAKING  
CHAMPS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO**  
*St Peter's C.E Primary School*

**FOR PLACING 1st IN October 2022**  
**OF THE MERSEYSIDE, CHESHIRE AND WEST  
LANCS SCHOOL BREAKING CHAMPS**

**BREAKING-CHAMPS**

**BREAKIN UK** **COMMUNITY FIRST** **POLICE COMMISSIONER** **Merseyside Police** **FISU** **CLIKS** **BASE DANCE & PROGRAMMING ARTS** **CC** **Attend** **STOPLOAN SHARKS** **KING SIZE**





## Year 6 complete a Learning to Work initiative

### From Year 6

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## RECEPTION TRIP TO CROXTETH FARM

On Wednesday, Reception had lots of fun on their trip to Croxteth Park Farm where they had the opportunity to hold and feed different animals.



## ANTIBULLYING WEEK – ODD SOCKS DAY



To raise awareness, we will begin antibullying week in school on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, by wearing odd socks.

Be Unique!

A poster for Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day. The background is green with a large black arrow pointing right and a large pink arrow pointing left. The text reads: "We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?" The "Odd Socks Day" logo features a pink sock with a white heel patch. Below the text is a group of five diverse, smiling young people. A pink arrow in the bottom left corner contains the hashtags "#AntiBullyingWeek" and "#OddSocksDay".

## BAGS 2 SCHOOL



Leaflets have been sent home regarding the clothing collection from Bags 2 School. The collection date will be: **FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**. If you have any good quality, unwanted clothing items please bring to the playground in a plastic bag on the morning of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

***Please note we are unable to take any collection items prior to this date.***

## TT ROCKSTARS

We're celebrating Maths Week England by taking part in a friendly times tables (and division) competition for KS2.

The competition runs from 07:30 GMT **Monday 14th November to 19:30 GMT Wednesday 16th November**.

It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](https://play.ttrockstars.com).

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Monday 14th November to 19:30 GMT Wednesday 16th November. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Rock on TT Rock stars!





# SCARLET FEVER INFORMATION

## Scarlet Fever

Single  
Point  
Lesson

Scarlet fever is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus. The same bacteria can also cause impetigo. This is seen in children most commonly between 2 and 8 years. Highly infectious and spread by droplets. It takes about 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms after being infected. Seasonal rises in cases between December and April.

### Management of Scarlet Fever

Antibiotic therapy - Penicillin V four times a day for 10 days. Amoxicillin if Penicillin V is not tolerated.  
Encourage to rest and drink plenty of fluids  
A soft diet is easier to eat if throat is sore.  
Take analgesics as required.

**First symptoms** - sore throat, headache, fever over 38.3, swollen neck glands, nausea and vomiting.

#### After 12 to 48hrs –

- Blanching rash starting on the torso and spreading to the rest of the body. The rash is characteristically red, generalized and pinpoint (punctate) with a rough, sandpaper-like texture. It may be accentuated in the skin folds of the neck, axillae, groin, elbows, and knees with a deep red, linear appearance.
- Swollen glands in the neck
- Feeling tired and unwell
- Flushed red face, but pale around the mouth.
- Peeling skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area, as the rash fades.



**Strawberry tongue** — initially the tongue is covered with a white coat through which red papillae may be seen. Later, the white covering disappears, leaving the tongue with a beefy red appearance.

Exclude from school or work until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment.  
If not treated with antibiotics, can remain infectious for 2 -3 weeks.

**Encourage good hand hygiene.**  
**Good respiratory hygiene.**  
**Do not share towels etc.**

**Potential complications** include ear infection, throat abscess and acute sinusitis.  
Serious complication of Scarlet Fever are generally rare.

There is no risk to pregnant women who are in contact with children who have scarlet fever or who have symptoms themselves.

However pregnant women should contact their midwife if there is any doubt of the cause of rash.

Please contact the Infection Control Team if you require any further advice 01744 457314

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## St Peter's Church Christingle Service

*(Please note date change from previous newsletter)*

Join us for our Crafty Christingle on **Sunday 11th December** at **4.00pm**

Make your own Christingle and Christmas crafts and sing carols.

To help us make sure we've got enough resources, please book your free tickets by following the Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/crafty-christingle-tickets-455139934797>





## SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS



### Open Evening



### St Peter's C of E Primary School



### *New intake tours for September 2023*

- Monday 17th October: 4.45pm
- Wednesday 2nd November: 4.45pm
- Wednesday 14th December: 4.45pm

Book for an appointment: [stpeter@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:stpeter@sthelens.org.uk)  
Tel: 01744 678630



## 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](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

- Odd Socks day – Children to come into school in odd socks
- Y5 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- KS2 Girls Football Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

- Y4 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

- Eco Club: 3.30pm – 4.00pm
- Y1 & Y2 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

- Year 6 Swimming
- Y1, Y2, Y3 Kidslingo: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Y6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

- Children in Need 'Spotty Day' – Non uniform, wear something spotty
- Y3 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Mad Science Afterschool Club

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



## 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*

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