



The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

15th December 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

It's been an exhausting week of festive fun. We have had three lovely nativities performed by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children performed brilliantly and it was a wonderful start to Christmas for all concerned. Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments and organising the raffle for the amazing hamper donated by the Harper- Sally family. More chances for the raffle will be available at the Key Stage 2 carol service next week.

Our school choir sang superbly at Newton Library this week. We were one of a small number of schools asked to perform a carol concert in libraries across St Helens. They had a great time and sang superbly. Well done. Today we have Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper and craft day.

All being well, by the time you have read this newsletter, the Environmental Hub will have been built today. There is still a lot to do, however having a 26 x 12-foot indoor learning area is a fantastic start to what we hope will be a fantastic addition to our curriculum and children's understanding of the world.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson
Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Jude N
Year 1: Dylan Q
Year 3: Hugo M
Year 4: Emily B
Year 5: Seth B
Year 6: Noah S

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Alfie H
Year 1: Noah C
Year 2: Zach T
Year 3: Josie M
Year 4: Micah D
Year 5: Lalitha S
Year 6: Ruby P



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Annabelle S

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Charlotte J



NATIVITY PERFORMANCES





ALADDIN PANTOMIME





YEAR 2 NOTICE – WEAR PYJAMAS THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER



For winning the yellow counter award showing excellent behaviour, Year 2 are invited to come to school on Thursday 21st December in their pyjamas. In the afternoon, they will enjoy a Christmas film and treats.

A teddy and blanket are also welcome.



STAFF DONATION TO ST JOHNS FOOD BANK





CONGRATULATIONS AMELIA AND EVIE



Congratulations and well done to Amelia (Year 5) and Evie (Year 4) who are currently starring in the Sleeping Beauty pantomime at the Brindley Theatre in Runcorn.



*Good Luck on
your
performances!*



WELL DONE VERITY



Verity Farrell

"Verity has been raising money for Little Princess Trust following her decision to cut her hair and donate her hair to the charity. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through certain conditions or illnesses. If you're able to, please can you donate anything you can afford to help Verity's cause "

Visit [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search 'Verity Farrell'

WELL DONE!



Drop off and pick up

We continue to have concerning reports from parents about parking before and after school. Some issues have been reported to the police by a local resident, also we have had multiple reports of a silver SUV and a Nissan Juke parking on the zig zag yellow lines. At the start of the week, a car nearly backed into some children.

One mistake or lack of judgement could lead to a lifetime of regret. Please pass the message on to all the people who pick and drop off your children. A traffic warden has issued numerous tickets today around school.

Thank you.





THE WORLD OF GLASS

Museum

Christmas opening:
10am-4pm
Sat 23rd Dec
Wed 27th Dec
Thurs 28th Dec
Friday 29th Dec
Tuesday 2nd Jan

Kids trail

Glass Blowing

Cafe

Garden

Exhibitions

FREE admission to the Museum, Art gallery, Tankhouse & tunnels.

Plus

FREE Kids Admission to the Glass blowing demonstrations with every paying adult.

Chalon Way East
St Helens
WA10 1BX
worldofglass.com
01744 22766



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 18 th DECEMBER 2023		
No afterschool clubs today		
TUESDAY 19 th DECEMBER 2023		
No afterschool clubs today		
WEDNESDAY 20 th DECEMBER 2023		
KS2 Carol Service	Year 3,4,5,6	St Peters Church – 2.00pm Parents welcome
No afterschool clubs today		
THURSDAY 21 st DECEMBER 2023		
Kidslingo	Years 1,2,3	3.30 – 4.30pm – Is on today
No other afterschool clubs today		
FRIDAY 22 nd DECEMBER 2023		
Christmas Party Day	Whole School	Children invited to come to school wearing party clothes. <i>(Suitable shoes and coats for playtime)</i>
Breakfast with Santa	Whole School	In school time
No afterschool clubs today		
School closes for Christmas holidays		

MONDAY 8 th JANUARY 2024		
INSET DAY – School closed to pupils		
TUESDAY 9 th JANUARY 2024		
School reopens after Christmas holidays		

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

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

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CHRISTMAS DATES



2023 - 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY
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	Christmas Party Day <i>(Children to come into school wearing Christmas themed clothing)</i> 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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