

The Keys Newsletter

Message from St Peter's

11th February 2022

Dear Parent / carer,

We have come to the end of what seems a very quick half term and Christmas seems but a distant memory. There have been some lovely experiences over the 5 weeks, including a number of school visits, with most recently Year 4 attending the Catalyst Museum this week.

The children have worked so hard, and as I walk around school the gentle buzz of children working is always a joy to listen to.

We are blessed with our children and the pupils have a high opinion of our school also. On a recent visit by a local authority officer, the children told her that behaviour was 'amazing' that the staff have 'high standards' and they wanted to follow our 'school values' all the time. What they failed to say is that its them that make it amazing and without them being who they are we wouldn't be what we are. Needless to say, our visitor was hugely impressed with the behaviour and personal development at St Peter's.

It was a sad time also this week as we said our final goodbyes to Reverend Canon Stephen Grey. A good man who we will miss terribly. In the address Bishop Geoff Pearson mentioned that Stephens favourite saying was that 'it's all go!', and it certainly has been this term.

We have many things planned for next term and I will send you detail about Parents Evening on the first week back

In the meantime, I hope you have a lovely half term holiday,
Mr Robinson



Celebration & Congratulations

GROWTH MINDSET

Noah YR
Jorja YR/1
Morrigan Y1/2
Jakob Y2
Tilly Y3
Tiana Y4
Lily M Y5
Kanusan Y6

STAR OF THE WEEK

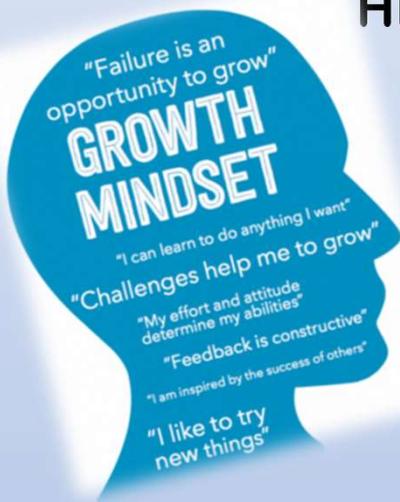
Dominic YR
Matilda YR/1
Hugo Mc Y1/2
Zoe Y2
George Y3
Angus Y4
Jack Y5
Lucy Y6

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Hugo Y1
Melodie Y2

VALUES AWARD

James Y5

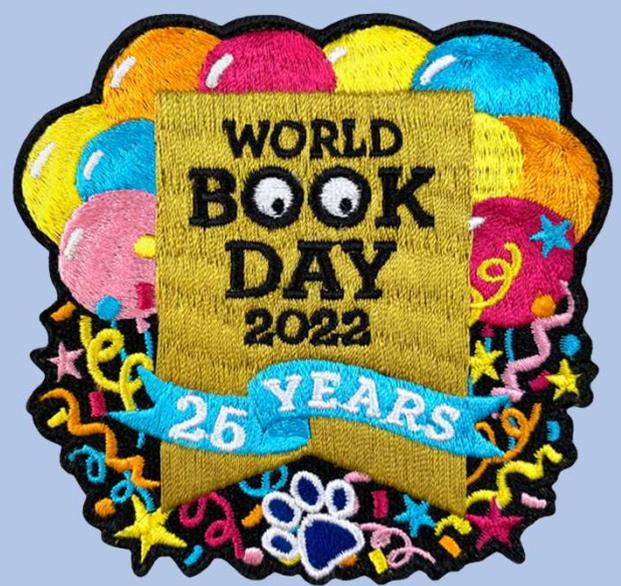
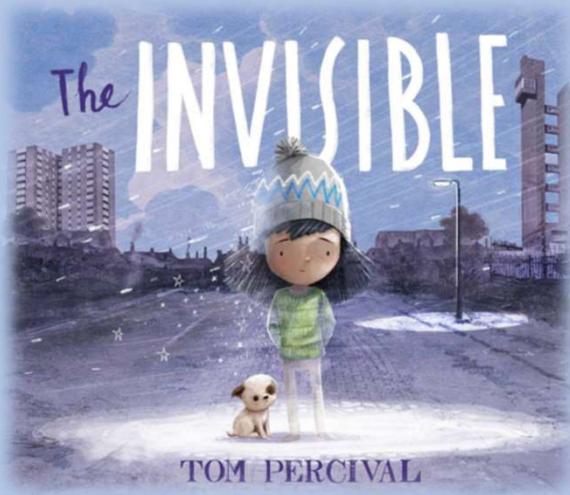


Testing

With positive cases still high in our local area we are doing everything we can to ensure that our school continues to stay open with healthy children and staff,

With this.

- Testing on a Lateral Flow Device should be undertaken at least twice a week.
- Positive Lateral Flow Tests must be reported to Track and Trace and school as soon as possible, you then need to self-isolate and follow the relevant guidance. You do not need to book a confirmatory PCR test.
- **You must report the negative LFT on day 5 & day 6 to Track and Trace and forward a copy to school before your child returns to school.**
- If a close contact of your child is positive they must have a lateral flow test done every the morning before they attend school for the day until that close contact tests negative.
- If you or your child shows any symptoms you still need to book a PCR test and you must isolate until the results of the test come through.
- School email is stpeter@sthelens.org.uk
- If you have any queries or require any help regarding drop off and collections please do not hesitate to contact the school office 01744 678630



Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day 2022!

As a school, we will be looking at the book *The Invisible* by Tom Percival. It is wonderful but also impactful story about poverty, being thankful for what we have, and appreciating others' situations and needs. Each class will be reading the book and responding to it in a fashion appropriate to their age and writing abilities. We hope that if you're able to come in to visit school soon, you will see our responses to the story all over our corridor walls.

On World Book Day, and to help our children appreciate the needs of the characters in the book, we will be collecting for our local food bank. Please, if you can spare it, send in your child with a non-perishable food item (tinned food, packets of pasta or rice etc.) so that the children can be part of tangibly helping those in need.

We usually use World Book Day to dress up. We will be again aiming to develop our vocabulary by encouraging the children to dress up as a word they haven't come across before. This can be as extravagant as the DC Comics character *The Riddler* we saw one year teaching us the word 'quizzical', or it can be as simple as a particular favourite of mine from last year, 'biped' (which didn't require too much dressing up...). Each class will be collating their group of words and playing all sorts of games to help the children learn and retain them.

Thank you for all your support.

David Badley
English and Science Co-ordinator, and Head of Outcomes



biped

Definition

Example

- A creature with two feet.





FAMILY FUNTIME
STAY & PLAY GROUP

Tuesdays 11.15am - 1.00pm

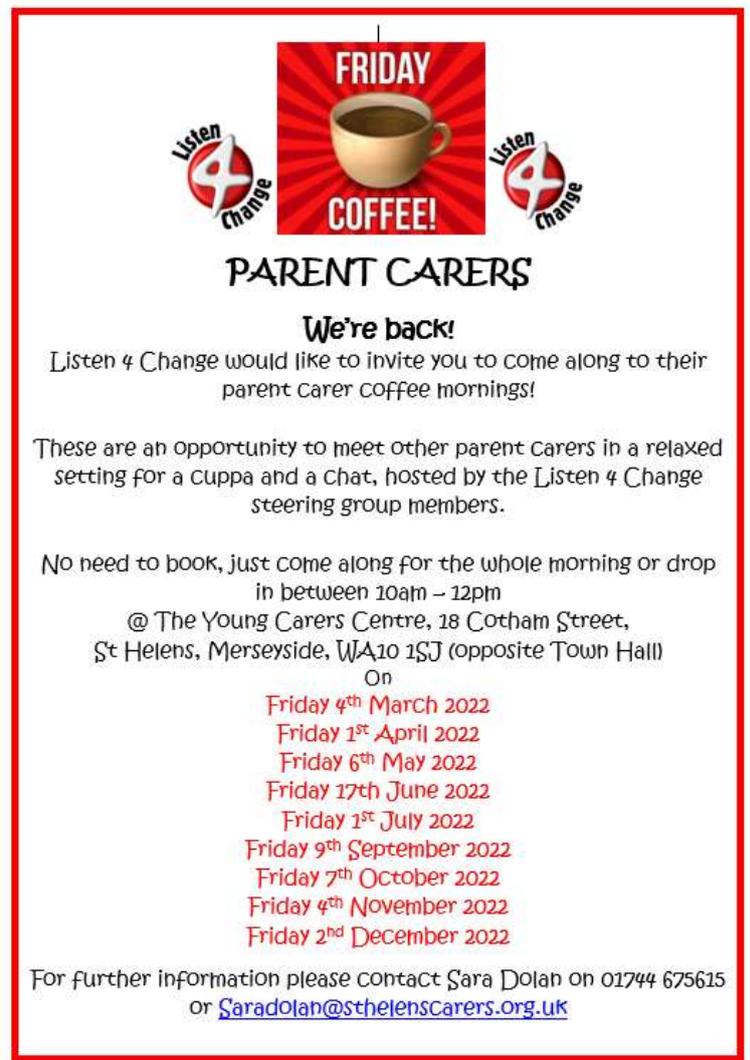
TERM TIME FROM
TUESDAY 18th JAN 2022

£2 per family
 Includes a snack and a drink

AT NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
 Park Road South
 Newton-le-Willows
 WA12 8EX

Email Nicola for more information on
nicola.harrison@newtoncommunitycentre.co.uk

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FRIDAY
COFFEE!

PARENT CARERS

We're back!

Listen 4 Change would like to invite you to come along to their parent carer coffee mornings!

These are an opportunity to meet other parent carers in a relaxed setting for a cuppa and a chat, hosted by the Listen 4 Change steering group members.

No need to book, just come along for the whole morning or drop in between 10am - 12pm

@ The Young Carers Centre, 18 Cotham Street,
 St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall)

On

- Friday 4th March 2022
- Friday 1st April 2022
- Friday 6th May 2022
- Friday 17th June 2022
- Friday 1st July 2022
- Friday 9th September 2022
- Friday 7th October 2022
- Friday 4th November 2022
- Friday 2nd December 2022

For further information please contact Sara Dolan on 01744 675615 or Saradolan@sthelenscarers.org.uk

PTA NEWS

Readathon - The Readathon is back! After the success of last year's Readathon we're running one again this year in the run up to World Book Day. Sponsor forms will be sent home today and we're asking the children to be sponsored to read as many books as they can between now and World Book Day on 3rd March. The money raised will buy books for the school library. The PTA are able to claim back gift aid on donations so please ask sponsors to tick the gift aid box if they are able to. Usborne Books are giving us 60% on top of what we raise for free and on the back of the sponsorship forms there will be a local business pledge form for parents to distribute around Newton and their places of work if possible. The goal is £1000!

Bags2School - the next bag to school collection will take place on 10th March with a further one planned for the summer term. We collected a whopping 400kg of unwanted items last time! Further details on collection points and times will be provided after half term. The bags will be sent home after the half term break.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

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 your child show any symptoms of Covid-19 **you must remain at home and get a test. The rest of the household can carry on but you need to do lateral flow tests on a daily basis**

<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>