



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

Message from St Peter's

4th March 2022

Dear Parent /carer,

This week WE had World Book Day, and it was wonderful to see all the children dressed up and walking around the school explaining their words. We put a huge priority on reading in school and children have access to a wide variety of books, it was lovely to see you and the children so invested in this annual occasion.

You will have noticed that the MUGA Cage and Trim Trail now have had artificial grass added. This was brought up by our school council and I agreed that it was great idea for us to investigate. They gave their reasons why it was needed and presented the case so well that they had me convinced that we should do it. Pupil voice is hugely important in school, and this was something they were passionate about, although the request for a swimming pool on the field was a step too far, I thought! We also took delivery of new chairs for Year 2,3,4,5 & 6 to add to the new tables. The classrooms now look so much brighter and more modern, and the children love them.

The addition of artificial turf and classroom furniture are just two of many improvements we have made for the children over the past few years, much of which is contributed to by our superb PTA. Here are just a few:

- **Artificial grass in the undercover reception area**
- **Artificial grass and bike racks in the old bin area**
- **Full refurbishment of the Reception Popp Zone with new furniture**
- **New flooring spanning the full length of the school**
- **New KS1 and Year 3 coat storage areas**
- **5 newly painted classrooms**
- **The creation of a brand-new Discovery Suite (35 station ICT Room)**
- **A new sensory room**
- **2 banks of computers in the library**
- **Fully replenished library and home reading books from Reception to Year 6**
- **New LED lighting in the whole school**
- **A new set of class iPads**
- **New and updated modern display boards and areas.**

I am aware that many of our parents from Year 2 down, will not recognise these improvements and will have thought many were already here. Therefore, I am delighted to inform you that our next parents evening will be face to face and will be in the last week of this term. We will send a message home about booking appointments in a few weeks' time. This obviously depends on Covid, which has unfortunately spread quickly through school this week. Please ensure that on Monday mornings, and later during the week you conduct Lateral Flow Tests. The symptoms we are experiencing are headaches, stomachs upsets and vomiting, in addition to the recognised symptoms of high temp and cough, so please check if your child is experiencing any of these as we will be contacting you if they have this in school.

Finally, the conflict in Ukraine has touched everyone's hearts and caused a mix of emotions for everyone witnessing the events unfold. It is impossible to shield children from this, its on the car radio, on the TV, on phones, social media, in the newspapers and of course it is talked about by children as they play. On Wednesday, we said a prayer for all the children and people in Ukraine who are suffering. Naturally, children have brought this up in the classroom and will approach this sensitively and age appropriately. There is no textbook for teachers on how to do this and everyone will have their own conflicting opinions on how it should be approached, but we will do our best to allay fears and answer questions in a way that they understand. We will undertake a collection for the Ukraine in the coming weeks, as I fear that this crisis is going to continue to unfold for some time to come.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them

Mr Robinson



Certificate Presentation

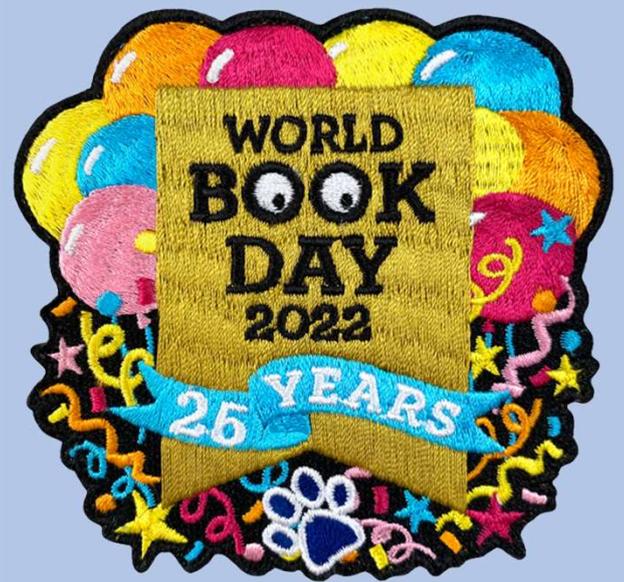
Key Stage 2

Could all parents please sign their child's award scheme and send them in for us to sign also for the tasks they have done in school. The first round of awarding certificates will be on Friday.

Don't worry if they haven't completed them all yet, the children have to the start of July to get them done.

Many thanks

Mr Robinson



All the donations went to the food bank at Merton Bank Primary School- they were blown away! Thank you for your support.

Inspiration and Aspiration Week

13th June to 17th June 2022



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St Peter's is organising an Inspiration and Aspiration Week.

We will give children an opportunity to hear about different careers, industries and hobbies. We would like children to feel inspired and think about their hopes for the future. We will look at resilience, self-belief and determination and remind children that they can achieve whatever they want out of life with a 'Yes I can' approach.

We are looking for parents to come into school and talk to pupils about what they do for a living, what their job involves, what they enjoy and what they had to do to get there.

We would also like some parents to conduct some question and answer sessions with Year 6, to give them a very informal experience of having to talk about themselves, and think about what their aspirations are for the future.

If you would like to help or would like more information, please contact Mr. Robinson via email: stpeter@sthelens.org.uk



'The child grew and became strong in body, mind and spirit'



Celebration & Congratulations

GROWTH MINDSET

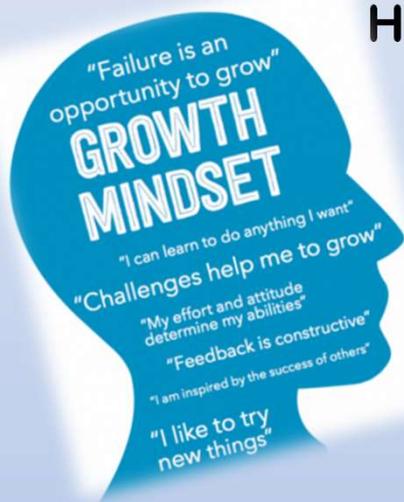
Nancy YR
Jacob YR/1
Sienna Y1/2
Liam Y2
Emilia W Y3
Charlotte Y4
Mikayla Y5
Rose Y6

STAR OF THE WEEK

Luke YR
Freddie YR/1
Jessica Y1/2
Amber Y2
Bethan Y3
Lotti Y4
Liam Y5
Ryan Y6

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Tiana Y4
Adam C Y4
Lily T Y5



VALUES AWARD

Ethan Y5

PTA NEWS

Readathon – Sponsor forms for the readathon should now be returned to school by Monday. The funds paid to the PTA. 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.

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! Bags have been sent home this week but you can always just use black bin bags if you need more.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.



PUPIL VOICE IN ACTION

Well done to the School Council for proposing Artificial Turf on the Playground.



Living with Covid

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following the Government announcement about 'Living with Covid'

a letter was emailed out to parents last week outlining the position for schools. As you will read, public health advice remains unchanged for schools, and we still need to be as vigilant as ever as we still have Covid cases in school.

A reminder that should you send a child in to school with Covid or symptoms of Covid, you risk the chance of their class friends, families and teachers having to isolate due to catching Covid. If a teacher has to isolate, then we will have to try to bring in a supply teacher to teach the children.

The guidance is as follows:

'Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?'

If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and it is to **stay at home** and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend school as usual. '

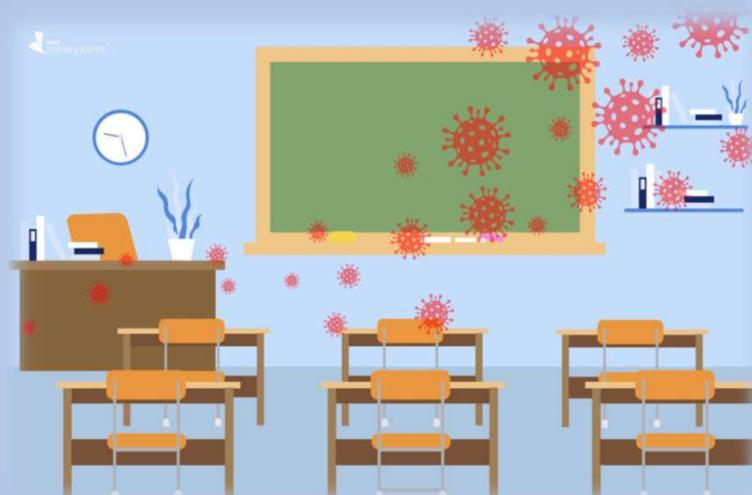
Department for Education: Feb 2022

Our procedures in school including high levels of ventilation, having an isolation room and constant cleaning. We will continue to send children home who have symptoms for you to then get tested. You can order PCR tests using the following link: [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-PCR-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

As always, can I thank you for your continuing and unwavering support, understanding and co-operation during this time. It really is appreciated by all the St Peter's Community.

Kind regards

Mr Robinson



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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Newton & Earlestown
Community Group are
organising a fundraising
event for a local hospice

Big Family Camp Out

For further information
check out



bit.ly/NECG-CampOut

There will be a
meeting for Y6
parents on
Wednesday 23rd
March at 3.30pm to
discuss SATs.
Further information
to follow.