

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

9th December 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

The festive season is ramping up with nativity and carol concert practices at full pace. It is always a pleasure listening to the children sing Christmas carols and I can't wait for the first showing of our nativity on Tuesday.

Going for Gold: This week, I had a visit from the St Helens Sports Department who came to have a look at our sporting provision for pupils. We are looking to achieve our Silver Games Mark. The games mark is a measure of sporting and PE provision in schools. It was pleasing to be informed that we already pass the requirements for the Silver Award, and we are halfway to achieving Gold. We have to apply in May; however, it was nice to hear that what we are providing for our pupils is of a high quality and will soon be recognised with a Gold national standard award.

Still on the sports theme, we had two teams take part in activities over the past week. Well done to the Year 5 girls who played at the football festival last Friday and a small group of Year 1 pupils who went to multi sports and came back with silver medals. Next term, our after-school clubs will continue with Sport for Kids, and I have entered into 11 tournaments up to Easter. Let's hope our run of losing in four finals comes to an end soon.

Science: St Peter's has entered into a school partnership programme with the Ogden Trust that supports schools and teachers that are committed to enhancing physics teaching and learning. The School Partnerships Programme offers years of funding, support and opportunities to schools that are committed to working together. We will be working with a small group of schools to provide a programme of excellence in science and physics for our pupils. This week we received a huge box of resources to get going and this funding will continue as we progress.

Library: As you are aware, we have a new library in school and have spent upwards of £2000 on new books and an electronic signing in and signing out system, similar to what public libraries have. We do have pupils who have either lost or damaged these new books. It is vital for that these books are looked after, as one lost or damaged book means that other children will not get the chance to read it. As always, lost and damaged books fall under our charging policy and the school will charge for these books, so please ensure they are taken care of.

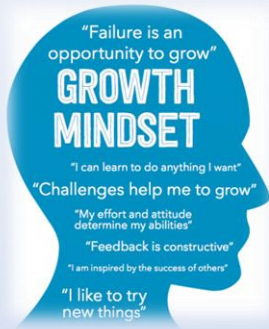
Scarlet Fever: We have a number of confirmed cases in school and are monitoring the situation closely. All classes that have cases are deep cleaned each night; however scarlet fever is very infectious, so please read the email I sent in the week to ensure you know the symptoms and what to do if your child has them.

Finally, please take a look at the events list in this newsletter, especially Wednesday, which is Christmas Craft Day, Christmas Lunch and Christmas themed clothes day.

Have lovely weekend,
Mr Robinson



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Kayden T
Year 1/2: Mia N
Year 2: Rebekah S
Year 3: Sam F
Year 4: Anna R
Year 5: Abigail W
Year 6: Lucy E



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Joseph H/Oscar K
Year 1/2: Oskar P
Year 2: Emily E
Year 3: Emily B
Year 4: Sophie E
Year 5: Athena G
Year 6: Jess C



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Jorgie W

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Jonah A

CHRISTMAS DATES



DATE	ACTIVITY
Tuesday 13 th December	9.45am – Nativity (Rec/Yr1/Y2) 6.30pm – Nativity (Rec/Yr1/Y2)
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas themed clothing Christmas Craft Day Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th December	9.30am – Panto 1.45pm – Nativity (Rec/Yr1/Y2)
Monday 19 th December	Carol Service at St Peters Church – Parents are welcome to attend and should arrive at church for 1.45pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Breakfast with Santa Christmas Parties (Christmas party clothes - appropriate clothing/footwear as children will still be playing outside)



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to some of our Year 1 children who did very well this week in a multi sports event in St Helens. They came home with some nice medals.



GOVERNORS

Our Governors continuously meet and work throughout the year to talk and decide on subjects such as standards, finance and resources. Last Saturday, they met to look at the development plan with Mr Robinson. The work of a Governor takes dedication and a lot of their spare time with a lot of training requirements in addition.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Peter's Church Christingle Service

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>





NEWTON & EARLESTOWN
COMMUNITY GROUP

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

JOIN US IN MESNES PARK FOR
CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH
ST HELENS CONCERT BAND

Tuesday 13th December / 7pm
Admission Free

Refreshments Available





St. Peter's Church

Church Street, Newton le Willows, WA12 9SR
Charity Number: 1133794

Carols, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Wednesday 14th December 2022

7:30 pm in Church (doors open 7pm)

**Roberts Bakery
Championship Brass Band
and**

Manchester Scots Pipers

Admission £8 (including refreshments)

Tickets can be bought on the door by cash only please

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
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 12th December 2022

- Y5 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- KS2 Girls Football Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 13th December 2022

- Nativity Performance (Rec/Yr1/Y2) – 9.45am
- Nativity Performance (Rec/Yr1/Y2) – 6.30pm
- Y4 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 14th December 2022

- Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas themed clothing
- Christmas Craft day
- Christmas Lunch
- Y1 & Y2 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- School Open Evening Tour – 4.45pm

Thursday 15th December 2022

- Pantomime in school – AM
- Nativity Performance (Rec/Yr/Y2) – 1.45pm
- Y1, Y2, Y3 Kidslingo: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Y6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Friday 16th December 2022

- 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

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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