

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

10th March 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am pleased to inform you that thanks to your fantastic response with the Book Fair, the school has received £800 to spend on books from Scholastic. This will be spent on a range of books to add to our main library.

Unfortunately, the weather ensured that the Year 6 girls did not get to represent St Helens this week. However, I have been informed that we will try to get it back on in the summer. The weather never actually lived up to its billing yesterday, however, the children did manage to get out to play as the snow fell. I was reminded today of the last time we had some major snowfall a few years back, we had a whole school snowball throwing and snowman making competition, unfortunately it wasn't to be.

I am still getting reports of personal attacks on members of staff and the school on social media. This week it was because of a post put together by the PTA which was then shared by a teacher to help keep a class informed. This is something new to St Peter's and when a member of staff finds out, it can be quite devastating, leading to wellbeing issues and can have a damaging long-term effect. Typos and spelling errors happen to everyone, including teachers. As always, if you have an issue, please contact your class teacher or Key Stage Lead. Thank you to those who have sent messages of support.

Next week, we have two days of industrial action. I am mindful that this will cause disruption to many, however I do know that there is a meeting between the NEU and Government on Monday afternoon. I'm sure we all hope a resolution can be found over wellbeing in the workplace, workload and pay for our teachers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Robinson

Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Hollie C
Year 1/2: Loki S
Year 2: Rebekah S
Year 3: Joseph G
Year 4: Bethan W
Year 5: Lotti M
Year 6: Aidan B



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Ruari P
Year 1/2: Gracie C
Year 2: Hattie C
Year 3: Audrey L-B
Year 4: Jasmine A
Year 5: Abigail W
Year 6: James M



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Lewis J

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Noah S

COMPETITION - WHAT DOES SPACE MEAN TO YOU?



Competition Entries into school by MONDAY 13th MARCH

We're working closely with the Ogden Trust, here at St Peter's, to raise the profile of science - particularly physics. With this in mind, we are running a competition against the other schools in our partnership (all St Helens primary schools) called ***What does Space mean to you?***

Teachers will be running the competition in their classes next week but considering the creative ability of our St Peter's community, we thought we would open it out to you at home too. Entries can be anything your child can think of- a piece of art, a piece of writing/poetry, a small investigation (e.g. Astronauts wear nappies on space walks: which store brand nappy holds the most water?).

If you have any sparks of inspiration, or a budding young physicist at home, **please send your entries into school by Monday 13th March**. There will be prizes, and winners will be selected to represent our school at the next round of the competition against the other partnership schools.

COMIC RELIEF – 'WEAR RED DAY' Friday 17th March 2023



In support of Comic Relief we will be inviting all children to come into school wearing something **red** on **Friday 17th March 2023**. This could be a red t-shirt, red jumper, red socks etc. No uniform is required for this day.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of a £1.00 which will be sent to the Comic Relief charity. As a cashless school, payment for this donation will need to be made through School Money.

Thank you.

ADVANCED NOTICE

YEAR 6

There will be a SATS Meeting taking place on **Wednesday 22nd March** straight after school with Mr Badley for Year 6 Parents/Carers.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Industrial Action

Please be advised that Industrial Action is due across England and Wales on:

- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

A Letter has been send home today regarding the arrangements in school for these days.

SCHOOL OFFICE NOTICE



Could you please inform the school office as soon as possible if any of your contact details have changed. It is very important that you inform us if you change address, telephone number or email address immediately so that we can keep our records accurate and up to date.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

School Nurse Drop in sessions will be taking place over the next 6 weeks. A booking system is in place if you would like to book an appointment. Appointments can either take place in school or via a telephone consultation.

The first drop in session date will be **Wednesday 29th March**.

Appointments will be available between **2.00 – 3.00pm**. Each appointment will be 15 minutes in duration.

If you would like to book an appointment please contact the school office by either telephone or email: stpeter@sthelens.org.uk

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION

*School Nurse Team are providing sessions
offering advice and support on a range of topics including:*

Healthy Eating

Behavioural problems

Head lice

Hygiene - Hand washing and Oral Health

Bed Wetting

Hearing and Vision

Height/Weight Management

Immunisations

Emotional Health

or any other health related concerns you may have regarding your child.

Available to all parents and pupils.

Ask at School Reception for more information, upcoming dates and appointments.

Parents seen on a 15 minute appointment basis in a confidential environment.

St Helen's 0-19 Team
Contact Number: 01744 624321

Please find further information
about our offer at:

[https://www.wchc.nhs.uk/
services/school-nursing-wirral/](https://www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing-wirral/)



NHS
Wirral Community
Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th March 2023

- KS2 Girls Football Afterschool Club: 3.30-4.30pm
- Year 2 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 14th March 2023

- Year 4 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 15th March 2023

- **Strike Day – Only Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 classes in school**
- KS2 Netball Afterschool Club: 3.30 -4.30pm – Cancelled due to strike day
- Year 1 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm – Cancelled due to strike day

Thursday 16th March 2023

- **Strike Day – Only Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 classes in school**
- Year 4 – Swimming – Cancelled due to strike day
- Year 5 and 6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm – Cancelled due to strike day
- Kidslingo Club: 3.30-4.30pm – Cancelled due to strike day

Friday 17th March 2023

- WEAR RED DAY – £1.00 voluntary donation for Comic Relief (paid via School Money)
- Year 6 – Tatton Hall Trip
- Year 3 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm

ADVANCED NOTICE:

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 – Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents/Carers straight after school.



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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