

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

24th March 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been a fun filled and educational week for our pupils at St Peter's. It started with Reception who were visited by Aqualase. This is a company that brings the seaside to the classroom and educates the children on animals from around our coastline. They were able to look at and hold starfish and crabs, learn how they live and how we can ensure conservation helps them thrive. On Tuesday, Mr Moorcroft organised Merseyside Fire Brigade (Newton) to visit Year 1 and 2 to talk about 'The Great Fire of London'. As much as the children impressed with their facts and knowledge about this historical event, the children will no doubt remember the fact that they all got to sit in a fire engine, sound the siren and everyone was able to have a go at using the fire hose. Reception class also joined us and had a great time.

Last week, Year 6 visited Tatton Hall. Earlier in the year, they had been studying Word War II and in particular how children were often placed in rural areas to protect them from the bombing. The children arrived dressed up and experienced what life was like and thankfully it was much warmer than usual.

Year 5 visited St Johns Church on Wednesday to take part in the Easter Journey workshops they put on for all local schools. Also on Wednesday, our Year 3 class went to Liverpool Museum to study Ancient Egypt. They had a fantastic day taking part in workshops and having a look around the Egyptian exhibition. They were a credit to our school, with the museum staff, members of the public and staff from other schools saying how much they stood out with their exemplary behaviour.

On Wednesday, we held our Parents Forum meeting. On the agenda was a sneak preview of our new school video, the finalised school vision document, safeguarding, the 9 protected characteristics and what personal development opportunities we provide in school. As always, it was a good discussion and the forum brought a few things to our attention that we could look at, including the amount of 'non uniform days and events', a clearer explanation for parents on what phrases such as cultural capital and personal development mean, the transition from primary school to high school and having links on the website for SEN and family support. The link between school and home is very important and having a conversation about school life can only make us better as a whole. After half term, I will be asking for more volunteers who would like to sit on the forum to ensure we have a wider spread of representation.

Finally, well done to our Year 4 Boys Football Team who came fourth in the St Helens Schools Competition. They conceded just one goal in the whole tournament.

Don't forget our website is full of information that you may find useful. [St Peter's C.E. Primary School: Welcome \(st-peters.st-helens.sch.uk\)](https://st-peters.st-helens.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson

Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Alex Z
Year 1/2: Isla S
Year 2: Teddy K
Year 3: Oscar L
Year 4: Ava P
Year 5: Declan M
Year 6: Mikayla S-J



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Harriet R
Year 1/2: Millie N
Year 2: Isabelle T-E
Year 3: Everyone in Year 3
Year 4: Niall B
Year 5: Rowan P
Year 6: Lucy P



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Athena G

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Archie L

PHOTOS FROM A BUSY WEEK AT ST PETER'S



FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

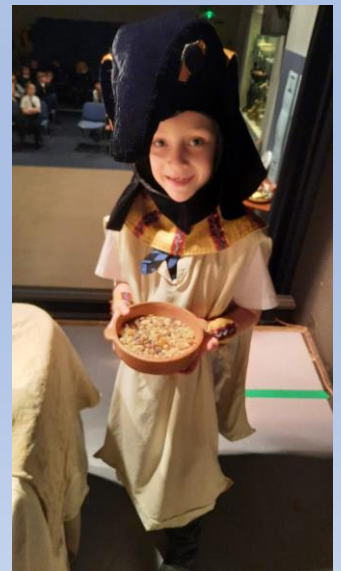


AQUALEASE RECEPTION



ST JOHNS CHURCH YEAR 5

LIVERPOOL WORLD MUSUEM YEAR 3



PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT RESULT

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Nicola Kettley has been appointed to the position of Parent Governor.

PTA NOTICES

The next **PTA meeting** will be held on **Thursday 30th March, 6.30pm at the Pied Bull**, everyone welcome as we start plans for the summer fair.

Look out for the Smarties challenge which will be sent home just before the Easter break.

Any questions please email stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you

UNIFORM STANDARDS REMINDER

- No earrings are to be worn in school.
- Any child with hair below shoulder length should have their hair tied up.

Inspiration and Aspiration Week

Mon 12th June to Thursday 15th June
2023

Can you help?

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 about it and what they had to do to get there.



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What is the about?

This week 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.

If you came last year, we would love you to come again to talk to a new set of children.

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



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



Diocese of
Liverpool

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/)



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Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ST PETER'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE

Join us on **Good Friday from 10am in church** for a series of crafts related to Holy Week, followed by a short, outdoor service in Willow Park.

To help us plan resources, please reserve tickets before Sat 1 April at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/good-friday-crafts-tickets-582344687637>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEWTON STORM - ARLFC

U8S

COME ALONG & JOIN THE STORM!

**Calling Y3 boys & girls
to join our U8s team.**



**Training Wed 6-7pm
Newton Sports Club**

**For more details,
contact Matt
07827 921707**



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please see below for a free mental health webinar for parents and carers. To register please click on the link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-helens-discover-kooth-qwell-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-549424352027>



Discover Kooth & Qwell

For parents and carers in St Helens

7pm Tues 4th April
Register today: <https://bit.ly/3yroKHY>

An introduction to the free, safe & anonymous mental health support available online for young people and adults in Knowsley.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**ST HELENS
LOCAL AUTISM AND SOCIAL
COMMUNICATION SERVICE
YEAR 6 TRANSITION
ONLINE PARENT SESSIONS**



If your child is due to transition to High School in September 2023, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share tips and advice.

At this time of year you will have completed applications to name your 3 preferred high school places, in light of this we felt it was important to offer you support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your journey.

LASCS focus is towards children with Social Communication differences or those who have a diagnosis of Autism, but we recognise that many of the strategies discussed work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Note that the sessions are directed to parents/carers and not to the young people:

A Helping Hand
Friday 24th March 2023 - 12:30 - 13:30

The Finish Line is in Sight!
Friday 12th May 2023 - 12:30 - 13:30

For further information or to register an interest, please email us LASCstransitions@sthelens.gov.uk

Together, we can make a difference! We look forward to meeting you.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

ST HELENS SEA CADETS

St Helens Sea Cadets are now recruiting!

Junior Sea Cadets (ages 10-12) & Sea Cadets (ages 12-18).

Our **aim** is to give young people an experience that will help them grow into the person they want to be in a safe and friendly environment. Through various activities and adventures, we learn teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves. We offer a range of different activities from sailing, windsurfing and powerboating - to rock climbing, camping, and music - plus, so much more!

At St Helens Sea Cadets, we regularly meet on **Monday & Thursday evenings** between **19:00 to 21:30** (21:00 finish for our Junior Sea Cadets) at **Mill Street Barracks, Mill Street, St Helens, WA10 2BD.**



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More information can be found here:

<https://www.sea-cadets.org/sthelens/get-in-touch>



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th March 2023

- Year 1/2 Parents Evening
- KS2 Girls Football Afterschool Club: 3.30-4.30pm
- Year 2 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 28th March 2023

- Parents Evening – Whole School
- **CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING** - Year 4 Afterschool Sports Club

Wednesday 29th March 2023

- Parents Evening – Whole School
- **CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING** - KS2 Netball Afterschool Club
- **CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING** - Year 1 Afterschool Sports Club

Thursday 30th March 2023

- Year 4 – Swimming
- Year 5 and 6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Kidslingo Club: 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 31st March 2023

- Year 3 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm
- School closes for Easter Break – normal finishing time

Monday 17th April 2023

- INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 18th April 2023

- School Re-opens to pupils after Easter break



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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