

# The Keys Newsletter

## Messages from St Peter's

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

On behalf of all the staff, we hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and welcome you back to the start of the new school year. It goes without saying that as soon as school is back, the sun comes out!

We particularly welcome our new pupils in Reception. They have settled in well and most seem to be taking things in their stride as they start the beginning of their seven-year journey through school. They have met and had lunch with their Year 6 buddies already and I'm not sure who was more excited, Reception or Year 6. A reminder that we have Tea and Tissues for all our parents with new starters on Monday morning.

On Thursday, Mrs Colley, Mrs Harrison and I attended the licencing of Rev James Taylor as the new incumbent at St Peter's Church. We hope that Rev James will be a frequent visitor to school, ensuring the bond between school and church becomes even stronger. Rev Taylor will be conducting morning worship in school every Wednesday. On Sundays, the church will be conducting services that are more accessible for children. These will start at 11.00am and I encourage you to go along to join the congregation.

Our extracurricular activities have been scheduled and we look forward to providing Sport For Kids every lunchtime and afterschool. STEM Club, Girls Football and Kidslingo will all be starting shortly.

As you know, there have been many headlines in the national press over the week about a certain type of concrete. Of course, you would have been informed if we had been contacted by the DFE, however if anything changes, we will inform you.

Finally, if you have had any change in circumstance over the holidays such as contact details, change of address or medical conditions, please inform the office as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson



# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

**Year 5: Joseph B**



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Year 5: Isaac H-S**



## VALUES AWARD

**Year 5: Seth B**

## THE RAINBOW TEAM

# The Rainbow Team

**Safeguarding Nurture Wellbeing Behaviour**

**When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on Earth.**

**Genesis 9:16**



*Mrs Colley: RainbowTeam Lead*

Mrs Colley:	Senior Mental Health Lead Behaviour Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Vinyard:	SENCO
Mrs Harrison:	EYFS / KS1 Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Davidson:	Pastoral / Nurture

### **Our *Early Help* approach**

**If you feel your child could benefit from some pastoral support,  
do not hesitate to contact us.**

Our Senior Mental Health Lead ensures that all our pupils who require pastoral care for issues such as bereavement, friendship issues, home issues and anxiety, receive time each week with our pastoral staff who offer over 8 hours of individual and small group sessions.

If you feel that your child could benefit from this offer, please contact Mrs Colley.

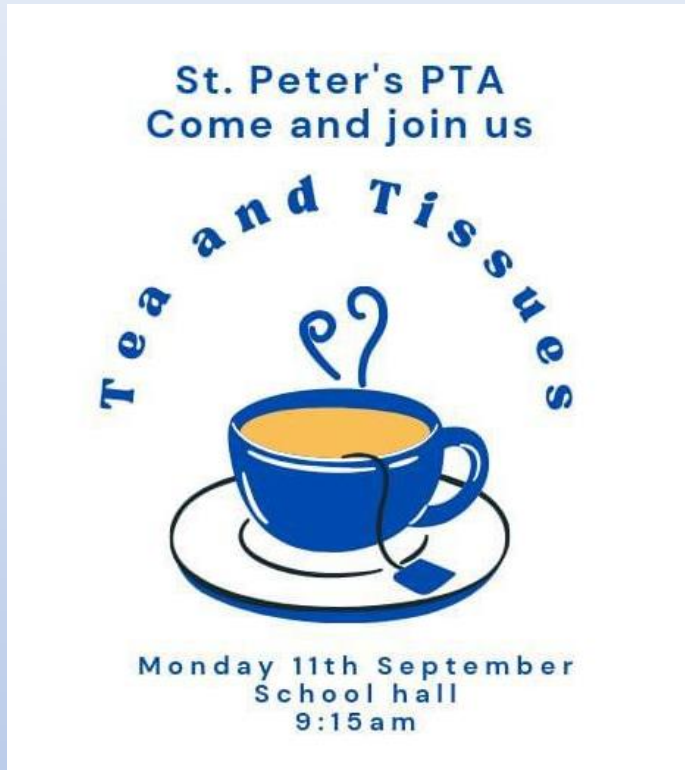
The team has regular meeting to discuss and measure the progress of pupils who fall into specific categories, including attendance, wellbeing issues, SEN, behavioural issues and safeguarding.

## PTA NOTICES

Welcome to the new school year from the PTA to all parents, old and new.

The PTA are holding their first get together of the year on:

**Monday 11th September in the school hall at 9.15am** - Everyone is welcome to come along for a brew and a natter!



### AGM

**The AGM for the PTA will be held in October (date TBC next week),** everyone is welcome to attend as we review the results for the year and appoint the committee for the year ahead.

All committee positions (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) are up for re-election each year. If you're interested in getting involved then please drop a message to the PTA email address below and we can provide you more information along with role descriptions.

Do you have any accounting knowledge? The PTA are looking for someone to conduct an independent review of the annual accounts. If you think you could help with this then please get in touch at the PTA email address below.

Contact the PTA at [stpeters\\_pta@ yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk)

A School Spider message has been sent home today to parents of children in Years 1,2 and 3. Please click on the link if you would like to book your child a place on Kidslingo.



## French Club at St. Peter's CE Primary School with Kidslingo

I am delighted to announce that Kidslingo will be back to run an after-school French club this term on Thursdays for Years 1-3!

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Learning a language at a young age helps children to grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity. There is a fantastic window of opportunity during early years development where children can absorb a language without even realising it!



At Kidslingo, we are dedicated to teaching French to children through fun.

We use stories, games, songs and drama to bring the language to life and inspire our learners.

- Classes will be on Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm
- Starting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September with a maximum of 18 children
- £6.00 per class (additional 2% handling fee applies)
- Half-termly commitment
- Existing customers will have priority at renewal for the next term's classes
- You will receive FREE access to the Kidslingo games website with over 250 games!

To register your child, please go to the following link and enter your details by 12pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September:

<https://bit.ly/3PwbjzO>

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you have any problems with registering or have any questions, please email me at [jenny.dutton@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto:jenny.dutton@kidslingo.co.uk).



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Jenny is a fully trained teacher, insured and holds an enhanced DBS certificate.

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# AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Please see below the days/year groups for Afterschool Activity Clubs run by Sport 4 Kids. These clubs will start **w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Please return the form which was sent out this week to your child's class teacher if you would like your child to attend.



To encourage our pupils to try out new activities, keep fit and lead a healthy lifestyle, all our Sport For Kids sessions are funded by the school.

## Afterschool Activity Clubs

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Year 5 / Year 6	Year 4	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1
<b>Multi Sports</b> 3.30pm -4.30pm	<b>Multi Sports</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm	<b>Multi Sports</b> 3.15pm – 4.15pm	<b>Multi Sports</b> 3.30pm -4.30pm	<b>Multi Sports</b> 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Start date: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Multi Sports will include a range of activities from athletics, volleyball, hockey, basketball, netball, quick cricket, dodgeball and much more.**



Please return to your teacher:

Name:  
Class

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the afterschool club.

My child will be attending Little Foxes afterwards: Yes / No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure your child attends every session if signed up.

## AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Please see below details for Afterschool Girls Football. This club will start **w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September**. Please return the form which was sent out this week to your child's class teacher if you would like your child to attend.



St Peter's C.E  
Primary School

### Girls Football

Years 3 & 4

Monday

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Starting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Please return to your teacher:

Name:

Class

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the afterschool club.

My child will be attending Little Foxes afterwards: Yes / No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure your child attends every session if signed up.

## SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS 2023-2024

**Parent Open Tours will take place on the following dates:**

Monday, 25th September 2023 at 5.00 pm

Monday, 16th October 2023 at 5.00 pm

Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 5.00 pm

Please email school at [stpeter@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:stpeter@sthelens.org.uk) to book a place.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Hope Academy**  
A joint Catholic & Church of England Academy

**TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH LOVE**

# OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
5:00pm – 8:00pm

Leadership Presentations 5:00pm & 6:30pm  
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

## OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am  
Online booking required as spaces are limited



01744 671930  
[www.hopeacademy.org.uk](http://www.hopeacademy.org.uk)

LINK TO PROSPECTUS

Hope Academy  
Ashton Road  
Newton-le-Willows  
WA12 0AQ



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

- PTA – Tea and Tissues – 9.15am School Hall
- Afterschool Sports Club – YEAR 5 & 6 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

- Afterschool Sports Club – YEAR 4 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

- Afterschool Sports Club – YEAR 2 ( 3.20-4.15pm)

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

- Afterschool Sports Club – YEAR 3 (3.30-4.30pm)
- Kidslingo Afterschool Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

- Afterschool Sports Club – YEAR 1(3.20pm – 4.15pm)

**PLEASE NOTE THE PLAYGROUND GATES WILL BE OPEN FROM 3.10pm EACH DAY.**

*Please note some of these dates may be subject to change.*



## 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](mailto: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*

## Contact Details

St Peter's C.E. Primary School  
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