

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

29th September 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

Congratulations this week to our Year 6 boys who came 5th in the St Helens Schools Football Tournament, they played very well. Next week, it is Year 5s turn. We have 15 tournaments booked in this term ensuring keeping fit and healthy is high on the agenda. Unfortunately we are having to postpone the stem club due to circumstances beyond our control, however we will have it back on as soon as we can. Mad science is back next half term so we will be sending details out for that when we get them.

Last year, our Parents' Forum met on a number of occasions, and we looked at a number of things, including school uniform, The Rainbow Team and our school vision. We are looking for more people to join our parents' forum, so we have input from across the school. The forum is very much a collaborative body and is about moving the school forward and at times the school asking parents opinions on a variety of things that occur in school. Since I started at St Peter's I've worked hard at ensuring the relationship between school and home is very much a partnership and so this is an excellent way to get together and drive our school community forward. The forums start at 3.40pm and are very informal. If you would like to attend, please email me to express your interest.

School Spaces:

Due to families moving out of area, we have spaces in the following classes.

Year 1 - 1 Space
Year 3 – 1 Space
Year 4 – 4 Spaces

If you know someone moving into the area, this may be some helpful information they might like to know.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Zachary W-B
Year 1: Millie W
Year 2: Andre L
Year 3: Rosin McG-J
Year 4: Kian F-S
Year 5: Grace T
Year 6: Athena G

Reception: Leo B
Year 1: Joseph H
Year 2: Ezra L
Year 3: Josie M
Year 4: Oscar L
Year 5: Henry C
Year 6: Karla L



VALUES AWARD

Year 2: Dolly F
Year 3: Emily E
Year 5: Eloise C

EARRING REMINDER

A reminder that children should not be wearing earrings or studs in school. Please ensure they are taken out before school.

A reminder also that as usual, long hair (past shoulder length) should be tied back. This applies for boys and girls.

The school uniform policy (passed by the Governing Body) can be found on our school website for clarification.

HARVEST DONATIONS



On **Tuesday 3rd October**, to celebrate Harvest Festival, we are asking for donations of non-perishables, to give to a local food bank.

Reverend James will be leading a Harvest Service at church, where Year 3 will be sharing some of their RE learning too.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2023 TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER

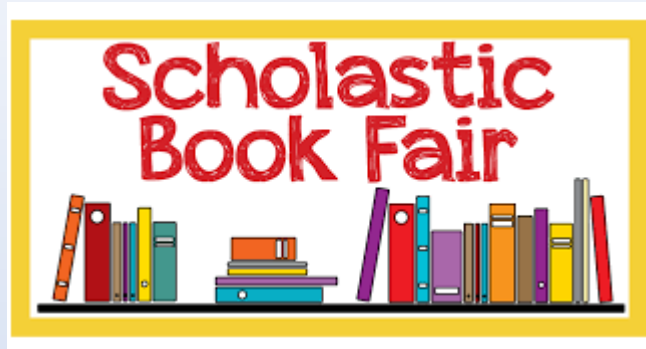
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2023

Wear something **yellow** to school and enjoy a day looking after and promoting our mental health.

World Mental Health Day is celebrated annually on October 10th. The theme for 2023 is "Mental health is a universal human right". This day aims to raise awareness about mental health and promote positive change for everyone's mental well-being. It provides an opportunity to discuss mental health, the importance of taking care of it, and the significance of seeking help when needed.



BOOK FAIR



Autumn Book Fair

Please join us on the playground before and after school during the week of 2nd October for our Autumn School Book Fair. All proceeds will go towards our school library. A card machine will be available.

WORLD SPACE WEEK COMPETITION



Competition Time

To celebrate World Space Week this October, we are running a competition across school.

We would like you to go outside one evening and have a really good look at the Moon (through a telescope, binoculars, your best glasses, or, if the weather is as British as we expect it to be, through a web browser...).

Once you have studied its plethora of mountains, valleys, and craters, we would like you to produce a piece of art and send it in to us (this could be of the Moon itself, or it could be something linked to the Moon: The Chanrayaan 3 space craft for example). Use any medium you wish; the bigger the better!

Please send your entries in by Wednesday 4th October.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on:

THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER

All children should come to school in full uniform.

For Year 3 who have PE - children should come to school in full uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag to school with them.

PTA NOTICES

PTA AGM Announcement

Monday 16th October

7pm

In school

Everyone is invited to join us for the PTA's Annual General Meeting where we will review the results for the year and appoint the Committee for the year ahead.

All Committee positions are open for re-election each year:

- **Chair**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

For further information on the roles and applications or if you have any questions, please email:

stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk

The PTA holds fun events and raises funds for our school community. If you would like to volunteer, support with dedicated fund raising and planning for the Environmental Hub, be a PTA class representative or be the first to know the dates for this year's events, please come along! Refreshments will be provided.

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.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS 2023-2024

Parent Open Tours will take place on the following dates:

Monday, 16th October 2023 at 5.00 pm
Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 5.00 pm

Please email school at 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 MORNINGS

Wednesday 18th October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am
Wednesday 25th October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am

Online booking required as spaces are limited



01744 671930
www.hopeacademy.org.uk

LINK TO BOOKING

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



YEAR 6 TRANSITION FREE ONLINE PARENT / CARER SESSIONS

If your child has an SEN or significant worries and is due to transition to secondary school in September 2024, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share preparation tips and advice.

By 31st October 2023 you will have submitted a secondary school application to name your 3 preferred schools.

We are delighted to offer you some advice and support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your child's journey.

Many of the strategies will work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Sessions will be delivered online through TEAMS directed to parents/carers (not to children); if you can attend all four it would be more beneficial.

For further information please email us on LASCstransitions@sthelens.gov.uk so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

Session One - The Year Ahead	Friday 1st December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Differences between Primary & Secondary• Independence & Preparation• Travel to school• Next Steps
Session Two - Building Blocks	Friday 20th February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a transition?• Managing change• Developing independence
Session Three - A Helping Hand	Friday 22nd March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing worries & nerves• Emotions Scales• Looking for the positives
Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!	Friday 10th May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being Prepared• One Page Profiles• Communication• Preparation & Practice

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd October 2023

- EYFS (Reception) Parent Workshop – 3.35pm (Enter through school office)
- Afterschool Sports Club: YEAR 5 & 6 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)
- Girls Football After School Club: YEAR 3 & 4 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

- Harvest donations of non-perishables to be brought into school.
- Afterschool Sports Club: YEAR 4 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)

Wednesday 4th October 2023

- Afterschool Sports Club: YEAR 2 (3.20pm-4.15pm)
- STEM Club: YEAR 5 & 6 (3.30pm – 4.30pm) – **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Thursday 5th October 2023

- School Photographs – individual and siblings – Full school uniform to be worn. For Year 3 who have PE today please bring a bag with your PE kit in.
- Afterschool Sports Club: YEAR 3 (3.30-4.30pm)
- Kidslingo Afterschool Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Friday 6th October 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

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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