

# The Keys Newsletter

## Messages from St Peter's

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer

Usually, this is the time when I sign off with a look back at the half term just gone; unfortunately, Merseyside schools have decided to extend this term by another week and so we are in for five more days. Please also take note of our February half term which seems to be different to other regions also. The 2024 2025 holiday list has been emailed out.

On Monday, it was my pleasure to attend the Parent Teachers Association AGM. They are doing a great job as usual and have planned a years' worth of activities and events that helps us fund the things school is often unable to afford. All our parents are automatically members of the PTA and they could really do with more attending meetings to bring new and fresh ideas. One of things that is always levelled at school PTA's is that they are a closed group, a clique! This is absolutely not the case; it is actually just the same parents turning up to meetings and doing the organising. So if you would like to get involved, please contact them and you will be welcomed with open arms.

#### Sport for Kids

Yesterday, I sent out an email about S4K, informing you that we are moving to Superstars after half term. Unfortunately, this southern based company decided to cease its Northwest operations and make everyone redundant. We worked quickly and found a new, reputable company, to provide free extra-curricular provision at St Peter's. Sports for Kids assured us they would be putting on the final holiday camp, however it seems their current employees have, understandably, found further employment and left. This in turn means they have cancelled the camp. Please note that Sport for Kids hire out our facilities and all decisions have been made by them.

Superstars run camps across the area in high schools and leisure centres including Orford Jubilee Hub and Great Sankey.

Have lovely weekend

*Mr Paul Robinson*

Headteacher



# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Reception:** Jack F  
**Year 1:** Greyson C  
**Year 2:** Imogen C  
**Year 3:** Freddie L-G  
**Year 4:** Ava L  
**Year 5:** Beren E  
**Year 6:** Declan M

**Reception:** Maxwell D  
**Year 1:** Hollie C  
**Year 2:** Isla S  
**Year 3:** Verity F  
**Year 4:** Peter G  
**Year 5:** Eleanor C  
**Year 6:** Jorgie W



## VALUES AWARD

## COURAGE AWARD

**Year 5:** Freya T-E

**Year 5:** Emilia G



## HEADTEACHERS AWARD

**Year 4:** Archie S

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

**CANCELLED MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER  
AND  
TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
DUE TO PARENTS EVENING**

### GIRLS AFTERSCHOOL FOOTBALL



The girls afterschool football club will change after half term to be for **Year 5 and 6**.

Therefore there will be no afterschool football for **Years 3 and 4** after half term.

The football club will only start from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** so there will be no club on the first day back after half term.



Due to low sign up numbers, the KS2 Mad Science will not be running after half term. The KS1 Mad Science will still be going ahead.

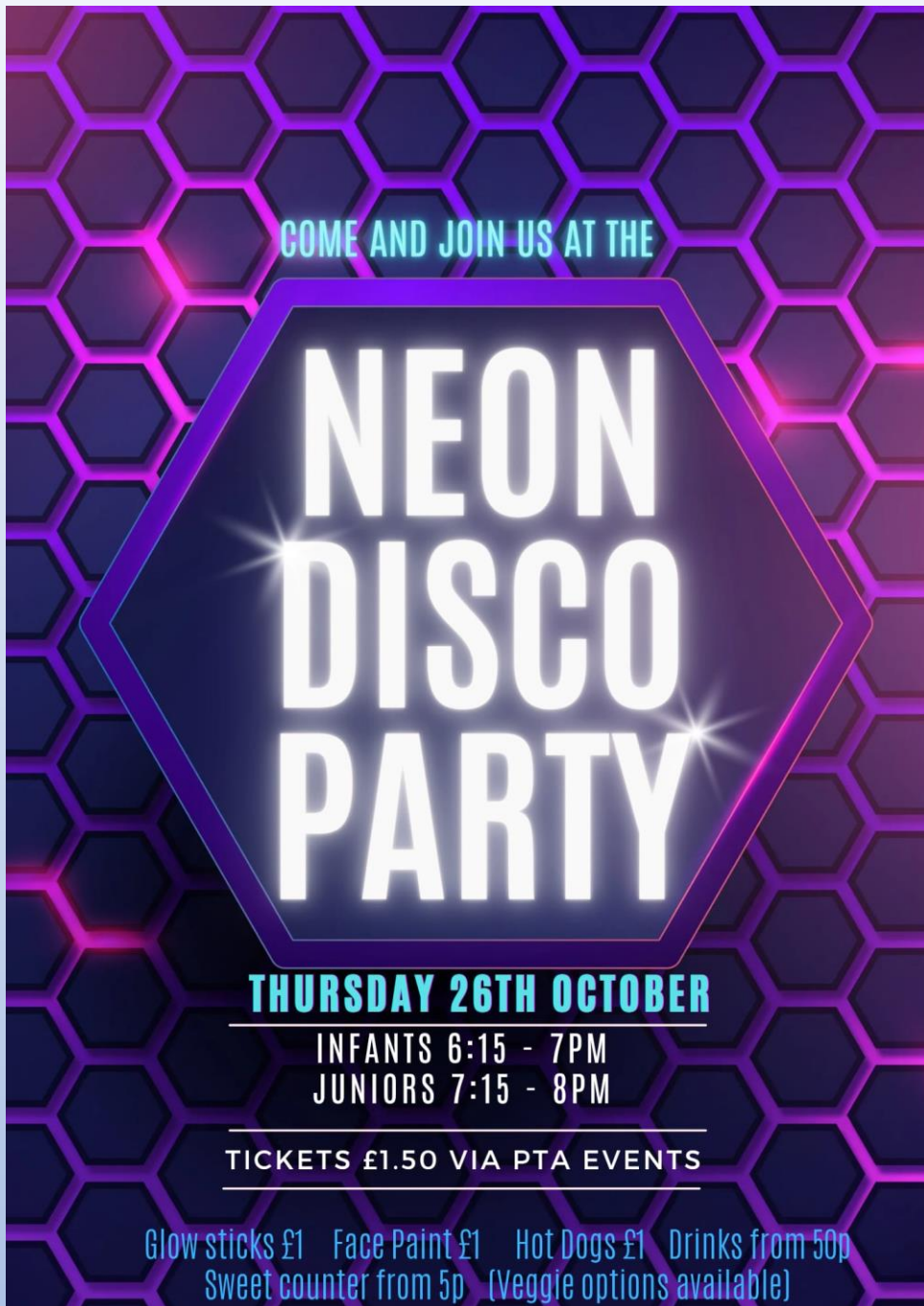
There will be another Mad Science club offered to KS2 which will take place in January. Leaflets will be sent home with children next week. If you would like to sign your child up to this please click on the link below.

<https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-details-a.aspx?regItemSessionID=399443>

*The club will run on the following dates:*

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**The deadline for registration is : Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



To buy a ticket or volunteer, please visit the PTA events website or scan the QR code:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta)







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Primary School

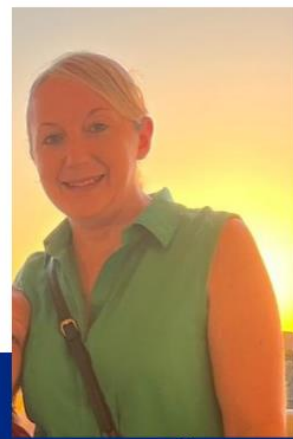
## Meet your PTA Committee 2023/2024



Sam  
Thorpe  
Chair



Kate  
Abbott  
Secretary



Steph  
Richardson  
Treasurer

Hello!

*We are very excited for the year ahead, supporting the school with their vision, the Eco Hub and need your help more than ever!*

*We offer a warm welcome to everyone and would love to get fresh, new ideas on what the PTA can do to raise funds for the school and our children but most of all, have the most FUN!*

*We will be asking for your feedback on how we can make the regular PTA meetings as accessible to everyone as possible. Your support, even an hour a month at the regular PTA meetings or volunteering for an event is truly appreciated.*

*If you have any questions or want to know more, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with us.*

Your PTA Committee.

Follow us on the PTA Facebook page for the latest information and events

Search for: St. Peter's School Newton PTA





## Second Hand ECO Shop



1.4 million wearable school uniforms are thrown away each year in the UK

Please donate any unwanted  
**UNIFORM**

If you have any good quality uniform that is no longer needed  
please wash and donate it via the box in the playground



To buy pre-loved uniform visit [pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta](https://pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta)  
or scan the QR code



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# 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 BOOKING](#)

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



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please see the details below for a **SCIENCE AND WONDER Event** which will be held in Emmanuel Church. This event is being organised and run by Revd Chris Stafford.

In addition to the **planetarium showings** there will be **science experiments** and **demonstrations** in zones covering light, perspective and forces; with **craft activities** running alongside.

**FREE**



## Free drop in Science and Wonder Afternoon

12noon to 4.30pm  
Saturday 28th October

*Suitable for families  
(children of 5 years or older)*

Planetarium

Science demos

Hands on experiments

Crafts

Refreshments

at Emmanuel Church  
Wargrave Rd, Newton-le-Willows. WA12 8RW  
[www.facebook.com/emmanuelwargravechurch](http://www.facebook.com/emmanuelwargravechurch)

### Space in the Planetarium

is allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Planetarium will be giving shows at the times below

12.15-12.40 show 1

12.45-13.10 show 2

13.15-13.40 show 3

13.45-14.15 show 4

break

14.30-14.55 show 5

15.00-15.30 show 6

15.35-16.00 show 7

16.05-16.30 show 8 (last one of the day)

You may wish to coordinate your visit  
with one of the above showings.

**REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED**

# SCHOOL OPEN DAY TOURS 2023-2024

Parent Open Tours will take place on the following dates:

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.

## 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 23rd October 2023

- Parents Evening Appointments (All Years)
- **CANCELLED TODAY** - Afterschool Sports Club: **YEAR 5 & 6 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)**
- **CANCELLED TODAY** - Girls Football After School Club: **YEAR 3 & 4 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)**

### Tuesday 24th October 2023

- Parents Evening Appointments (All Years)
- **CANCELLED TODAY** - Afterschool Sports Club: **YEAR 4 (3.30pm – 4.30pm)**

### Wednesday 25th October 2023

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

### Thursday 26th October 2023

- Neon Disco : Infants: 6.15pm – 7.00pm  
Juniors: 7.15pm – 8.00pm
- Afterschool Sports Club: **YEAR 3 (3.30-4.30pm)**
- Kidslingo Afterschool Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

### Friday 27th October 2023

- School closes for half term
- Afterschool Sports Club: **YEAR 1 (3.20pm – 4.15pm)**

### Monday 6th November 2023

- School re-opens after half term
- Mad Science starts afterschool: KS1: 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
KS2: CANCELLED DUE TO LOW NUMBERS

**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

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