

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

8th December 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

The festive run up is in full swing as we look forward to some fun activities over the next few weeks. This week, we were treated to a musical concert from our Rock Steady bands. The pupils put on a great rock concert and entertained a packed audience. Next week, we have our nativities, Christmas Dinner and Pantomime. Year 5 are visiting Hope Academy for the morning on Monday and our school choir are performing in Newton Library.

You will have received an email about our Christmas foodbank. A reminder that if you feel you need a little help this Christmas, do not hesitate to email into school. Further details can be found later in this newsletter.

Finally, a huge thankyou to the PTA for organising the second movie night this week. There wasn't a space on the floor to be seen, as over 100 children lounged out in their bedclothes and blankets whilst they watched Home Alone.

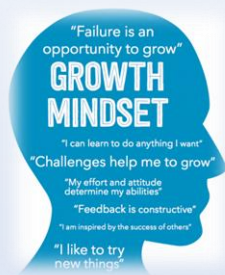
Please take the time to read this terms Rainbow Team newsletter we sent out this week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson
Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Arthur R
Year 1: Beau H
Year 2: Loki S
Year 3: Savannah H
Year 5: Anna R
Year 6: Rasmus K

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Florence H
Year 1: Aaron A
Year 2: Noah G
Year 3: Thomas S
Year 5: Niall B
Year 6: Declan M



VALUES AWARD

Reception: Millie A
Year 1: Charlotte G
Year 2: Dolly F
Year 3: Freddie L-G
Year 4: Oscar L
Year 5: Lucas T

COURAGE AWARD

Reception: Alice W
Year 1: Greyson C
Year 2: Gracie C
Year 3: James C
Year 4: Noah B
Year 5: Joseph B
Year 6: Jonah A



CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S



It's looking very festive in school at the moment. The staff worked hard last Friday after school to ensure the children arrived to a lovely Christmassy school on Monday morning. The children loved it!



ROCK STEADY CONCERT



We were treated to a magnificent rock concert this week by the children taking part in the Rock Steady Music School.

The hall was packed as 5 rock bands played extracts from some famous songs using electric guitars, drum kits, keyboards and some excellent singing.


Well done to everyone involved and we can't wait for the next concert at Easter.



WELL DONE VERITY



Verity Farrell

"Verity has been raising money for Little Princess Trust following her decision to cut her hair and donate her hair to the charity. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through certain conditions or illnesses. If you're able to, please can you donate anything you can afford to help Verity's cause "

Visit [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search 'Verity Farrell'

WELL DONE!



SCHOOL FAMILY HELP OVER CHRISTMAS



With the current economic situation still facing the country, some of our families may be facing some really difficult times and difficult choices this Christmas. With this in mind, and after the fantastic response last year, I am again requesting items of food, such as tinned and jars of food, food packets, pasta, cake, biscuits, confectionary, soft drinks and so on. These contributions will be split between families who email in requesting a hamper.

Requests for a hamper will be held in the strictest confidence and not be questioned.

Thank you to those who have already brought some goods in. If you think you can help, please bring in what you can to help all members of our school community.

We would like the voluntary contributions to come in on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December.

REMINDER



A reminder that dogs are not allowed on school premises during pick up and home time. This is a policy in all schools.



PTA Christmas Message

As the Christmas break approaches, the PTA would like to thank you for the support shown so far this year. We kicked off the year with amazing Neon Discos in October and followed this up with the Christmas movie nights held recently. The attendance at these events was phenomenal enabling us to raise much needed funds towards school resources.

This term we have been able to contribute £500 towards the Christmas Pantomime and purchased £500 worth of new books for the school library. Each child will also receive a selection box from Santa which has been funded by the PTA. We've also made a donation of over £2,000 towards the building work for the Eco hub.

Next week, PTA volunteers will be selling refreshments at the Christmas Nativities and the Church Carol Service. We will also be raffling the fantastic hamper of goodies, donated by Isaac and Leo, during the events and online (details to follow). All proceeds will be used towards further development of the eco hub.

We've got some great events planned for the new year, which will include the return of the Mother's Day shop and the introduction of a Father's Day shop too. So if you receive any unwanted gifts over Christmas we'd be really grateful if you could put them to one side and consider donating them for sale at these events.

We can't generate these funds for School without the support of you all, either through attendance at an event or volunteering your time to help – so thank you!

The PTA Committee



St Helens
Santa Dash
2023

DATE: SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023
TIME: 11AM START
VENUE: VICTORIA PARK, WA10 2UE
CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!

ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

What do I need to know?



HOW FAR? The route is 4km long.

DO I HAVE TO RUN? Absolutely not - this is a fun, family-friendly event. You can walk, jog or skip your way round.

HOW DO I REGISTER? You can register online by scanning the QR code to the left, or visit: <http://bit.ly/sthelenssantadash2023>

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR? Safe footwear is a must, then whatever you feel comfortable and are able to walk/jog in. Fancy dress is welcomed.

HOW MUCH IS IT TO ENTER? £5 for adults and £2 for children aged 5-18 years. Children under 5 are welcome free of charge. Every paying participant will receive a Santa hat to wear on route, plus a medal when you finish. If you would like a Santa hat and medal for a child under 5, you are welcome to pay the £2 if you wish. If you have any further questions, please phone the Active Lives & Sports Development Team on 01744 675403 or email markhurst@sthelens.gov.uk

THE BFY CHRISTMAS PARTY



**NEWTON FUNCTION ROOMS,
Patterson Street, Earlestown**

THIS EVENT IS **FREE** TO ALL CHILDREN OF N-LE-W
AGED 5 AND ABOVE

10TH DECEMBER, 12-3PM

ENTERTAINMENT



**PARTY GAMES
FREE RAFFLE
FOOD AND DRINK
THE ZANY BFY CREW
PRESENTS**



**FATHER AND MOTHER CHRISTMAS
MARTIN TURNER MUSIC**



If your child has been to our summer games or craft club, just inbox their name. Otherwise, a form can be sent to you.



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



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(INBOX OUR FB PAGE or
email businessforyouth.nlw@gmail.com)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MONDAY 11 th DECEMBER 2023		
Year 5 Christmas Workshop	Year 5	9.30am Hope Academy
Mad Science (Final session)	KS1	3.20 – 4.20pm
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 5 & 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
Girls Football Club	Year 4,5, 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
TUESDAY 12 th DECEMBER 2023		
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 4	3.30 – 4.30pm
LEGO Club (Final session)	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 13 th DECEMBER 2023		
KS1 Nativity	Reception, Year 1, Year 2	9.30am performance 6.30pm performance <i>(Entry via Little Foxes entrance. Please bring your ticket for admittance)</i>
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 2	3.20 – 4.15pm
STEM CLUB	Cancelled until further notice	
THURSDAY 14 th DECEMBER 2023		
Swimming	Year 6	No swimming today due to Christmas Pantomime
Christmas Pantomime	Whole school	In school time
KS1 Nativity	Reception, Year 1, Year 2	2.00pm performance <i>(Entry via Little Foxes entrance. Please bring your ticket for admittance)</i>
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 3	3.30 – 4.30pm
Kidslingo	Years 1,2,3	3.30 – 4.30pm
Sewing Club (Final session)	Year 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
FRIDAY 15 th DECEMBER 2023		
Christmas Jumper/Clothing Day Christmas Craft Day Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School	Children welcome to come to school wearing Christmas themed clothing.
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 1	3.20 – 4.15pm
LEGO Club (Final session)	Year 3,4,5,6	3.30 4.30pm

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

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



CHRISTMAS DATES

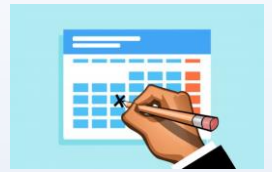
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DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 11 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i>
Wednesday 13 th December	Nativity – 9.30am <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i> Nativity – 6.30pm <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i>
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Pantomime
Thursday 14 th December	Nativity – 2.00pm <i>(Reception/Year 1/Year 2)</i>
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Craft Day Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service Practice <i>(Children only)</i>
Wednesday 20 th December	KS2 Carol Service – 2.00pm, St Peter's Church <i>(Parents welcome)</i>
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Party Day <i>(Children to come into school wearing Christmas themed clothing)</i> Breakfast with Santa



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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