

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

26th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

Yesterday, we were delighted to have received a letter, personally signed by the Rt. Hon Damian Hinds MP – Minister for Schools. The letter was to congratulate St Peter's for its outstanding work in teaching phonics, which put us in the top 3% of the country. He congratulated the staff and pupils' for this superb achievement. However, I would like to go further and thank the parents who ensure they listen to their children read regularly, attend our parent workshops, and invest in the processes and systems we have in place. St Peter's is also in the top 8% of all schools nationally for progress in reading when they leave school at the end of Year 6.

Last week, we started a term long rugby development programme with St Helen's Rugby League Football Club. Coaches will be coming in to take a PE session with some classes for half a term, giving the pupils specialised training. The classes involved have given very positive feedback so far and we look forward to continuing this relationship with 'The Saints' in the future.

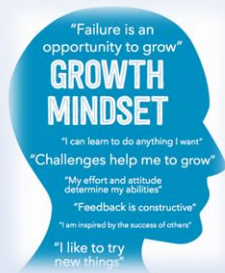
On Thursday, our Parent Forum met. We had very positive discussions about all things St Peter's, focussing on our Rainbow Team, school academic performance, and provision for personal development. I would like to thank those who attended. Your interest, thoughts and ideas about St Peter's are really valuable and help us to drive our school forward. We plan to hold the next one at a later time of 6pm to see if we can get more to attend. If you are interested in joining, please email me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Robinson
Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Isla R
Year 1: Anwen W
Year 2: Dexter B
Year 3: Erin S
Year 4: Jakob P-E
Year 5: Ava P
Year 6: Archie L

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Ellie L
Year 1: Zain K
Year 2: Hannah P
Year 3: James C
Year 4: Joseph G
Year 5: Eloise C
Year 6: Jonah A



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: George A

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Isla C

SILVER AWARD

Year 5: Joseph B

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Contact
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Please could we ask that you let the school office know in advance if your child has a medical appointment.

Even if you speak to a teacher on the playground, could we also ask you to contact the school office either in person, telephone call or email.

Sometimes there is a delay in messages being received in the office from the class teacher if you only speak to a teacher on the door. This will result in you being contacted by the office if we are unaware of the reason for absence.

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 be collecting/dropping off your child on the day of the appointment. This will ensure your child will receive a 'Medical' mark on the register.

NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER

Could we please politely remind parents not to send children into school with any food items containing nuts. We are a nut free school and have some children with nut allergies. Thank you.



On **Friday 2nd February 2024** we are supporting the charity NSPCC and asking **children to come to school ‘dressed up as digits’**.

Children may dress in their own clothes and wear numbers. Anything goes!

We kindly ask for a £1 donation to the charity, via School Money.



As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom for NSPCC Number Day.

The competition runs from **07:30 to 19:30 GMT on Friday 2nd February**. It's all done online via play.trockstars.com. Years 3 to 6 will take part.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below)).

Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player well-being, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

PTA Class Champion

We are currently not able to reach all year groups and we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to receive the same information.

We're looking for PTA Class Champions who can forward information onto your class WhatsApp group, Facebook page, etc.

Information such as:
Dates for the diary
Links to event bookings
Shout-outs for volunteers

Although it would be great if the PTA Class Champions could attend the PTA meetings, there is no obligation, as the information will be sent via a dedicated WhatsApp group (or emailed, if requested).

If you are interested, please email stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk



Re-gifting

We've got some great events planned this 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've received 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.



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 29th JANUARY 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 5 & 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
PTA Meeting (Re-scheduled from last week)	All welcome	6.30pm at the Riddling Rack

TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 4	3.30 – 4.30pm
LEGO Club	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm

WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY 2024

Crucial Crew Trip	Year 5	During school time - AM
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 2	3.20 – 4.15pm

THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2024

Swimming	Year 5	Please remember to bring swimming costume and a towel in a separate bag.
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 3	3.30 – 4.30pm
Sewing Club	Year 5 & 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
Kidslingo	Year 1,2,3	3.30 – 4.30pm

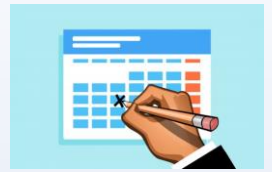
FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2024

NUMBER DAY	Whole School	Children welcome to come to school dressed up as digits. £1.00 donation to NSPCC via School Money system (we are unable to take cash in school).
Mad Science	KS2	3.30 – 4.30pm
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 1	3.15 – 4.20pm
LEGO Club	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.

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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