



The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

2nd February 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have had another busy week in school this week, concluding with Number Day today. It has been lovely to see all the children getting creative with their 'dress up as digits' outfits. All money donations we have collected for today will be going to the NSPCC.

On Wednesday, Year 5 attended the Crucial Crew event in St Helens where they had a thoroughly enjoyable morning learning about 'personal safety', including in the home, around water, on the roads and online.

As we approach our final week before half term we have the annual Young Voices event for Year 6 on Monday and Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. We also have the final swimming session for Year 5 next week, with Year 3 starting swimming on the first Thursday back after half term.

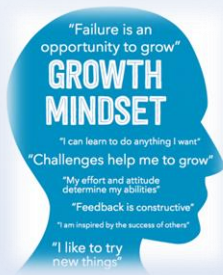
We will break up for February half term next Friday (9th February), returning on Monday 19th February.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Robinson
Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Florence H
Year 1: Charlotte G
Year 2: Emily S
Year 3: Elsie H
Year 4: Arne T
Year 5: Freya T-E
Year 6: Tiana R

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Lucia L
Year 1: Leo L
Year 2: Andre L
Year 3: Morrie E
Year 4: Ella T
Year 5: Sophie E
Year 6: Noah S



VALUES AWARD

Year 4: Evie B
Year 5: Isla C

COURAGE AWARD

Year 3: Thomas S
Year 4: Alanna N
Year 5: Eleanor C
Year 6: Fynden A

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Contact
US

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.



ENVIRONMENTAL HUB

BIRD AND BAT BOX BUILD

In the next week or so the PTA will be selling a limited number of bird and bat box projects for the Environmental Hub.

The boxes will be flat-packed and pre-cut with instructions on how to assemble them. The only tools required will be a screwdriver and a hammer!

Once assembled, the bird and bat boxes would be returned to school where they will be put up around the Environmental Hub site to support a diverse range of wildlife.

There will be lots of opportunities to get involved and support the Environmental Hub so please keep watching out on School Spider and the PTA Facebook page.

BARBECUE WANTED

The trusty PTA barbecue has seen it's last Summer Fun Day!

If you have a large, charcoal barbecue that you don't need anymore and would like to donate it to the PTA, please email us: stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you!





Mother's Day Shop



After the success of the Mother's Day shop last year we would love to hold it again this year.

We would like to request donations for Mother's Day gifts that will be sold ranging from £1 - £5.

Although wine/alcohol may be a welcome gift unfortunately, we cannot sell it at the Mother's Day shop.

The shop will be held during school time and each child will have the opportunity to come and buy something.

Donations and non-uniform day
Friday 23rd February

Mother's Day shop
Friday 1st March

Can you help?

We need your help setting up and running the Mother's Day shop in the School Hall. If you're able to help on Friday 1st March from 1pm, please sign up via PTA 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 5th February 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 5 & 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
Young Voices	Year 6	Coach leaving school at 12.30pm Return pick up at 9.00pm

TUESDAY 6th February 2024

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

WEDNESDAY 7th February 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 2	3.20 – 4.15pm
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THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2024

Swimming	Year 5 – last session	Please remember to bring swimming costume and a towel in a separate bag.
Book Club	Mrs Ainsworth	3.30 – 4.30pm
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 9th FEBRUARY 2024

Mad Science	KS2 – last session	3.30 – 4.30pm
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 1	3.15 – 4.20pm
LEGO Club	Year 3,4,5,6	3.30 – 4.30pm

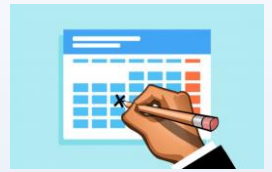
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2024

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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