



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

23rd February 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD
TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you had a lovely half term with your children, they have all returned to school keen and eager to learn.

It has been lovely to walk around school this week and feel a real buzz of excitement as children started their new topics. Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed beginning their new PE topic, Rugby, delivered by Saints players. Pirates have taken over in Reception and the children have been busy making their own pirate treasure. There has been enthusiasm and a lot of talk from the Year 1 and Year 3 children about their new History topics and both classes looked at artefacts from the time period they are studying to try to gain an understanding of what life was like or events that happened during this time. It was lovely to see our Year 6 computing ambassadors supporting in Year 2's Computing lesson on Thursday, the children were being influencers and made videos about how to stay safe online. Caribbean Poetry has been a hit in Year 4 this week as they produced some lovely work based on Windrush Empire Poetry and Year 6 have had an exciting start to their Gymnastics lessons in PE! What a busy and exciting start to the half term.

Thank you for your generosity with your donations towards the Mothers Day shop, they are all very much appreciated. The shop will be next Friday afternoon and the children will all love the huge choice they have to purchase a gift for the special lady in their life!

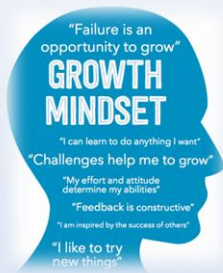
Superstars will begin again next week, both at lunch times and the after school sessions.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to another exciting week of learning next week.

Mrs Colley
Deputy Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Pippa S
Year 1: Joseph H
Year 2: Jack G
Year 3: Jessica F
Year 4: Charlie K
Year 5: Heidi H
Year 6: Lewis J

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Jude N
Year 1: Ava Rose G
Year 2: Imogen C
Year 3: Luis A
Year 4: Sophie R
Year 5: Joseph B
Year 6: Jorgie W



VALUES AWARD

Year 4: Harry F
Year 5: Tilly C

COURAGE AWARD

Reception: Lucia L
Year 1: Charlotte G
Year 2: Loki S
Year 3: Thomas S
Year 4: Charlie K
Year 5: Eric P
Year 6: Lotti M

GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



St. Peter's Geography Competition

Take a look at the following links that give ideas about sustainability and protecting our Earth.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zshp34j/articles/zpr3bqt#ztpg4xs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zshp34j/articles/zrsbn9q#zpqjxg8>



Protecting our Earth

Design a poster giving your ideas about how people can protect our planet.



Entries should be handed in to your class teacher (or emailed to the school office: stpeter@sthelens.org.uk) by **1pm on Friday 15th March..**

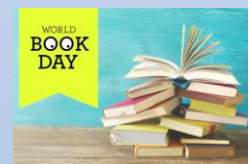
Prize winners will be announced during assembly the following week.

Good luck- we can't wait to see your ideas for a sustainable world!



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2024



This year's theme for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March is 'Once Upon a time.....'

We invite children to dress-up to mark the occasion. Many younger children may already have fairy tale character costumes at home or perhaps you could revamp a witch or pumpkin costume. Simple costumes could include pink t-shirts and ears (3 Little pigs!) or decorated green t-shirt (a beanstalk!)

We will also be running a competition to complete at home! We would like families to decorate pebbles with this year's theme to create a fairytale rockery garden near the toadstools on the playground. Please ensure they are weatherproof! Each entry goes into a draw to win book tokens to spend at the scholastic book fair, which will be taking place from 6th March.



Calling all STEM professionals.

As part of an initiative, to increase the science capital of our students, and expose them to a broader range of career options, we would love STEM professionals to come into our science lessons and tell us a bit about how our learning is used or useful in your career.

Please see the science curriculum overview for the rest of the year below. If you think you can add value to any of those topic areas, please email school at: stpeter@sthelens.org.uk

Class	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
Year R	Seasons- Winter to Spring Sea life and land creatures- how are they different? What can you find in rock pools in the UK?	Seasons- What is happening to plants and trees? What comes from an egg? Amphibians Life cycles	Seasons- What happens in the Summer? Plants- Life cycles Floating and sinking
Year 1	Biology- What are bodies and what can they do? (Body parts and senses)	Biology – what is alive? (Common plants and animals locally and abroad)	Biology- Does our world change or stay the same? (Seasonal changes)
Year 2	Biology- What do living things need to survive and stay healthy? (Food, shelter and hygiene)	Biology- What do living things need to survive and stay healthy? (Plants and animals)	Consolidation (Materials- choosing, changing, and manipulating)
Year 3	Biology- Do living things need different things to survive? (Plant and animal nutrition)	Physics- What is the dark? (Light, reflection, shadows)	Consolidation (Rocks, magnets, skeletal system)
Year 4	Biology- Living things (Vertebrate classification)	Biology- What do our bodies do with the food we eat? (Digestive system and teeth)	Consolidation (States of matter, sound, and electricity)
Year 5	Biology- Do all life cycles look the same? (Mammals, reptiles and amphibians)	Biology- How do our bodies change as we grow older? (Puberty, adulthood and old age)	Consolidation (Forces, Space, reversible and irreversible changes)
Year 6	Biology- How do living things change over time (inheritance and evolution)	Physics- How do we see? (Light, and eyes)	Physics- Can we vary the effects of electricity?

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

There will be a School Nurse Drop-In Session taking place on:

FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024

The nurse will be available for appointments between 9.15am – 10.15pm. Appointments are 15 minute slots.

Further details regarding the kinds of support and advice the School Nursing team can provide will be sent out via School Spider.

If you would like to make an appointment to see the school nurse please contact the school office to book.



UNIFORM STANDARDS

A letter has been sent home to parents/carers this week regarding our school uniform expectations and standards. As a school it is extremely important that we maintain our uniform standards in order to retain our school's identity. Our uniform reinforces who we are as a community and helps to allow pupils to feel pride in their school.

Please could you ensure your child wears full uniform at all times.

Our uniform policy can be found on our website.

ADVANCED NOTICE

**The Big Bake Sale
In aid of RSPCA**

Cupcakes

Cookies

TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2024

Everything £1 Each

Year 5 girls will be holding a bake sale in school on Tuesday 12th March. Children are invited to bring in money to buy one cake at breaktime.

If there are any cakes left over these will be sold after school on the playground.



Biscuits



COMMUNITY NOTICES
St Peter's Mothers' Union



FAMILY BOARDGAMES

BOARDGAMES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

St Peter's Mothers' Union will be holding a morning of Boardgames for Parents and Children in the Church Annexe on:

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2024

FROM: 10.00 am

TO: 12.00 Noon

(Arrive and depart at any time between the times above)

An opportunity to have fun with friends.

All welcome. Games provided
There is no charge.



**Please note the above change of date
from the original advertisement**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Home Start, St Helens



Working alongside families

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heartbreaking and overwhelming.

Life-changing events can happen to anyone. All parents struggle at one time or another. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times.

Home-Start volunteers support families with individual one-to-one home-visiting support.

We support families with:

- Poor mental health
- Depression and anxiety
- Financial worries
- Behaviour and boundaries
- Routines
- Reducing isolation

Just two hours a week can make a big difference to a parent and their children.

We work with families to build on their strengths and give them the support they tell us they need.

Local services

We work with families in a range of ways, and use the approach they think will give them the best support. This includes:

- Home-visiting support
- School Readiness
- Young person support
- Sleep support
- Walk and talk group

All our services are based around the principal that volunteers offer no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help and support.

"With the support of a Home-Start volunteer, I learned how to interact and play with my son, put boundaries in place, and create a safe and secure home. After Home-Start helped to change my life, I decided I wanted to become a volunteer for the charity".

— Louise

Contact us today to find out more about how Home-Start works with families

homestartsthelens.org.uk
01744 737400



Parents supporting parents

Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are trained and given expert support from the local Home-Start in their community.

To find out more about volunteering for Home-Start visit www.homestartsthelens.org.uk

We help families from all backgrounds through their most challenging times

To find out more about Home-Start visit www.homestartsthelens.org.uk or 01744 737400



**HOME
START**
St Helens

Charity no. 1150988

Peter Street Community Centre, Peter Street, ST HELENS, WA10 2EQ



Because childhood can't wait

The earliest years make the biggest impact: Home-Start make sure those years count so that no child's future is limited.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Sleep Charity



ST HELENS
CARES

thesleepcharity.org.uk

Sleep Charity Referral for St Helens Sleep Pathway

Your chance to work directly with our sleep practitioners who are here to help you and your child sleep better



Use the following QR code or link to book one of our 1-2-1 sleep clinic appointments, available via telephone or video calls

<https://ecv.microsoft.com/C35gdvbYBj>

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?

Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for poor sleep and how you can help to improve your child's sleep

To book, please contact brian@thesleepcharity.org.uk

For more information on the local St Helens sleep pathway and accessing support, or for any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre

Children's information support available here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am





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 26th February 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 5 and Year 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
Girls Football with Mrs Grace	Year 3 and Year 4	3.30 – 4.30pm

TUESDAY 27th February 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 4	3.30 – 4.30pm
LEGO Club	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm
Confirmation Class	Year 5 & 6 (Pupils on the list only)	3.30 – 4.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28th February 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 2	2.15 – 4.15pm
STEM CLUB	Year 5 and 6 – Pupils will be informed if they have a place.	3.30 – 4.30pm

THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY 2024

Swimming	Year 3	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

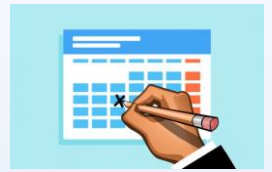
FRIDAY 1st March 2024

Mothers Day Shop	Whole School	In School time
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 1	3.15 – 4.15pm
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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