

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

1st March 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had another busy week in school starting with Year 3 managing to escape the rain and get across to the field for their Science lesson on Monday to further their learning on plants. This week has been a mock SAT week for our Year 6's, the children have approached each test with a sensible, mature attitude. We are very proud of them. Well done to Year 6!

Thanks to all the Reception Parents who have volunteered to come into school and speak to the Reception children about their jobs, the children have thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a lot.

Our wonderful PTA held their Mother's Day shop today, the children enjoyed purchasing gifts for the special ladies in their lives. Thanks to the PTA for organising this for our children.

World Book Day is next Thursday, I can't wait to see the 'Once Upon a Time' inspired costumes and activities.

Last week, a letter was sent out regarding our Uniform expectations; can I please reinforce all long hair is to be tied back and no jewellery is allowed. This is the same for non-uniform days, too.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday.

Mrs Colley

Deputy Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Alfie H
Year 1: Leo L
Year 2: Alfie H
Year 3: Henry L
Year 4: Ella T
Year 5: Annabelle S
Year 6: Frazer P

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Sebastian P-E
Year 1: Kayden T
Year 2: Theo McP
Year 3: Theo R
Year 4: Kian F-S
Year 5: Lucas T
Year 6: Rasmus K



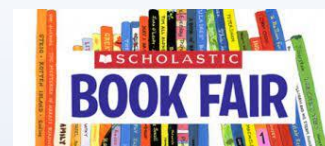
VALUES AWARD

Year 3: Verity F
Year 4: Jakob P-E
Year 5: Ivy L

COURAGE AWARD

Year 4: Jacob F
Year 5: Emilia W

ST PETER'S BOOK FAIR SPRING 2024



Come and join us at our School Book Fair

On the

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



TUESDAY 5th MARCH – FRIDAY 8th MARCH

Before School: 8.45 – 9.00am

After School: 3.25 – 4.00pm



**Card payments
only**



ACHIEVEMENTS



WELL DONE!

Well done to Ferne in Year 5 who is currently volunteering at a Newton community based food project called DAW12. Ferne has been volunteering with them since October 2023. Volunteers collect surplus food from venues that is too good to go into landfills. The food items are then distributed within the local community.

In the February half term, DAWA12 opened its own “Hub” in Earlestown where it was officially opened by the local councillor Seve Gomez-Aspron and the St Helens Mayoress Lynn Clarke. The hub is open 7 evenings a week and for 2 hours during the day weekly.

The food share is open to all and is not financially assessed. Anyone is welcome to visit the Hub and have a bag of food for the price of a £1! The money goes towards the local charity.

WELL DONE Ferne for volunteering to be part of the food share scheme. We are really proud of you for your community spirit, for being part of saving food for the environment and for helping people who may be struggling with the rising costs of foods.



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.



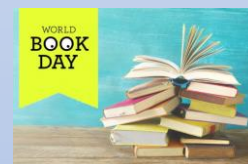
Entries should be handed in to your class teacher (or emailed to the school office: stpeter@sthelens.org.uk) by **1pm on Friday 15th March..**

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. Please ensure they are weatherproof! Each entry goes into a draw to win book tokens to spend at the scholastic book fair.

Further details regarding Book Day have been sent home today via School Spider.

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.

YEAR 6 – PARENT SATS MEETING

Mr Badley will be holding a Year 6 SATs meeting for all Year 6 parents on **Monday 18th March**. This will take place immediately after school finishes. The meeting will be to explain what SATs are, when they are, and how to prepare for them. All Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.



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?



BAG 2 SCHOOL

NEXT COLLECTION Tuesday 19th March

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to raise funds for St Peter's whilst having a good sort through your wardrobes. You can donate unwanted textiles that can include:

- ** adults' and children's clothes,
- ** shoes (tied together please),
- ** hats,
- ** belts,
- ** handbags
- ** soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details).



Thanks for your continued support the PTA



The Big Bake Sale In aid of RSPCA



Cupcakes

TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2024

Everything £1 Each

Cookies

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**



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 4th March 2024

Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 5 and Year 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
Girls Football with Mrs Grace	Year 3 and Year 4 - CANCELLED	3.30 – 4.30pm
Aqualease Rockpool Experience	Reception	During the school day

TUESDAY 5th March 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
School Book Fair	All Years	Before school: 8.45 - 9.00am After school: 3.15 – 4.00pm (Card payments only)

WEDNESDAY 6th March 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
School Book Fair	All Years	Before school: 8.45 – 9.00am After school: 3.15 – 4.00pm (Card payments only)

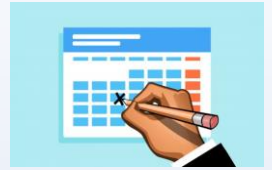
THURSDAY 7th March 2024

World Book Day	All Years	Wear World Book Day Costumes
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
School Book Fair	All Years	Before school: 8.45 – 9.00am After school: 3.15 – 4.00pm (Card payments only)

FRIDAY 8th 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
School Book Fair	All Years	Before school: 8.45 – 9.00am After school: 3.15 – 4.00pm (Card payments only)

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.

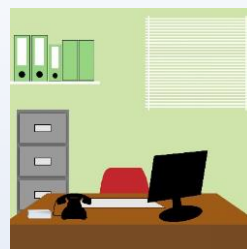
HOLIDAY REQUESTS

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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