

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

8th March 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another great week we have had at St. Peter's it has, again, been lovely to see the love of learning and excitement around school.

Yesterday's World Book Day was an exciting day for our children. This year we decided on the theme of 'Once Upon A Time'. Children were asked to dress up as a fairy tale character and they all looked amazing! We had Snow Whites, wolves, mirrors, Alice in Wonderland, Queen of Hearts...the list is endless! Thank you to the parents for their efforts with their child's costume. We celebrated the joy of Fairy Stories and Traditional Tales; older children read their favourite stories to younger pupils and there was a 'Fairy Tale Trail' on the playground. In classes, we looked closer at this much-loved genre and listened to some 'twisted' versions. Thank you to Mrs Ainsworth for organising such a great day!

The Book Fair has also been a huge success this week, thanks to everyone who bought a book or books. It will help to purchase new books for our school library and so your support is very much appreciated.

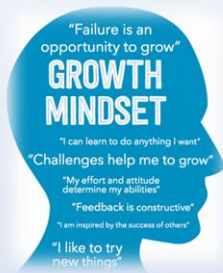
Next Friday (15th March) is Comic Relief, we are asking children to simply dress in red and make a donation (online) towards this very worthy charity. As always, thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Colley
Deputy Headteacher



Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Jack W
Year 1: Bradley S
Year 2: Ella Q
Year 3: Harrison D
Year 4: Effie T
Year 5: Eloise C
Year 6: Ruby P

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Arthur R
Year 1: Alex Z
Year 2: Kensie A
Year 3: Oliver H
Year 4: Jacob F
Year 5: Sophie Ed
Year 6: Daniel S



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Annabelle S

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Seth B

GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



St. Peter's Geography Competition

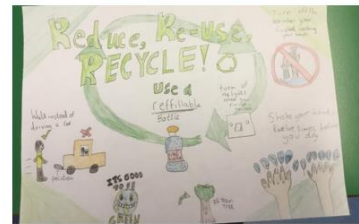
Take a look at the following links that give ideas about sustainability and protecting our Earth.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zshp34j/articles/zpr3bqt#ztpg4xs>

<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!

COMIC RELIEF – WEAR RED DAY FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2024



In support of Comic Relief we will be inviting all children to come into school wearing something **RED** on **Friday 15th March 2024**. This could be a red t-shirt, red jumper, red socks etc. No uniform is required for this day.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of a £1.00 which will be sent to the Comic Relief charity. As a cashless school, payment for this donation will need to be made through School Money.

Thank you.

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.



POLITE REMINDERS



NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



Please could we remind Parents and Carers that **no dogs are allowed on the school playground**. Parents waiting outside of the playground with dogs should ensure that their dog is on a secure lead.



LEARNING SHEDS



Please could we politely ask Parents and Carers not to allow their children to play in the learning sheds on the playground during school drop of and collection. In particular when younger children are waiting for juniors to finish school.



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



Together, we raised
for the School...

£739.40

Mother's Day Shop

Thank you!

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!





St Peter's C.E.
Primary School

PTA MEETING

**Monday
11th March**

Location: Pied Bull

Time: 6:30pm

Our Agenda

- Read-a-thon
- Summer Fun Day 2024



St Peter's Newton PTA



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 9th 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.





COFFEE AFTERNOON

As part of the Family Hub

IASS COFFEE AFTERNOON PARENTS/CARERS WHO HAVE CHILDREN/YOUNG PERSON WITH A SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEED.

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT SUTTON FAMILY HUB
SUTTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE ELLAMSBIDGE ROAD**

ST HELENS WA9 3PY

MONDAYS 1PM – 3PM



IASS WILL BE ON HAND TO OFFER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT OFFER CHILD CARE

IASS LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

INFORMATION NOTICE

ST Helens IASS

What do parents say about us?

"My life, my son's life and our family, have been transformed by the help and advice by St.Helens IASS. As I continue to use the service, I know I am in good hands by people passionate about their work."

"St.Helens IASS has been able to ask the relevant questions needed to get the support and help for my child."

"there was so much I didn't know before St.Helens IASS's involvement and advice, I feel better having someone from the service at school meetings."

Who to contact

Confidential help line:
01744 673428

Email:
IASS@sthelens.gov.uk

Website:
www.sthelens.gov.uk/send/st-helens-iass-information-advice-and-support-service/

Please contact us to request translation of Council information into Braille, audio tape or a foreign language.



A valuable source of advice and information offering support to parents/carers/young people by listening to their concerns around SEND.



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St.Helens



Information Advice and Support Service

Supporting families of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

St.Helens IASS (Information Advice and Support Service) is a statutory service. It is a partnership between parents/carers/young people, the voluntary sector and the Children and Young People's Service (CYPS).

St.Helens IASS provides impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers.

St.Helens IASS covers all aspects of education, social care and health related to SEND.

A child/young person does not need a formal diagnosis, we can help if you feel there is a Special Educational Need (SEN).

St.Helens IASS can assist in a variety of ways.

We provide:

- Up to date information on SEN
- Training for parents
- Training for professionals
- Support for parents
- A confidential Helpline
- Explanation of educational procedures
- Support for parents/carers with form filling
- Support for children and young people up to 25 years of age



Education, Health and Care Plans – specific support

St.Helens IASS can talk you through the steps of the Education Health and Care (EHC) Plans needs assessment process and answer any questions you may have.

St.Helens IASS can also support you through the process by offering appointments to review your contributions to the EHC needs assessment or creating a child/young persons profile.

St.Helens IASS can offer information, advice and support around what to do if you are not satisfied with a decision made about whether to carry out a EHCP or decisions made during/after the assessment process.

St.Helens IASS offers information, advice and support both before and after a child or young person has begun the process for an EHC Plan as well as to children/young people that receive support without an EHC Plan.

St.Helens IASS offers Independent Support

We can help with:

- Preparing questions
- Explaining documents
- Taking notes at meetings
- Accompanying parents/carers/young people to view schools
- Finding out answers
- Listening to problems concerning education
- Supporting parent groups
- Attending meetings
- Completing forms

St.Helens IASS also have legally trained Independent Supporters (IS) who can support parents and young people through the 20 week EHC needs assessment process.





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 11th 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
PTA Meeting	Pied Bull – All welcome	6.30pm
Mrs Colley – Afterschool Reading Booster	Year	CANCELLED (Taking place Thursday lunchtime instead)

TUESDAY 12th 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

WEDNESDAY 13th 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

THURSDAY 14th March 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

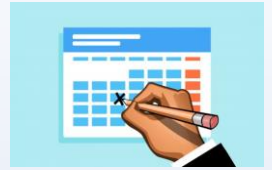
FRIDAY 15th March 2024

Wear RED day in aid of Comic Relief	Whole School	Children are inviting to come into school wearing something RED . No uniform is required today.
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.

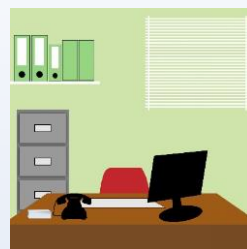
HOLIDAY REQUESTS

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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