



**ST PETER'S**  
C.E. Primary School



# The Keys Newsletter

## Messages from St Peter's

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of term, our final full week has been busy with parents' evenings, a Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening. I take great joy in watching parents looking through children's books, looking at their progress, no matter how small or large and smiling at the things they write. It is always an exhausting time for teachers; however, it is important to discuss pupils progress academically and about their personal development, ensuring that the partnership between home and school remains strong.

On Sunday, we have 15 children who are being confirmed at St Peter's Church. I am looking forward to watching them all take their next steps in their journey of faith. I am sure we all wish them well and have a lovely time.

This term has brought many highlights and achievements, here are just a few:

- ❖ The arrival of the Eco Hub
- ❖ A letter from the Minister for Education congratulating us on our outstanding phonics results
- ❖ Cake sales for charity
- ❖ Red Nose Day
- ❖ World Book Day
- ❖ PTA events such as the Mother's Day shop
- ❖ Confirmation classes for Year 5 and 6
- ❖ Internet Safety Day
- ❖ School trips, such as Young Voices
- ❖ School tournaments
- ❖ St Helens Rugby Football Club
- ❖ Number Day
- ❖ School visitors such as the Sea Cadets
- ❖ New after school clubs such as Lego, sewing, Mad Science, chess and reading
- ❖ Competitions
- ❖ Book Fair

Plus, much more....

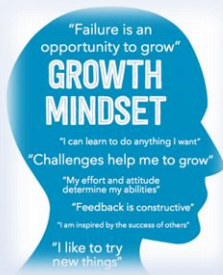
**A reminder that our last day is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March.**

Finally, could I thank you for all the cards, well wishes and enquiries to how I was over the past weeks. It was comforting to hear from the school community, and I received a warm reception from the children on my first day back. We really do have a lovely school and one I feel blessed to be a part of.

Have a restful Easter,  
Mr Robinson



# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Joseph S  
Year 1: Penny McC  
Year 2: Ella N  
Year 3: James C  
Year 4: Kian F-S  
Year 5: Isaac H-S  
Year 6: Darcey T

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Pippa S  
Year 1: Hollie C  
Year 2: Mia N  
Year 3: Hugo C  
Year 4: Joseph G  
Year 5: Zachary W  
Year 6: Jorja R- W



## VALUES AWARD

Year 3:  
Year 5: Heidi H  
Year 6:

## COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Lalitha S



# Ogden Partnership Competition – INSPIRATIONAL SCIENTISTS



The  
Ogden Trust School  
Partnership

## Spring 2024 Ogden Partnership Competition.

Last year, you wowed us with your entries on the theme *What does Space mean to you?*

You can see a video of the winning entries on our school website.

This year, our theme is *Inspirational Scientists*. Entries could be fold out boxes, within boxes, posters, books, display boards, presentations, or anything else you can think of. The more exciting and engaging, the better.

We want to know about a scientist that has inspired you (this could be someone you have read about, met, are related to: anyone!). Who are they? What have they achieved? How have they affected our lives in a positive way?



Judging will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Winning entries will receive Amazon vouchers provided by our Ogden Trust Partnership and will be displayed alongside the winning entries of other schools.



# Competition



## ECO Hub Resource Library Request

We are looking to create a resource library within our Eco Hub for pupils to access.

If anyone has any books, posters, maps or pamphlets in good condition that they no longer require on wildlife, trees, weather, climate change, eco issues, bird spotting, gardening, wild flowers and so on, they would be gratefully received.

Thank you





## PTA NOTICES – EASTER RAFFLE



Please return your tickets to school  
Raffle draw takes place : 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**WIN AMAZING PRIZES!**

Easter eggs, chocolates, cuddly toys & more!

**£1 per ticket**

Tickets to be sent home 15th March.

Please send money & ticket (with name and class) into school in a sealed envelope or buy via PTA events/ QR code.

**Draw: 26/03/24**

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**Easter Raffle**

### Easter Raffle Prizes

**1st prize:** Large cuddly bunny, Kinder chocolate figures, Easter bingo and large Smartie and Dairy Milk eggs.

**2nd prize:** Medium cuddly chick, Easter bingo, Mini Eggs large egg and small chocolate Kinder Bunny.

**3rd prize:** Easter egg stack (6 eggs).

**4th prize:** Easter basket with 3 soft toys and a packet of Malteser bunnies.





## 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



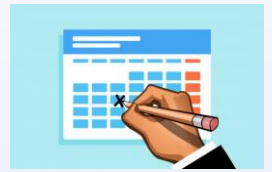
MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024		
Rock Steady Concert	By invitation from Rock Steady	2.15pm
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 5 and Year 6	3.30 – 4.30pm
Girls Football with Mrs Grace	Year 3 and Year 4 -	3.30 – 4.30pm
TUESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024		
YEAR 6 Trip to Tatton Hall	CANCELLED	
Sports Club (Superstars)	Year 4	3.30 – 4.30pm
LEGO Club	Year 1 & 2	3.15 – 4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 FINISHES FOR EASTER HOLIDYS	Whole school	
THURSDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024		
INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
FRIDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024		
GOOD FRIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	
School re-opens after holidays	Whole school returns	

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Year 4 will be going swimming after Easter commencing on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto: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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