



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

15th October 2021

Message from St Peter's

Dear Parent / carer,

This week I received an email about our Early Years Quality Mark Inspection we had a few weeks ago. I am delighted to inform you that St Peter's has now achieved the Early Year Quality Mark, which is a national accreditation for our Early Years Foundation Stage provision. You will find the report on the website and makes great reading. This award is in addition to our recent Basic Skills Quality Award, Music Mark, Primary Science Quality Mark, National Online Safety Accreditation, UNICEF Rights Respecting and a new Youth Sports Trust Accreditation.

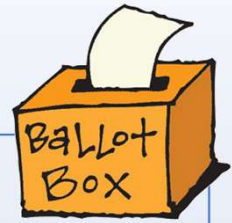
As many of you will know the school was significantly underperforming when I arrived three years ago, with results at the end of Key Stage 2 consistently below the national average. With the introduction of a new and rigorous inspection framework, achieving the grading of nine years ago will be extraordinarily difficult to say the least. However, please be reassured that, the staff, the children and whole school community are working together to continually raise standards in all aspects of our school and the plethora of awards and quality marks shows how much progress has been made. School Parent surveys and Pupil Voice surveys are overwhelmingly positive, and you can find these on our website along with everything else that happens in school.

Unfortunately, the local authority has told us that face-to-face meetings with parents are still not on the agenda and so for the moment, we will continue with Microsoft Teams and phone calls for parents evening. Details will follow next week, where you will be able to choose your preferences for dates, times and method of meeting. Hopefully, one day this will all be over!

Last week, I issued for Key Stage 2 the St Peter's Award Scheme. The children seemed engaged, and we hope that by the end of the year, I am handing over many Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates. On Monday I delivered a Key Stage 2 assembly about relationships online, what constitutes online bullying, how group chat conversations can get out of hand, and what to do if you don't know the person who is trying to talk to you. The children's self-awareness was very pleasing to hear and I will continue to drive home the message about how to enjoy the use of mobile and online appliances and be safe.

Kind regards
Mr Robinson

Governor News



Congratulations to our newly elected Parent Governors Ian Prashar and Lucy Callaghan. We welcome them in to our very hard working group of governors and trust that they can provide a new perspective, show enthusiasm and community spirit in the tasks ahead.

Many thanks to all those parents who stood in the election, it was heartening to see how many people showed an interest and were willing to devote time and effort to helping our school family move forward.

PTA NEWS

NEON DISCO

Thursday 21st October

6.15pm – 7pm Infants

7.15pm – 6pm Juniors

A chance for the children to show off their dance moves and celebrate the end of the half term. Hot Dogs, 'Pick & Mix' sweets and drinks will be on sale and neon face painting will also be available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you could spare a bit of time to come along and help out at the event please email stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk



LOTTERY

150 CLUB

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

The 150 Club is a monthly fund raising lottery draw, run by the PTA.

Each number costs £12 per year and every number purchased is entered into a monthly prize draw, so, the more numbers you have the greater the chance you have to win!

1st Prize £20
2nd Prize £10

To join, please email pta150club@gmail.com with the following information:

- Your name
- Email Address
- How many numbers you would like
- Confirmation of amount paid by BACS and reference (usually surname)

Please pay £12 per number by BACS to Lloyds -ST PETERS SCHOOL NEWTON PTA account no. 15726568 sort code 30-98-90 please reference surname.

GOOD LUCK!

LOTTERY RULES - The lottery is open to all PTA members (participants must be over the age of 18). Draw numbers are allocated and cannot be chosen, you will be informed of your numbers by email. You are allocated your number(s) for 12 months. There are 11 draws each year. An annual payment of £12 per number is due at the start of the school year by BACS. The draw will take place at the end of each month using a random number generator. Winners will be informed via email. Cancellation of membership may be done at the end of the school year.

E-Safety Alert-Squid Game

It is coming to our attention that some of the children are aware of, and accessing, Squid Game. Squid Game is set to be Netflix's most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

Please follow the link to National Online Safety and find out more about how you can further protect your children online.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know?fbclid=IwAR3LynRZtYVJ86SdrLdomlQacjFxDHGr1dep24DZeweuwwmtoOwPSOrLfo>



Thank you to all those who have completed the E-form to advise if you wish your child to have the flu vaccination. **We understand that some people may not want to take up this offer and we ask that you still complete the form and choose that you do not want your child to receive it.**

This will take place Thursday 18th November during school hours.

<https://forms.merseycare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination>



Please be aware that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea it is 48 hours from the last incident before they can return to school. Please remind your child that hand hygiene is extremely important, not just for Covid reasons and to continue washing their hands even if they are not in school. Thank you

New Reception Tours

We will be holding tours of school for those children who are due to start Reception in September 2022.

All of these tours will take place out of school hours.

Please telephone 01744 678630 or

Email stpeter@sthelens.org.uk to book a place

1. Monday 8th Nov 4.30pm
2. Wednesday 1st Dec 4.30pm.

Please note there is a limited number allowed on each tour so booking is advisable.

Thank you

Poppies

When we return after half term we will be selling poppies in school. We will have the stick on ones for the infants and the regular ones for the juniors.



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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Covid-19

Can we please stress if you or a member of your household show any symptoms of Covid-19 **you must remain at home and get a test.**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/or> by phoning 111

If you or your children have any symptoms you MUST take a PCR test not a Lateral Flow Test

To arrange a test call 119 or go to the website <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Further information is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>