



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



# The Keys Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Message from St Peter's

This week we have been concentrating on the act of remembrance. If you follow our Facebook site, you will see plenty of pictures that show what we have been teaching and also what, who and why we remember. Our focus this year was on the Great War. As you know, Norman Harvey VC went to this school and was awarded the highest military award for storming machine gun nests that fired 600 bullets a minute, not once but twice. He captured over 20 prisoners and saved many lives. Norman is in our curriculum and this year we talked about life in WW1 in our remembrance service and the sacrifice. Thirty-four ex pupils and a teacher died fighting in the war and remembered them by saying each of their names out loud. We have also had our bronze memorial plaque reconditioned by a family who have now left us. Thank you to Mr Parfrey and we will have more on this in due course.

The kitchen staff put on a lovely display of remembrance with special cakes and decorations and our waterfall of poppies that made it into the St Helens Star, is back up for all to see at the front of the building.

Today we have had a photographer come into school. First, he completed a whole school assembly about WW1 and then worked with Year 2 dressing them up in costumes. The pictures, which were taken by some of our Year 6 children under instruction, will be used to produce a hardback book with the images made to look like they were really taken in 1914. They had a great time and it was lovely to hear our children talk in detail about what they had learned in history lesson.

On Sunday, the school will be laying two wreaths, one in St Peter's church and one at the Cenotaph in Earlestown. We will be accompanied by our head and deputy girls and boys.

Covid – 19: I have been made aware of a very sharp rise in St Helens of positive Covid -19 cases and it is not showing any sign of declining. The symptoms seem slightly different and we have sent an email out this week informing you that any children with a stomach upset should have a lateral flow test. Please ensure that you do this to keep us all safe. As usual, if I hear something new, I will inform you.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr Robinson



# St Peter's Church Christmas Fair



On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November St Peter's Church will be holding its annual Christmas Fair to raise much needed funds for the Church. The event will run from 11am to 3pm

To help out, the church has asked for contributions to the refreshment/cake stall and the wine stall.

If you are able, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, could you send into school a bottle of wine or a cake, which will be collected and taken over to church.

Alternatively you could drop the cakes off at church on Saturday morning.

Can we ask that you mark your cake clearly if it contains nuts.

As always your help is greatly appreciated.

## Children In Need

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November the children will be able to come to school dressed in whatever they want, Fancy Dress, PJ's, Pudsey T-shirts, Pudsey accessories or just their own clothes.

Donation will be taken through the school money system like last year.

Please remember that children will still be doing sports and playing out so will need coats and appropriate footwear.



The nasal flu vaccination will be taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. If for any reason you miss this there will be drop in sessions held in December, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.10pm-3.30pm at Ashton Green Clinic, St Helens. You would need to complete the e consent prior to attending the clinic. Any queries call 01744 684353.



## New Reception Tours

We will be holding one more tour of school for those children who are due to start Reception in September 2022. This tour will take place out of school hours. Please telephone 01744 678630 or Email [stpeter@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:stpeter@sthelens.org.uk) to book a place

1. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 4.30pm.

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

Thank you

## Funding

A letter will be sent home next week with further information on how to apply for free school meals.

If you think you may be entitled, please complete the form attached to the letter and return to school as soon as possible so that we can check on your behalf. Alternatively you can apply on line at <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals-pupil-premium>



Children's Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

## Remembrance Day Treats



# PTA News

## Neon Discos

Wow what fun was had! It was the busiest disco evening we have ever had with almost every child in the school attending, the excitement was palpable, the dancing was awesome and no doubt the sugar rush long lasting! Over £500 was raised which will be used to pay for new books in school. A huge thanks to everyone for your support and especially to those who volunteered on the night.

## Bags2School

Having a clear out? Then bag up your old clothes, pairs of shoes, bags, soft toys, towels and bedding and bring them to the playground on the morning of Friday 26 November. They will be collected and reused/recycled and the PTA is paid per kilo for them. Bags and more details will be sent home with the children in the days before.

## Film Night

Years 1 to 6 are invited to put your PJs on, bring a blanket and come and join us in the school hall to watch a Christmas film. Don't forget a pillow and your favourite cuddly toy!

**Years 1 & 2 - Wednesday 8 December - Arthur Christmas**

**Years 3 to 6 - Thursday 9 December - Christmas Chronicles**

£3 gets you a wrist band colour coordinated with your snack bag choice and you can add a hotdog for an extra 50p.

Doors will open at 6:00pm and the film will start at 6:15pm, pick up will be 8pm from the side door. Please be mindful that your child is happy to sit through a 1hr 45min film.

## ONLINE PURCHASING NOW LIVE!

We are really excited to be trying out a new way of working using an online platform. Just go to [www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta)

Any queries please email [stpeters\\_pta@yahoo.org](mailto:stpeters_pta@yahoo.org).

## PTA LOTTERY CLUB

Lottery Club application forms have been sent home today please take the time to consider supporting the PTA with the added chance of winning in the monthly draw  
Thank you.

# 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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# 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>

## For the Fallen

They shall grow not old, as we  
that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the  
years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and  
in the morning

We will remember them.



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