



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

10th December 2021

Message from St Peter's

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been an action-packed week for the children as we move towards the end of term. We have had three educational visits, two movie nights, Christmas craft day, a Christmas meal and an inflatable as our Christmas Present to the children.

The educational visits were a great success and the children had lots of fun, but also learned something as they went along. Our educational visits are not just school trips, they are well thought out and linked towards what they are being taught at that time.

A huge thank you to the PTA who have organised two movie nights for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The children really enjoyed them, especially their goody bags and hotdogs. Our PTA do a fantastic job and if you want to get involved, please contact them, or contact the school and we will send you details.

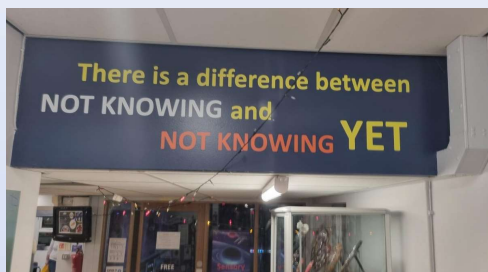
As always, Christmas craft day consisted of glue, glitter and card as the whole school set to work on different activities. Dressed in Christmas jumpers and costumes and with Jingle Bells playing in the background, they seemed to have a lovely time. At lunch we had our special Christmas Dinner with all the staff in attendance, making sure that everyone ate their sprouts...apart from me! Thanks to Mrs Dearden and her team for their amazing efforts.

I set a task this week for every child to go home and tell you about the Learning Pit in their classrooms. If like me, you get a 'nothing' when asked what your children have done in school, then it's worth asking them about the learning pit.

Every class has a learning pit, and it is based around growth mindset, resilience and having a never give up attitude. Around school we have many inspiration quotes painted onto the walls and most are about growth mindset.

A learning pit is a tool that clarifies to the pupils that in order to experience deep learning, it will be difficult, and it is okay to struggle. It is a picture that gives our children a visual of how learning happens. They will learn that it is okay to fail, struggle, and have to work at a new skill before fully understanding and succeeding. If a child answers a question immediately, then they have jumped over the pit and have not been challenged.

The Learning Pit refers to the idea that when you learn a new concept or skill, you experience a feeling of being stuck, a hard struggle, almost like there is a wall to climb over in order to begin to understand something. When you are learning something new, it can be difficult for your brain to grasp until you practice enough or until you try again to come to complete the new skill. The learning pit just explains the reality that when you learn something new, you may make a mistake, you may fail, and it may be difficult, but it doesn't mean you can't learn it.



We have many growth mindset and resilience messages around school.

All our children can point to the learning pit in class and when I ask them during a lesson, they can often tell me if they are falling, at the bottom, climbing out of or at the top.

Learning pits in our classrooms.

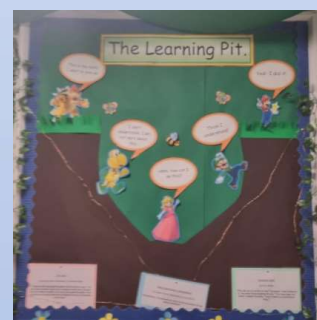
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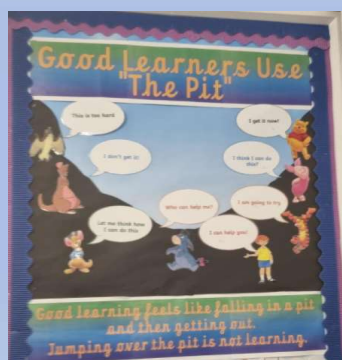
Year 4



Year 3



Year 2



Mrs Bebbington



Celebration & Congratulations

GROWTH MINDSET

**ALEX G Y6
JACK S Y5
CHARLOTTE D Y4
FERNE M Y3
JONATHAN H Y2
ERIN S Y1/2
HUGO C YR/1
EMILY S YR**

STAR OF THE WEEK

**HILARY L Y6
RHAPSODY E Y5
RUBY P Y4
GEORGE A Y3
ARCHIE S Y2
TEDDY K Y1/2
SAVANNAH H YR/1
HANNAH P YR**

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

**REBEKAH S Y1/2
AVA Q Y5**

Christmas Dates

14th Dec Nativities 10am R & R/1 & 6.30pm Y1/2 & Y2

15th Dec Nativities 10am Y1/2 & Y2 & 6.30pm R & R/1

16th Dec Pantomime

20th Dec Christmas Party Day-party clothes

21st Dec Breakfast with Santa

Break up for Christmas Holidays

6th Jan Back to School



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>