



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

21st January 2022

Message from St Peter's

Canon Stephen Grey
Our Canon, Our Chaplain, Our Friend

It was with sadness and deep shock that I had to inform you on Monday of the passing of Rev: Stephen.

Stephen was an integral part of our school life during his incumbency at St Peter's church. He visited us every week to conduct a morning worship, took lessons and even conducted marriages and christening demonstrations for Early Years in Church. He was an active member of our school Governing Board, took our pupils through their communion and attended school trips, his last of which was the Year 6 residential last July. During lockdown and class bubbles, he conducted worship virtually to the whole school. Stephen was always very happy when in school. He loved conducting our Wednesday morning worship and had the children fully engaged during this time. He particularly enjoyed the singing and told me that there are not many more things as soothing as listening to our children singing hymns during worship, particularly the more entertaining ones, such as My Lighthouse and Who is King of the Jungle.

In his last worship in school, he talked about his love of walking and showed all the children an old map of the Lake District and the mountains he had climbed, each one marked off with a red cross. He wanted to do more of them.

After worship, we would at times sit and have a coffee, planning what we could do in school, including conducting a school Eucharist, which we managed to do just twice before Covid -19. Inevitably the conversation would turn to cars, his love of walking and family. It came as a surprise that he was moving to another Parish, however we had agreed to keep in touch, and he would pop into school to see how we all are. His final words to me as we walked down the corridor, was to tell me how proud he was of the staff and pupils and what the school had become whilst he had been here.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Stephens family.
Rest in Peace, Stephen.



Celebration & Congratulations

GROWTH MINDSET

Erza YR
Kayden YR/1
Hassan Y1/2
Audrey Y2
Niall Y3
Harry Y4
Chloe Y5
Lottie Y6

STAR OF THE WEEK

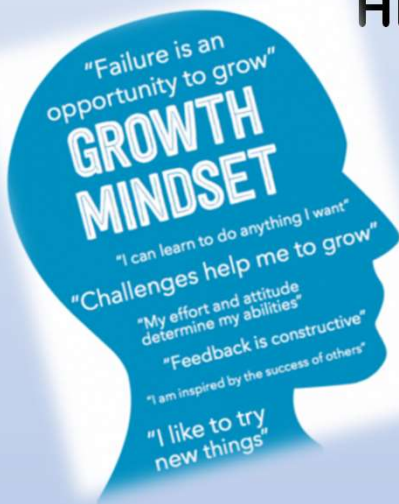
Kaden YR
George YR/1
Teddy Y1/2
Charlotte Y2
Freya Y3
George Y4
Angel Y5
Jasper Y6

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Tilly Y3

VALUES AWARD

Lily Y5



Testing

With positive cases still high in our local area we are doing everything we can to ensure that our school continues to stay open with healthy children and staff,

With this.

- Testing on a Lateral Flow Device should be undertaken at least twice a week.
- Positive Lateral Flow Tests must be reported to Test and Trace and school as soon as possible, you then need to self-isolate and follow the relevant guidance. You do not need to book a confirmatory PCR test.
- If a close contact of your child is positive they must have a lateral flow test done every the morning before they attend school for the day until that close contact tests negative.
- If you or your child shows any symptoms you still need to book a PCR test and you must isolate until the results of the test come through.
- School email is stpeter@sthelens.org.uk
- If you have any queries or require any help regarding drop off and collections please do not hesitate to contact the school office 01744 678630



Parking Issues

- Over the past few weeks, I have received an increasing number of complaints from residents and parents about inconsiderate and irresponsible parking during the pick-up and drop off period.
 - Please ensure that you do not park across resident's front drives, Mercer Street is becoming an increased issue. We are also having parents /carers arriving early for the afternoon pick up and waiting in the car whilst keeping their engine running. apart from the air pollution that the children will walk through, we have staggered the home times to ease the congestion.
 - Cars should also not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines or dropped off opposite the school gates. This heightens the level of risk to children as we also have non-school traffic that speed along Mercer Street as a short cut and do not take any consideration into the fact that a child may jump out in front of them.
 - Parking and safety around a school at peak times is an issue in most schools, however we must do all we can to keep the children safe and healthy. Please be considerate to our whole school community and minimise the complaints from residents. A reminder that we do have bike racks in the school playground.
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- Thank you for your help,
 - Mr. Robinson



On Friday 28th January we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the NSPCC, the children will be asked to Dress Up with Digits, they can use an old t-shirt and put numbers on, dress up as a number related item or just a sport shirt with a number on the back. The children have been shown a short video this week so they should have some good ideas.

The donation will be made through the school money system we are asking for £1 but if you want to donate more you can.

You can find out more about the work the NSPCC do at the web site listed below

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/>



LOTTERY RESULTS

1st Lisa Wearing No6

2nd Mrs Lloyd No 26

Thank you for your support

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR YOUR DIARY

READATHON – FEB 11TH

SMARTIE CHALLENGE – EASTER

SUMMER FUN DAY- 2ND JULY

More information to follow.

PTA NEWS

Newton le Willows CC Junior Training

FRIDAY NIGHT

Hope Academy

5:30pm to 6:30pm



Primary school pupils
of all ages and
abilities welcome!

Fun games and
cricket skills

ECB Coaches
(DBS checked)

No equipment
needed



Contact Nigel Chambers for further
details on 07717216473 or
nigel.chambers1@ntlworld.com

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>