



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

Message from St Peter's

25th March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

Next week, we have our first parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be our first face to face meeting since the start of the pandemic and for some, it will be the first time you have stepped into school. This is one of the few things we have not really been able to do, although as a school, I feel we have been at the forefront of finding solutions to the problems we have faced. For those who weren't here at the time, we had sports days with parents and apparently, we were one of the few schools across the country to have done this. It was also a pleasure to see parents in to watch the nativities at Christmas and just this Thursday we invited Year 6 parents in for their SATs preparation talk.

Parents evening will be our next step back to normality, that is not to say that Covid-19 has gone. Since coming back in the new year, we have suffered the worst infection rate since the pandemic began and this has taken up much of our day, every day. During parents evening you will be sat in the classroom, but some distance apart, hand gel will be available and if you want to wear a mask, that's fine. We do have members of staff off with Covid at the moment, if your teacher is off, then we will rearrange it for immediately after half term. Please also ensure you respect other people's personal space and don't arrive too early for your appointment.

The children are really working hard in school, and you will see this when you look through their books. I had the pleasure of looking through some writing books this week with all the staff as we moderated children's work and I was so pleased with how well they are doing. The children haven't had a normal education for over two years with lockdowns, remote learning, losing bubbles for two weeks and now the huge rise of individual cases in school. Catch up and recovery is going to take time as we methodically close the gaps in learning through our intervention groups, booster sessions and early morning sessions. We will continue this catch up and recovery programme for as long as it takes to close those gaps.

Mr Badley has organised a Chocolate raffle, tickets will be sale during the coming days in the playground, at parents evening and via the school money SHOP system. The prizes look amazing.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson

A big **Thank You** to all those who made a donation for Comic Relief, we managed to raise £197.00
Once again thank you to everyone who took the time to donate. Your support is greatly appreciated



Inspiration and Aspiration Week

13th June to 17th June 2022



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St Peter's is organising an Inspiration and Aspiration Week.

We will give children an opportunity to hear about different careers, industries and hobbies. We would like children to feel inspired and think about their hopes for the future. We will look at resilience, self-belief and determination and remind children that they can achieve whatever they want out of life with a 'Yes I can' approach.

We are looking for parents to come into school and talk to pupils about what they do for a living, what their job involves, what they enjoy and what they had to do to get there.

We would also like some parents to conduct some question and answer sessions with Year 6, to give them a very informal experience of having to talk about themselves, and think about what their aspirations are for the future.

If you would like to help or would like more information, please contact Mr Robinson via email: stpeter@sthelens.org.uk



'The child grew and became strong in body, mind and spirit'



Celebration & Congratulations

GROWTH MINDSET

Maise YR
Corin YR/1
Melodie Y1/2
Harry F Y2
Martha Y3
Florence Y4
Chloe Y5
Rose Y6

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ananda YR
Jorja YR/1
Hassan Y1/2
Jakob Y2
Oliver Y3
Rowan Y4
Ava Y5
Ben ZY6

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Holly Y6



E-Safety

Tiktok is appearing in more and more places online, adverts and through children's conversations. Most videos that can be seen seem harmless, but it is important to know that Tiktok has an age rating of 13 as some content isn't suitable for younger children and can pose some safeguarding risks. Please have a look at the following information sheet.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&A!

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution. It means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids H C@cks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Join us on Good Friday for our craft activities in church followed by a walk to Mesnes Park for a short outdoor service. We'll start the crafts at 9.30am join us for as much or as little as you can. To help plan resources please book tickets for the crafts at Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/good-friday-crafts-tickets-302097972167?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

St Peter's Church

Join us on Good Friday for our children's

Easter Activity Service

9.30 on Friday 15th April



Come and learn more about the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day through a series of fun crafts

AMAZING

Alexander held a raffle for his signed Rooney shirt, he sold a massive 70 raffle tickets and managed to raise £360 for the British Red Cross for their Ukraine Crisis Appeal. What a brilliant achievement. We are all very proud of you at St Peters.



Notices

School Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder about our school uniform policy:

- No jewellery can be worn apart from a normal watch. (If you want your child's ear pierced, this should happen at the start of the school summer holiday) we will allow clear plastic earring retainers to help pupils on return to school if required.
- No SMART watches
- Appropriate school shoes should be worn, not boots or black trainers.
- No hoodies in place of a school jumper/cardigan unless on a PE day.
- PE Kit: Pupils should come in their normal PE Kits (plain white T-shirt, navy shorts and navy hoody) St Peter's branded PE Kit is optional. Pupils should **not** wear any branded clothing such as Football Club kit, Nike, Adidas, Hugo Boss and so on.
- Hair that reaches past shoulder length must be tied back.

After half term, pupils may wear their summer uniform.

Thank you

Local Residents Complaint

We have received an email from a resident that lives directly opposite the school gates. The email concerns drop off and pick up times and include people standing on her property, leaning against the cars and congregating after dropping off children for up to half an hour at times causing unnecessary levels of noise. We also have parents dropping off in cars outside the school gates which has never been allowed or part of school policy. This is inherently dangerous for children as they get out the car and cross a road at busy times.

Could parents please take note of the issues detailed.

Thank you

Easter Hamper Raffle



We're raising money for our school library. We will be selling raffle tickets before and after school on the playground, at parents evening and through the SHOP on School Money.

Just £1 could win you one of a selection of Easter hampers. We will draw the winners in assembly next Thursday.



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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Dinner Money

Can we please ask that dinner money be paid up to date before we break up for the Easter holidays. All outstanding balances should be cleared by Wednesday 30th March. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

