

# The Keys Newsletter

## Message from St Peter's

29th April 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of attending Hope Academy Quiz Kids with some Year 5 children. It was lovely to get all the local schools back together again for this annual occasion. The children had to use their general knowledge brain power that included sport, mathematics, and a picture quiz. After some tense rounds, our quiz team achieved first place out of 10 schools to take Quiz Kid's crown. Well done to all, they were amazing.

School clubs have started up again this term with sports such as Golf, Cricket, Athletics and Football. We also have French Club, Nurture and starting soon, Mad Science and STEM Club. I put huge value on children attending clubs after school, not just with St Peter's, but also out of school with uniformed organisations, sports, leisure and youth clubs.

A reminder that it's bank holiday weekend and we will be back on Tuesday. Have a lovely, extended weekend.

Mr Robinson



# COURAGE



# Celebration & Congratulations

## GROWTH MINDSET

**Kaden YR**  
**Elodie YR/1**  
**Hugo Mc Y1/2**  
**Jonathan Y2**  
**Eric Y3**  
**Danica Y4**  
**William Mc Y5**  
**Ashton Y6**

## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Andre YR**  
**Callum YR/1**  
**Hassan Y1/2**  
**Charlotte Y2**  
**Heidi Y3**  
**Karla Y4**  
**Zayan Y5**  
**Rayfiah Y6**



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

**Charlotte Y4**

## VALUES AWARD

**Jessica Capper**



## E-SAFETY WARNING.

Children are starting to talk about this years new craze 'Huggy Wuggy' from a video game called Poppy Playtime.

Please watch out for children accessing this on media platforms such as YouTube.

It is not suitable for children.

# 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.

Pupils can wear their summer uniform now if they wish.

Thank you

## PTA NEWS

### PTA MEETING

Join us online for our next PTA meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Come and see what is happening, what it's all about, to input ideas or to observe, all are welcome.

The link for the zoom is <https://zoom.us/j/91333935034>

### HUGE THANKS

You've heard from school about the huge success of the Readathon, well now that the PTA is a registered charity we are able to claim gift aid and so can add another £175 on to the total going onwards new books for the school library.

The Smarties Challenge raised £413. Thank you so much to everyone who took part, we hoped you enjoyed it

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

### Meet Our Expert

Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





# Inspiration and Aspiration Week

13<sup>th</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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

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](mailto:stpeter@sthelens.org.uk)



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# 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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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week starting 9 May Y6 SATs

25<sup>th</sup> May Y6 Young Voices

27<sup>th</sup> May Jubilee Celebration in school. Red, White & Blue Day

6<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Bank Holiday

15<sup>th</sup> June New Reception Intake meeting

20<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Morning Reception/Y1/Y2

Afternoon Y5/Y6

21<sup>st</sup> June Sports Day

Morning Y3/Y4

4<sup>th</sup> July Y4 Tatton Park

6<sup>th</sup> July Y3 Grosvenor Museum

13-15<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Robinwood

Please note some of these date may be subject to change

**COMING SOON 3-DAY HOLIDAY CLUB AT ST PETER'S 30<sup>TH</sup>, 31<sup>ST</sup>, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**