

The Keys Newsletter

Message from St Peter's

11th July 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

What a year it's been! There is far too much to talk about, however I am extremely proud of the way our pupils have got through the year.

We say goodbye to what has been a phenomenal Year 6 class. I had the privilege of spending time with them at Robinwood activity centre this week. Some of the more reserved children really showed their inner self as they faced challenges that they never thought they could do. Watching a pupil stand at the edge of a platform, 60 feet in the air, and then stepping off after 5 minutes of encouragement is always a great experience to witness. I negotiated myself around a high wire course with a pupil who wouldn't go on without me; I'm not sure who was the most scared, but the sense of achievement by that pupil was etched all over her face and that's why we do it. They are a fantastic class, and they really showed the other schools up with regards to behaviour. It was nice to hear another school's member of staff using our Year 6 as an example of how to behave.

However, the time has nearly come to say goodbye; they are ready to go and take the next step into life's great journey and they will shine, I'm sure. Thank you also to the parents who will be leaving us, your support, especially over the past few years has been invaluable. A class that will be truly missed.

Some classes have had their end of year assemblies already and there are some more to come next week. Having parents and carers in school is something that will be commonplace next year, now that we are back to normal, and we will set out a timetable in September so you can put some dates in your diary.

As I write this, it's actually raining outside, however next week we are due a heatwave. We will follow guidelines and ensure children do not exert too much energy, have plenty of water and if it gets too warm then we will retreat to the shade inside. Guidelines state that children should not take part in vigorous activity when temperatures are in excess of 30 degrees. We will keep a close eye on the temperature, and I will be looking to set a limit less than this. I'm sure the obligatory 4 weeks of rain as soon as we break up will cool us down!

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support over the past year. Have a lovely summer break and we will see you back on the Monday 5th September.

Kind regards

M Robinson



Goodbye and Good Luck

Mrs Fearn.

Next week we see the end of an era as Mrs Fearn, a St Peter's legend, retires. Annemarie started as a parent helper in the year 2000 and then joined us in the office in 2010. There is literally nothing she doesn't know about the school or hasn't seen before. Annemarie deals with all the things that we would never think about and a lot of the nicer things that happen in school usually come through her. I'm sure I will be receiving messages throughout the year reminding me about special occasions and things we need to do or have traditionally done in school. She will leave a big gap at St Peter's and one hard to fill. As you proof-read this final letter, Annemarie, can I thank you on behalf of the whole school community for your hard work, dedication, going above and beyond and wish you a very happy retirement, sitting in the garden, walking the dogs and enjoying your favourite tippie.

Also leaving us this year are Mrs Lilley and Miss Brown Although it is sad to see them leave us, it is with a smile on our faces as they go onto new career paths after both completing degrees.

Miss Brown will be big loss to our Early Years Foundation Stage and the children will miss her terribly. She has a deep interest in children's development needs, pastoral care, nurture, and wellbeing and is moving on to a career that focuses more on this within the family.

Mrs Lilley is making the brave step into teaching and will be embarking on a teacher training course next year. She is very popular with the pupils and will again leave a big hole in the school.

Miss Lomas who works in Y2 and as a midday assistant will also be leaving us at the end of the term for pastures new. The children will miss her very much. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours

We wish them all lots of luck and thank you for everything you have done for our children – you made a difference





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PTA News

Thankfully, due to the easing of restrictions, the PTA were able to have a more “normal” program of events and activities this year with the return of discos, movie nights and of course the Summer Fayre alongside the Readathon and Smarties collections. It's been a joy to watch everyone have so much fun, from snuggling up with teddies at the film night to throwing wet sponges at Mr Robinson at the Fayre and showing off their dance moves at the discos, the children seem to have had a blast.

Of course the funds raised each year are ploughed back into the school to support new resources and experiences for the children which this year have included; the Christmas Pantomime, a massive overhaul of the school library, selection boxes for all the children at Christmas, bibles and school bags for the new reception intake, a special treat for the Year 6 leavers at the summer disco and funding towards the Year 6 leavers trip. The PTA Committee want to say a massive thank you for your support and involvement over the last year. None of this would be possible without your support.

The PTA is always looking for new members and new ideas so please do get involved where you are able to. In accordance with the PTA's Charity constitution, all committee positions will be up for re-election at the AGM in the Autumn so if you want to put yourself forward for Chair, Secretary or Treasurer then please get in touch at stpeters_pta@yahoo.co.uk and we can give you more information about what each of the roles entails and the nomination process.

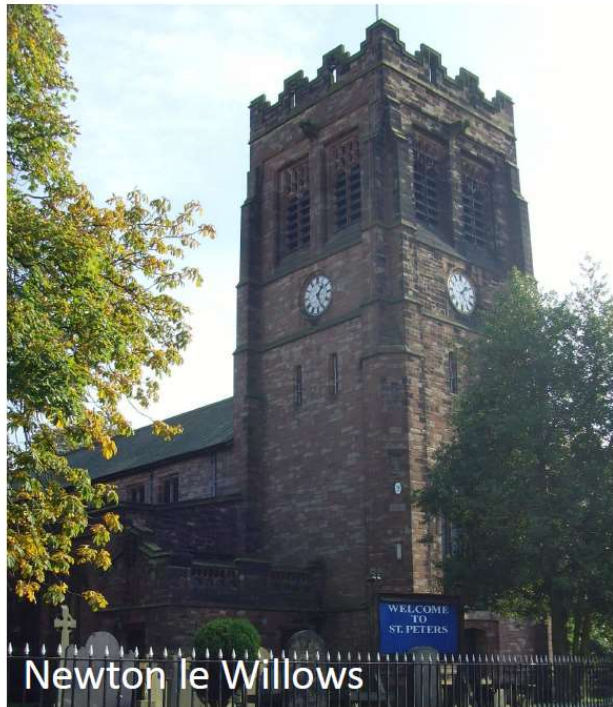
Finally, for the charity's due diligence we would like someone to look over the PTA accounts before the AGM in the autumn. If you have any financial or accounting experience please email us.

Balloon Race

We have one more giveaway to end the year... a virtual balloon race. Buy you balloon via the link below, design and name it then watch them race over the last weekend of the term. First past the post wins four day passes to Gullivers and we have two runners up hampers too. <https://www.balloonrace.com/stpeters> Good Luck!

The following is a table of results comparisons this year showing data highlights nationally, locally and St Peter's

	National	St Helens	St Peter's
Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs: Pupils who reached age related expectations.			
Reading	74%	74.2%	86%
Writing	69%	69.2%	86%
Maths	71%	67.4%	83%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	72.4%	70%	80%
Combined: % of children who passed all their assessments in Year 6	58.7%	55.9%	80%
EYFS: % of pupils who achieved all their early learning goals.	65.2%	60.9%	80%
DFE Year 4 Multiplication Check	30%	N/A	54%
DFE Year 4 Average Score for the multiplication check out of 25	21/25	N/A	23/25
Statutory Phonics Screening	80%	79.2%	83%
KS1 SATS Greater Depth			
Reading	18%	16%	24%
Writing	8%	7%	15%
Maths	15%	12%	18%
Combined: % of children who passed all their assessments in Year 2	53%	52%	52%



Newton le Willows

St Peter's Church Autumn Craft Fair

Saturday 24 September 2022

10am -3.30pm

Local crafters wanted

If you would be interested in
having a stall at our Autumn Craft
Fair please email me at

stpeterscraftfairs@gmail.com

for more details



@stpeterscraftfairs

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 15th** Last after-school sports club
- 18th** Leavers Service YR/Y3/Y6 at St Peter's Church. Children dropped off at church for 8.55am Service starts 9.30am Doors open for parents at 9.20am
- 19th** Y6 Pizza & Ice Cream Lunch
Ice Cream visit for rest of school
- 5th Sept** Back to school
- 22nd** Y5/Y4 Clonter Opera

Please note some of these dates may be subject to change

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