

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

30th September 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer

Over the past week, I have had the enjoyable experience of taking two St Peter's football teams to some St Helens Schools Tournaments. They both did very well and each of them managed to make their tournament finals. I told them it was down to my expert football management, however they put it down to their skill on the pitch, I agreed with them. Unfortunately, both teams lost one nil, however they had a great time and there is more to come for other year groups.

Sport and exercise are an important part of life at St Peter's. We have trained coaches in every day after school who are running sports clubs, a coach in every lunchtime to take sports and games and a company called KABS who come in every Friday. KABs run activities that focus on leadership, resilience, and teamwork. As well as PE lessons, we also have intra house competitions and we also enter St Helens Schools competitions. All of the extra-curricular sport is fully funded by the school and open to everyone.

Our school Sports Captains in Year 6 will be embarking on their Sport Leaders Award after half term. The school as a whole, will be looking to achieve the Silver School Games Award this year. St Peter's is enrolled on SHAPES (St Helens Association for Physical Education & Sport) and I am personally on the Head Teachers Board for this, as well as overseeing the St Helens Schoolboys Football Representative Team.

So, we do quite a lot, but there is always more to do, and we need to get as many of our pupils as active as we can. We have noticed a slight drop in attendance of our free afterschool sports provision, and it would be interesting to note what the reason is for this. Of course, we have many other things on afterschool including STEM Club, MAD Science, Eco Club and French Club and this may be part of the reason.

Just a reminder about my comments about WhatsApp groups and what they were originally set up for. Pupils' names should not be mentioned, and this also extends to conversations about individual members of staff. We do see the comments. If you have an issue, chat to the teacher to resolve it rather than putting it on a group chat.

Finally, don't forget to access the school website, it has everything on it, including your child's class page, which has a wealth of information.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson



Celebration & Congratulations

GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Daniel M
Year 1/2: Mazie R
Year 2: Hassan
Year 3: Jacob F
Year 4: Charlotte J
Year 5: Rowan P
Year 6: Mason M



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Greyson C
Year 1/2: Joseph D
Year 2: Callen T
Year 3: Amber H
Year 4: Eloise C
Year 5: Adam C
Year 6: Lily F

VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Marissa C



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

It nearly came home...twice!

Well done to both of our Football Teams who reached the finals of their respective tournaments. We are very proud of you.



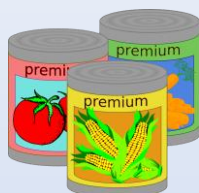
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Our sports Captains who will soon be embarking on a Sports Leaders Award



HARVEST SERVICE/FOOD BANK

On Friday 7th October, we are asking for donations of one item to give to a local food bank.



FREE ONLINE PARENT TRAINING SESSIONS

Supporting children's early development

Free online parent training sessions for families who have children aged 0-5 with or without SEND.

All the online sessions on supporting children's early development are **free**. Please click the link below if you would like to book.

There are sessions on:

Supporting speech, language and communication (29/09/2022, 6-7pm)

Building resilient children (13/10/2022 6-7pm)

Songs, stories and rhymes, supporting early communication (09/11/2022 10-11am)

Supporting your child's emotional well-being (30/11/2022 10-11am)

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/parent-connect>

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on **THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER**.

All children are to wear full uniform.

For Year 6 who have PE - children should come to school in full uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag to school with them.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Could your child be entitled to receive Free School Meals?

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you (or your partner) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and your annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit and net earnings, from your last assessment period, is not more than £7,500 per year (£616.67 per month).

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Once eligible, your child will continue to receive free school meals in primary or secondary school until they finished their current phase of education i.e. primary (Year 6) or secondary (Year 11).

The school receives additional funding if your child is entitled to FSM which enables to support your child with other areas of school , i.e. intervention groups and educational visits. If your child is in KS1 it is still important you apply to access other support. A claim form is also available in the school office.

From 1 April 2023, if your child moves between primary and secondary school you need to reapply for free school meals.

Please click the link below to apply

<https://sthelens.gov.uk/article/1865/Applying-for-free-school-meals>

SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS



Open Evening



St Peter's C of E Primary School



New intake tours for September 2023

- Monday 17th October: 4.45pm
- Wednesday 2nd November: 4.45pm
- Wednesday 14th December: 4.45pm

Book for an appointment: stpeter@sthelens.org.uk
Tel: 01744 678630



HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Holiday Requests

Please note that all term time holiday requests will be unauthorised. Taking holidays during term time does have a detrimental effect on a child's education. Extended holidays in particular can be the difference between children achieving their year group objectives and not particularly if the pupil then is off for period of time with a sickness. Any pupil that falls below 94% attendance is classed as a cause for concern and will be contacted by the Education welfare Officer.

There are penalties, as set out by St Helens MBC, that could lead to up to £600 for a family of four

[Penalty notices - St Helens Borough Council](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd October 2022

- Y5 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm

Tuesday 4th October 2022

- Y4 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm

Wednesday 5th October 2022

- STEM Club Y3 &Y4: 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Eco Club: 3.30 – 4.00pm
- Y1 & Y2 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm

Thursday 6th October 2022

- Tempest School Photographs – Reception-Year 6
- Y1, Y2, Y3 Kidslingo: 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Y6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm
- AGM – 6.30pm

Friday 7th October 2022

- Y3 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm

Please note some of these dates may be subject to change.



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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