

# The Keys Newsletter

## Messages from St Peter's

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer

This week, we held the PTA Annual General Meeting. I regard myself as being fortunate as a head teacher to have such a fantastic group of parents who give up their time to provide enjoyable experiences such as the School Disco, Film Night and the Summer Fair. They are an integral part of the school community and an important link between school and home. The contributions to the school from the fund raising have been enormous and you just need to walk into our new Reception classroom to see what a difference has been made.

Our Chair, Rachel Graham is stepping down from her position. Can I take this opportunity, on behalf of the whole school, to thank her for the time and dedication that she has put into the PTA. It can be a quite a pressured job at times, especially when it comes to the Summer Fair, and I am sure that she will be passing on the benefit of her experience to the new committee.

Last night at the AGM, Paul McCartney was elected as the new chair. I would like to express our thanks and best wishes to him for taking on this important role. We also had some new members of the committee, and it was lovely to see you there last night.

We do have many experienced PTA members and I know that they are aware how appreciative the school is for their efforts.

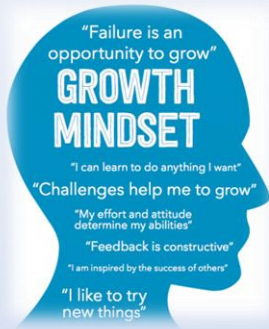
Before Covid, we had an army of volunteers who would come in on a Wednesday and make toast for the children who wanted it. It cost 20p a week and was hugely popular. The children are desperate to have it back and it is always an agenda item with the school council. If you feel you could spare some time to get this up and running again in school, we would love to hear from you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson



# Celebration & Congratulations



## GROWTH MINDSET

**Reception: Archie H**  
**Year 1/2: Jack G**  
**Year 2: Hattie C**  
**Year 3: Alanna N**  
**Year 4: Ivy L**  
**Year 5: George A**  
**Year 6: Tallulah P**



## STAR OF THE WEEK

**Reception: Noah C**  
**Year 1/2: Dexter B**  
**Year 2: Josie M**  
**Year 3: Effie T**  
**Year 4: Amelia F**  
**Year 5: Evie M**  
**Year 6: Charlie F**



## VALUES AWARD

**Year 5: Florence L**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



As Head Girl, I will make sure that I am a great role model for our younger pupils and will set a good example to all. I believe that with hard work, we can all achieve our goals inside and outside of school. As a team, we are even stronger! I want all pupils to feel that their ideas and opinions are listened to by me. This makes our pupils feel valued and HAPPY! Happy pupils believe in our school values of Hope, Trust, Love and Faith. I have loved every minute of St Peter's and I hope can make our amazing school even better.

Isla



Firstly, I am very thankful that I have been chosen for the role of St Peter's Head Boy. The example of previous Head Boys and Girls has inspired me to try to be the best I can. My hope is that I can help other pupils in their learning as well as supporting them emotionally. I intend to do this by setting an example with my work and listening to others and if I see anyone struggling, I will do my best to help them. With my participation on the school council, I hope I can help to make the school an even better place to learn, Upholding the standards of the school will be a priority as well as respecting my teachers and peers.

James

## PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will be taking place as a face-to-face meeting in school on:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**  
**Year 6 appointments will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

*Please note:*

- Year 1 and Year 2 class (Mr Moorcroft/Mrs Bebbington) have an additional session on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (3.40-5.00pm)
- Year 4 have an additional session on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (3.40-5.00pm)

***Parents Evening appointments will need to be booked through 'School Spider'***

***Booking slots will go live at 6.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and will remain open until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 4.00pm for you to book your appointment.***

# 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>**



## **Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night**

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days around it.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

### **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP**

#### **Know where your children are**

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

#### **Know the risks**

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

#### **Know the law**

*If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.*

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police

## 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

- Y5 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

- Y6 – Transition Day at Byrchall High School
- Y4 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

- Y1, Y2, Y3 KIdslingo: 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Y6 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

- Y3 Afterschool Sports Club: 3.30 – 4.30pm

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

- Parents Evening – Reception, Y1/2, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

- Parents Evening – All Years

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

- Parents Evening – Year 6
- Parents Evening - Additional session Year 1/Year 2 class (3.40-5.00pm)
- Parents Evening – Additional session Year 4 (3.40-5.00pm)

*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](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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