



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Friday 8th September 2023



Welcome Back

Good afternoon,

What a wonderful week we have had in school. It has been delightful to see the children back into school, looking smart and smiling lots! We have had some amazing comments and feedback about the school. One of my favourites has been "The school upgrade is unreal." The children have shown great joy and excitement around the new play spaces and have used them respectfully.

We will continue to monitor the use of this equipment and timetable different groups to enjoy the different areas, to ensure it is fair and everyone feels they can access every space.

I love seeing wonderful work and this piece of art has been completed by a Year 4 at home, in their time. It is truly inspirational that our children want to carry on learning at home. It was also great to see so many parents at the 'meet the teacher' sessions this week. I hope you managed to have any queries and questions answered. We do want to continue to build lots of positive communication between home and school, therefore, remember to come and have a chat to the teacher at pick up or call school to request a call back if there is anything that arises.



Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Dodd

Our School Worship and Christian Values

We have made a few slight changes to school worship and our Christian Value. This has been discussed with staff, led by our worship lead and supported by our diocesan adviser and governors over the recent months.

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Our Christian Characteristics

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;" Galatians 5:22

**KINDNESS,
LOVE,
Self-control JOY,
FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS,
GOODNESS,
PEACE,
PATIENCE,**

Our Christian Characteristics are referred to through worship and through our curriculum. They are part of living out our vision based around the words of Jesus, he said ***'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness'*** (John 10:10). Our school family will live life in its fullness by demonstrating love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



Through embedding our Christian Characteristics and our vision we endeavour for everyone to **flourish together**.

Our Monday whole school worship is led by Mrs Dodd. During this half term we are exploring our newly introduced Christian Characteristics. These are followed up on Thursday in class worship. This week we focussed on starting the new school year with exploring kindness and how we show kindness in school, at home and within our communities. We hope your child can show a random act of kindness this weekend...

Rev. Mark continues to lead worship on Tuesday. This was lovely to follow on with a similar theme to Mrs Dodd. Rev, Mark covered the Journey of Life as we enter a new school year. He kindly blessed the children's school bags, for the children who wanted a blessing (this was optional).

READING, READING, READING



As we start back at school. Please ensure you are either listening to your child read a minimum of 3 times per week or for our older children, ensuring they are reading independently. Over the coming term we will be further promoting reading for enjoyment and encouraging the children to read a range of genres and develop their interests. Please support this by visiting the local library, reading at home and sharing texts with your child(ren).

After School Club Provision



After School Childcare Provision – Places Available

After school club has been very positive this week! The children who have attended have really enjoyed the activities. Please ensure you have booked your places – forms are still available via the school office.

Activities include time with a sports coach from Morecambe Football Club who will do 30 minutes of activities with KS1 and 30 minutes with KS2, before crafts, lego, table tennis, colouring etc.

As a reminder, the blue gates will be locked at 3.30pm each day so that the children can utilise the playground. Can all parents please ensure they have left site by this time.

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Change in circumstances / details

If your details have changed over the summer e.g. address, phone number, key contacts, please can you ensure you email or let the school office know.

It is extremely important that we have a minimum of two emergency contact numbers in line with our safeguarding arrangements.

Also, if you have had a change in circumstances or if there has been anything significant which could impact your child e.g. separation, berevement, house move, family changes. Please inform the class teacher or Mrs Rigby so we can ensure we can monitor and support your child's emotional well being. All information will be confidential. We just want to ensure the best support is available for your child.

DOT DAY – FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023



On Friday 15th September, it is 'International Dot Day'. This is where we will be celebrating creativity, courage and collaboration. As you may have seen from our Facebook page, Mrs Rigby has a new painting in her new room, which is the image of the cover of the book, The Dot. During the day the children will be listening to the story of 'The Dot' and being creative.

Children are invited to wear non uniform and dots! More information can be found at:

<https://www.internationaldotday.org>

Food Bank – Caring for Our Community

This year we will be linking with our churches, St Peter's and St James' who make regular donations to Morecambe Bay Foodbank. We ask where possible and only if you are able to, to make a contribution to Morecambe Bay Food Bank.

We will be doing a weekly collection from different classes.

On Friday 15th we kindly ask if any parents / carers of **Y6**

(Curlew's) class could make a donation of wrapped biscuits, toiletries, pasta, tinned items etc. We will collect it and send our donation to the church, in order to be part of our wider community donation.



Parent's Evenings

We have decided to hold a 'mini' parent evening earlier this year, for the purpose of key introductions. These will take place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September, with slots available for 5 minutes maximum.

For children in KS1, time slots will be allocated from 3.30pm

For children in KS2 (who are placed in larger classes), time slots will be allocated from 2.30pm

You will receive information regarding how to book onto parent's evening next week.

Welfare Staff Vacancies

This week we said goodbye to a long-serving member of staff (Mrs Porter). We wish her the very best for the future and thank her for her years spent taking care of our st peter's children at lunchtime.

This now creates an opportunity for us to recruit a lunchtime welfare staff member.

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If you are interested in finding out about the role, which will be term time and a total of 5 hours per week to cover lunchtimes, please contact the school office.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 11th September

Monday 11th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School starts at 8:40am – gates close at 8.45am – PLEASE BE ON TIME! Y4 are swimming. Please ensure correct kits are in school
Tuesday 12th September	
Wednesday 13th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.15pm – 4.15pm JAM Club (open to KS2 children – letters to sign up will be circulated on Monday next week)
Thursday 14th September	
Friday 15th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No parents at whole school worship in week. We are celebrating International Dot Day 3.15pm- 8pm – Welcome Back to School Social – organised by 'The Friends'

Reminder of Key Dates for the Next Half Term – these will be updated the calendar for the year and we will make sure dates are put on the online calendar

Save the date – MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a McMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. More information will be sent out next week.

Young Voices 2024 – Mrs Smith and Mrs Parker, have kindly agreed to lead Young Voices 2024. This will be an opportunity for children from Y4-Y6. Any child interested must be able to commit to the practices. More information will be sent home today via letter.

Welcome Back to School Social Event – see information below



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