



Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

It has been a busy week in school and I am sure it is going to get even busier in the coming weeks. This week the 'Friends' decorated the hall and it looks magical! Thank you. They also ran a very successful Wreath Making workshop with Time4Flowers. As a school we really appreciate all the fundraising that takes place to ensure special events and projects such as the playground can be funded.

The bookings for all the performances are already becoming very 'full' so please make sure you do let us know your intentions. You can email bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk or call the school office.

The children loved their 'Elfie' lunch today and the pre order form for Christmas Lunch will be going out today.

As we head into December, things are getting very busy so please ensure you read carefully in each weekly newsletter for updates, key information and any changes!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's



Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics



This week Rev. Mark led our Whole School Worship on 'Stir Up Sunday'- a centuries-old annual tradition where home-cooks spend the last Sunday before Advent 'stirring up' their Christmas pudding. The children were actively involved in adding the ingredients to the bowl and as each ingredient was added we made a 'wish' and 'privately prayed'.

In our class worship this week we explored the British Value of Individual Liberty and what the Bible says about 'taking responsibility.'

The children explored scenarios and thought about things they should take responsibility for.

Gates and Late Arrivals

We need to, once again, remind all parents / carers that the gates must close and be locked by 8.45am prompt to ensure children can be in class in time for morning registration. If there is something you feel we can do to help with you arriving to school on time, please contact us and we can explore what we can do to support. Communication to persistent late families will be sent out soon.

As the next few weeks become even busier, with outings, events and activities, we really do not want your child(ren) to miss key opportunities and information. In particular, the school panto trip on Tuesday 5th December. If your child is late for school, they are at risk of missing the coach and in turn, the panto so please do ensure your child is on time. Thankyou

Carols by Candlelight

Years 3,4 and 5 are asked if they are able to take part in Carols by Candlelight. This will be on Wednesday 13th December. We would kindly ask that your child is dropped off at school for 5.45pm and wearing a Christmas jumper. The aim is for the children to perform a short carol concert outside (weather depending). The Friends will be supporting the event by selling hot chocolate and mulled wine and the School Council will be there with a 'festive fun' stall. Feel free to bring along some small change if you are able... If your child can not attend for any reason, please can you let the class teacher know.

Sporting Events



Athletics

Last Friday, children from Y5 and 6 represented the school at the Indoor Athletics tournament. The children did exceptionally well and displayed respect for their peers. Mrs Biggs and Mrs Jones supported the children and were proud of their achievements. Thank you to parents for supporting and a huge well done to all the children that took part.

Trees

This week we have had a tree survey carried out on the trees around the school field and others on the school grounds. The trees that are adjacent to Crimewell Road are all well. There will be some branches cut from some of the trees that are close to the telephone line and we will continue to monitor the health of the trees.

Unfortunately, two trees within the school grounds (one in the EYFS area and one of the Cherry Blossom trees near the hall) have been identified as rotting. Therefore, we have had to make the difficult decision to have them cut down. This will take place very soon and we will wait until the spring to explore where we can place some new trees.

The Christmas Post Box



The School Christmas post box will be appearing on Monday 4th December. To enable our Year 5 postal workers to do their job efficiently, please ensure the **full name** and **child's class** is written on the envelope.

HO! HO! HO!
Christmas Post!

Author Visit

Today we had a wonderful visit from Kirsty Duncan. Kirsty used to attend St Peter's School as a child. She has recently had her book 'The Bear and the Bat' published. We welcomed pre-school children to listen to the story read by Kirsty. She then visited Reception and Y1



classes to read the story. The children were fascinated and engaged about having an author visit school and read such a wonderful story. The children will be coming home with a bookmark which does link to her website. For those who wish to purchase the book, they can receive free delivery using the discount code 'STPETERS', which will then be sent to school. For those online orders, please ensure you have added your child's full name to the order.



General Reminders

Parking

Please remember to park responsibly and courteously, to keep our families and neighbours safe. Regular visits will be taking place from the police to monitor parking in the area. **This week we have had at least two police patrols checking parking in the area.**

Online Safety Evening Monday 11th December

We recognise that the calendar is very busy in December and everyone's minds will be on different things. Many children may be receiving gifts of new technology, phones and or devices this Christmas time. Do you know how to keep your child safe? Do you know the current issues with online gaming / apps etc? We know that the children are more tech savvy than adults and we also know that some of our children are accessing content online that is not age appropriate. Please come along for 1 ½ hours to find out what you can do at home this Christmas to make sure your child is safe online. Please book via the school office.

Sanderlings Reading Session

Sanderlings will be having a stay and read session on Friday 8th December @ 2.15pm (due to finish approximately 3pm). Come along and enjoy listening to your child read (we recommend 1 adult per child).

Christmas Dates for the Diary

As per the previous newsletters, we will continue to add dates for the diary over the festive period as soon as we can.

December proposed dates – we will be aiming to keep to these dates and are giving you lots of notice to enable you to sort any leave required from work.

Important update-the book fair has been cancelled as we appreciate how many activities are taking place this month already. Another book fair has been secured in the new year

- Tuesday 5th - Whole School Panto trip to the Dukes Lancaster to see 'A Christmas Carol'
Please ensure all payments and consents are completed on ParentPay by the end of today
- Thursday 7th - Y3 Advent / Christingle Worship @ 9am in the Hall
- Friday 8th - Elf Run Fundraiser for St John's Hospice
Our online JustGiving page can be found here for sponsorships:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/susan-neville-1700227717260>
- Wednesday 13th - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall
- Wednesday 13th - Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight @ 6pm in the playground / school hall (bad weather contingency)
- Thursday 14th - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall
- Monday 18th – Y6 Carol Concert @ 6pm at St Peter's Church
- Tuesday 19th - EYFS / Reception Class Christmas Sing Along @ 9am in the Hall
- Wednesday 20th – Whole School Christmas Lunch – pre-order forms being sent home today – Christmas Jumper Day 😊

Food Bank – Donations



Thank You for your continued support with your donations to Morecambe Bay Community Foodbank. We are very grateful for all your donations.

Rev. Mark has been collecting them weekly from school and delivering them to the Food Bank. There is no expectation to donate, so please only do so if you can.

The foodbank have recently added a list of items they are in greater need of, however as always, any donation is appreciated and received with thanks.



Class	Date
Lapwings	1 st December
Oystercatchers	8 th December
Dunlins	15 th December
We will restart Foodbank Donations in January 2024	

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 4th December.

Monday 4th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 are swimming. Kits in school please. Wellbeing and Relaxation session with Mrs Rigby @ 2.15pm <i>For parents of children in the Wellbeing Relaxation Group, please book a space via the school office</i>
Tuesday 5th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school to The Dukes to watch 'A Christmas Carol' <i>Please ensure all children arrive to school on time by 8.45am, otherwise they may miss the coach and the panto!</i> Young Voices Practice (Y4,5,6): 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAM Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm Y2 / 3 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm Y2 Multi-skills / athletics tournament: 3.45pm – approx 6pm @ Bay Leadership Academy (rescheduled from 29/11/23)
Thursday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Advent / Christingle Worship @ 9am in the Hall <i>For parents of children in this class, please ensure you have booked via the school office (maximum of 2 spaces)</i> Y4 Art Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 8th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elf Run Fundraiser – taking part throughout the day on the track. To sponsor your child, please follow the link in support of St John's Hospice: https://www.justgiving.com/page/susan-neville-1700227717260 Sanderlings Stay and Read: 2.15 – 3pm. 1 adult per child <i>Please arrive at the office and inform us of your / your child's name</i>

Reminder of key dates and activities for Autumn Term (excluding Christmas specific dates noted above)

11th December – Online Safety Evening – Please book your place with the school office. It will be a very informative night to support parents with keeping their children safe online. Pizza and cake will be provided!



Keeping Children Safe Online:

In the real world we protect our children. So why not keep them safe online?

An 'essential' online safety briefing for parents, guardians, and carers.

Date: **MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER** Start time: **6PM**

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Duration: Approximately 1 hr 15 mins with time for questions.

About the briefing

Many people, including young children are users of the internet.

Having access to online information and the functionality that the internet can offer has many benefits and for most it plays an important part of our everyday lives. However, as technology moves on at such a pace it is difficult to keep up with new trends and developments, particularly regarding mobile devices/games technology and safe accessibility to online content.

Young people are spending more time online and research shows evidence that issues relating to exploitation, manipulation or abuse are adding to concerns regarding online safety. Research now shows that life online can also have an impact on wellbeing and in some cases contribute to mental health problems.

What are our children doing online? Do we know how they are behaving?
Are they safe? Who are they communicating with?
Do they know what to do if they come across something suspicious?
Are they accessing content appropriate for their age?
Are they giving away too much personal information that may make them vulnerable or affect them in the future?
Are they spending too much time online?
Are we having conversations about all the above?

We would ask at least one parent/carer from each family to attend this session where a Lancashire Education Authority Consultant will present an awareness briefing to address some of the issues mentioned above. The session is for parents/carers only and will last for approximately 1hr 15mins with an opportunity for questions during or after the presentation.

The Local Authority and our school have policies in place to ensure children are learning in a safe and secure environment which includes being safe online. Therefore, this session has been organised to help you to contribute to this process in helping children to be aware of the potential problems associated with using the internet and modern technologies.

The session is not suitable for children

OFSTED regard these sessions as an integral part of a school's Safeguarding/Online Safety policy and they expect schools to have offered this support for parents. Please help us to keep young children safe.

Community Events

Connecting to Nature at Heysham Nature Reserve

Festive Family Events

Winter Sounds Audio Trail
Sat 25th Nov - Sun 7th Jan
 This winter why not visit Heysham NR and listen to wildlife sounds. Just download the trail before you come.

Dear Santa
Sat 25th Nov to Sun 10th Dec
 It is time to deliver your letters to Santa. Write your letter and why not combine it with one of our winter trails when you come to post it.

Its a Christmas Cracker
Saturday 2nd December
1.00 to 3.00 pm
 Come along to make your own recycled Christmas crackers enjoying a festive drink and biscuits.

Wild Winter Walk Activity
Sat 25th Nov - Sun 4th Feb
 Take in the sites and look out for signs of winter with this fun activity whilst visiting Heysham Nature Reserve throughout winter.

TO BOOK EVENTS AND FOR ALL INFORMATION VISIT:

WWW.LANCSWT.ORG.UK/EVENTS



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Christmas

IN
HEYSHAM
VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS MARKET
 Saturday 9th December, 12-6pm
 Sunday 10th December, 12-6pm
 The Royal Heysham Pub Car Park
Pedestrian access via Royal Fold on Main Street, LA3 2RN

Only
£1
entry per
adult*

- Local Artisan Stalls
- Large Marquee
- Thwaites Shire Horses (Sunday)
- Alpacas (Saturday)
- The Royal Heysham Pub: open for food and drinks inside and outside in their heated tent.
- Live music in the heated tent!



*All proceeds from this event will be reinvested back into the community.
PLEASE WALK TO VISIT US WHERE POSSIBLE
 For more information, get in touch at: heyshamevents@gmail.com

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Victorian Christmas



Judges Lodgings Museum

A perfect start to the Ho-Ho-Holidays!

11am – 4pm
Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 December 2023

Admission: Adults £3 / Concessions £2 / Children FREE

Visit to Santa and craft
£2 Per Child

Across the whole weekend, see our halls decked in boughs of holly and join us for live music, kids activities and the grotto.

Don't forget our Victorian Tea Room by Friends of Judges' Lodgings 12-3.30pm on Sat 2 December

No booking required.

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“I have come in order that you might have life, life in all its fullness,” John 10:10