



### Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

It has been an extremely busy school week, with lots of lovely learning taking place. This week we have been checking on reading and history across the school. We saw wonderful phonics lessons in EYFS and KS1, we heard children read from EYFS – Y6 and talked to them about their choice of books, how they are doing and how often they are reading. It was really positive! Reading across school will always be a priority as it provides a strong foundation for other subjects. Please keep reading with your child at home. I have told Y3 that I will be popping in on a regular basis to listen to them read and for them to tell me all about what they have been reading.

Our curriculum is continually developing and is knowledge rich! This was evident through discussions with Y1/2 who shared lots of historical knowledge about The Great Fire of London with me, Y4 who astounded me with their knowledge of life in Ancient Egypt and Y6 who talked to Mrs Parker and Mr Carter about their unit on early Islamic civilization of Baghdad. It was also wonderful to hear that the children are keen to learn more and very often will go home and do their own independent research.

Today Y6 led a thoughtful Remembrance worship. Thank you to all the Y6 children and staff for working hard and speaking confidently in front of your audience. I also want to say a huge thank you to Mrs McGirl the Student Council who have worked so hard this week to raise money for The Royal British Legion through the sale of poppy products. They have been a credit to the school taking their roles and responsibilities extremely seriously, showing respect and tolerance.

I also want to say a huge thank you to the Friends and businesses that have come forward to help us fund our outdoor Christmas Tree. Also, thank you to the parents who have agreed to support us plant it.

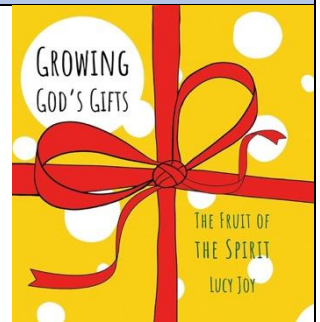
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

### Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics

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

*During our school worship we remembered happy times in our lives. The children talked about special memories. We explored how life is different for everyone and that there are times where life can be sad or upsetting. We explored peace and how god brings peace.*



### Children in Need



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November it is Children in Need. Again, the students have been involved in planning events for the day. Children can come to school in something bright or spotty. On these occasions, we ask that no football kits are worn. Please (if you are able to) contribute a £1 donation, which should be brought in a named, sealed envelope please. Biscuits will be available to purchase for 50p at breaktime and we would very much appreciate biscuit donations to help us with this offer. If you are able to donate, please email [bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk) to notify us, to ensure we know how many biscuits we will have available. We may also have a special visitor join us on the day... 😊

### Lost Property and Uniform

Thank you for coming and checking on lost property, it has started to reduce! Please continue to label all clothing and other items, in order for them to be able to be returned promptly.

## Poppies and Poetry



This week in school we have been thinking about Remembrance Day. All the children from Year 1 through to Year 6, took part in a Poppies and Poetry drama workshop about this theme and worked incredibly hard, producing some wonderful drama work. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Sporting Events

We have three girls football teams entered the local cluster sporting competition next week! This is wonderful news and a real positive. Mrs Biggs has been working with the teams to develop their confidence and skills further. We are making sure our girls have equal access to the Astro area and looking at the opportunities to use this space further.

We also have a team going to athletics next week. Our Y2 children are very exciting to be taking part.

As always, we really appreciate parental support at the events (especially at the outdoor ones in the cold and wet)!

## We are here for you...

We know that the cost of living and other factors may be causing families concerns and worries. We want to make sure that no child is at a disadvantage due to finances or circumstances. It is really important to us that we have good relationships between school and families. Mrs Rigby and staff are continuing to look at how we can best support the children and our families. As we approach the winter and Christmas period, please let us know if you need any further advice or guidance. Mrs Rigby has a network of support to refer parents to.

We are also requesting that if your home circumstances change e.g. partners going away for work, separation, change in family dynamics that you please let a key adult know. All information will be treated sensitively. The only reason we ask is that we want to ensure we are equipped to support your child(ren). Many children can find changes difficult, no matter how small these changes may be.

All children in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to a free universal school meal. We continue to have a number of children on packed lunches. The menu has recently changed and we would encourage you to take up this offer.

Pupil Premium Funding – This is additional funding we get as a school for any children from EYFS – Y6 that may be on a lower income. (At Y3 these are the children who are entitled to a free school meal.) However, there may be children in KS1 who would also be eligible for the school to receive additional funding for through pupil premium. We really benefit from this funding and it enables us to ensure we have the high support in each classroom, it ensures we have Mrs Rigby and it also enables us to make sure all children have the best opportunities from school. If you think your child may be eligible, please speak to Suzie in the school office. Any funding coming into school really does benefit your children.

## School Tours for Reception 2024 Starters

Whilst our core tour schedule has finished, we are happy to provide a tour for families who haven't had the opportunity to see our wonderful school! If you know someone who is considering St Peter's as a prospective school for their child in September 2024, please encourage them to contact the school office on 01524 852155 or email us at [bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk) and we will be happy to book them in. As a reminder, the closing date for September 2024 primary school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## 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.**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Elfie Christmas Lunch  
**\*Please return your pre-order form with both a main course and dessert by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November\***
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair after school in the Hall
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Panto trip to the Dukes Lancaster to see 'A Christmas Carol'
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Advent / Christingle Worship @ 9am in the Hall
- Elf Run - St John's Hospice Fundraiser  
**\*More details will follow as to how you can sponsor a child via JustGiving\***
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Online Safety Evening for parents from 6-8pm in the Hall  
**\*Pizza and cake will be provided! Please book a place with the school office\***
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight @ 6pm in the Hall
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Carol Concert @ 6pm  
**\*Venue TBC\***
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - EYFS / Reception Class Christmas Sing Along @ 9am in the Hall  
**\*This has been rescheduled from the previous week\***
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Christmas Lunch – pre-order forms to follow

## Pastoral Update from Mrs Rigby

On Monday, I was out of school on a Serious Illness, Bereavement, and Loss training with CAHMS and CancerCare. As part of my role I support children and families that are affected by illness and loss. On Tuesday, I continued work with my Y5/Y6 group; there will be an update on the School's Facebook page over the weekend.

Wednesday was busy with meetings; as a result, the Y4/Y5 Wellbeing Group didn't meet. We will regroup again on Wednesday next week.

Thursday, Moving Mindsets worked with Year 1 children; it was a great workshop looking at Feelings. I was so proud of the Year 1 children. They were all AMAZING; look out for an update over the weekend. Thank you to Rebecca and Jade; you are AMAZING!

Kindness Elf: Issac E Y5: he always makes the right choices (when it comes to being kind). He's a loyal friend who's always spotted helping others a lot.

This week's affirmation is from Jasmine M in Y5: You are beautiful.

Remember to repeat to yourself: I am beautiful.

## General Reminders

### Parking

Prior to half term the police made a visit to School Road and were checking parking. We know how parking around school is challenging but it does have to be safe. Our understanding is that the next visit they will be intending to take stronger action. We expect that this will be a regular visit so please do remember to park responsibly and courteously, to keep our families and neighbours safe.

### Friends Christmas Card / Gift Final Call

The Christmas Card and Product Shop will close at 23:59pm this evening (Friday 10th Nov). Anyone who has lost their sample card and needs their unique reference number can text 07917 275767 before the closing time and the Friend's Chair, Lauren, will provide your child's code from the portal.

## 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 make a donation, so please only do so if you can.

Class	Date
<b>Curlews</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Sanderlings</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Lapwings</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>
<b>Oystercatchers</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Dunlins</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>

### Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 are swimming. Kits in school please.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupil Parliament @ Lancaster University. <i>Please see letter for details</i></li> <li>• Young Voices Practice (Y4,5,6): 3.15 – 4.15pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent drop-in with Mrs Rigby: 9 – 10.30am <i>Please book a space via the School Office</i></li> <li>• JAM Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm</li> <li>• Y2/3 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm <i>If you have completed a return slip, please check emails to see if your child has been allocated a space</i></li> <li>• KS2 Girls Football @ Bay Leadership Astro pitches <i>Parents are kindly reminded to view from the fence and not enter the pitch area</i></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 Art Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children in Need Day <i>£1 donation and 50p biscuit sale available. Wear something colourful / spotty</i></li> <li>• Indoor Athletics Practice: 3.15 – 4.30pm</li> </ul>

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

- **Y5 & Y6 School Council** - Pupil Parliament Day on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November @ Lancaster University Sports Centre. This will run from 9.30am – 2pm. Children to be directly transported to the event (no school registration required). Details have been provided by Mrs McGirl.



## **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 11<sup>TH</sup> 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.**



Promenade Concert Orchestra  
*Conductor - Howard Rogerson*

# 'Music From The Films'

**TITANIC**      The Platform, Morecambe  
**LIMELIGHT**    Sunday, 26th November  
**STAR WARS**      2023 at 3pm  
**THUNDERBIRDS**    Tickets £16  
                               Accompanied children free  
**PINK PANTHER**    **BIG COUNTRY**  
**JAMES BOND THEMES**  
**GUYS & DOLLS GERSHWIN MEDLEY**  
**PRIDE & PREJUDICE**  
**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**

from the Platform Box Office Central Promenade, Morecambe 01524 582805 / 582808  
[www.lancaster.gov.uk/platform](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/platform)

**[www.promenadeconcertorchestra.org.uk](http://www.promenadeconcertorchestra.org.uk)**

# Christmas IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP**

Sunday 26th November, 2-4pm  
 Heysham Village Institute  
 Main Street, LA3 2RW

**Help get your village ready for the festive season.**

Come and decorate your own angel for display in this year's Heysham Village Angel Trail.

Make an afternoon of it and join in with other activities on offer including:

- Making Tree Decorations
- Other Angel-Inspired crafts

**£1 voluntary donation. All ages welcome!**

**DROP IN! No need to book!**



Follow our Facebook page for updates! Scan the code or search Heysham Neighbourhood Community.

For more information, get in touch at: [heyshamevents@gmail.com](mailto:heyshamevents@gmail.com)

# 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**

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For more information, get in touch at: [heyshamevents@gmail.com](mailto:heyshamevents@gmail.com)

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