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St. Peter's Newsletter



Friday 10th May 2024

Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

We hope everyone enjoyed the long bank holiday weekend. It has been lovely to see a change in the weather this week. As always, the week has been busy in school with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place.

Skylarks told me everything they know about Supertato and the evil pea this week!

Next week our Y6 children will undertake SATS assessments every morning. Most of the assessments begin at 9.30am. We therefore need to make sure all children are in school on time and ready. Please try to ensure that your child has had a healthy breakfast before school to ensure they are able to concentrate. We just want the children to do the best they can! The Senior Leadership Team and Year 6 team plus additional staff are all assisting with the SATS assessments and therefore unavailable to meet / catch parents during mornings next week. If there is anything you need to speak to staff about, please let the office know and messages will be passed on and dealt with as soon as possible.

Mrs Rigby has delivered relaxation sessions with Y6 this week to help them feel positive, focussed and have strategies to overcome the worries they might be feeling. They responded exceptionally well. Y6 you are AMAZING!

Mrs Rigby is also delivering whole class sessions across the school as part of our continued pastoral support offer around friendships, understanding emotions and feelings.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics

May the Fourth Be with You Celebrating Star Wars Day

Rev. Mark led our whole school worship on Tuesday where we considered the 'forces' that can help us in our lives.

Did you know?

James Earl Jones is one of America's most famous actors. He is known for his voice roles as Darth Vader in the Star Wars films and as Mufasa in The Lion King. His voice is deep and gravelly, but it wasn't always like that. As a child, Jones had a pronounced stutter. When he was five, Jones was sent to live with his grandparents, but during that time, he developed a stutter that was so severe that he refused to speak. For eight years, until he went to high school, he hardly spoke. We reflected on what things we need to overcome... We all have things in our lives that cause us problems and might hold us back from reaching our full potential. Maybe we will find that a teacher, family member or friend will help us. Some people believe that the phrase 'May the Force be with you' originated from the Latin phrase 'Dominus vobiscum', which means 'May the Lord be with you'. Many people find comfort in the knowledge that God is almighty and will help them whenever they ask him to.

School Lunches

New Lunch Menu

We are continuing to share our delicious school lunch menu with you, so that you can discuss the options with your child ahead of the day and ensure they are continuing to try new foods or bringing a packed lunch. Next week we are on Week 2 of the Spring / Summer Menu 2024:

- Monday: Vegetarian Sausage Roll / Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta / Jacket Potato
- Tuesday: Beef Burger / Tomato, Mild Chilli and Sweet Pepper Pasta / Jacket Potato
- Wednesday: Roast Pork or Quorn / Calzone Pizza / Jacket Potato
- Thursday: Chicken Curry / Cheese and Broccoli Pasta Bake / Jacket Potato
- Friday: Battered Fish or Veggie Fingers/ Homemade Pizza Margherita / Filled Sandwich Rolls

Stars of the Week



Stars of the Week receiving a Headteacher Award are...



Well done to all of our super stars who have made us all extremely proud this week. Year 5 Class Worship

We have an apology to make! Year 5 have their class worship next week and when doing the school diary dates, we missed it due to it being in the afternoon!

Wednesday 15th May @ 2.30pm

We are sorry in the short notice, as soon as we realised we sent out a text. We hope you can make it as it would be great for you to see their wonderful work. Please call / email / speak to the school office to book a maximum of 2 spaces.

As a reminder, we have Oystercatchers class worship taking place on **Thursday 23rd May @ 9am**. As with the Y5 class worship, please book a maximum of 2 spaces with the school office. Thank you!

Book Club

This week we have a range of recommended reads from children and the staff delivering book club.

Skylarks	Sanderlings	Oystercatchers	Eider Ducks
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Supertato by Sue Hendra	Story Dog by Jan Fearnley	The Gecko and the Echo by Rachel Bright	The class have been reading and enjoying a wide range of texts this week
Turnstones	Dunlins	Lapwings	Curlews
THE ADVENTURES OF INEXA STEVENSON * Go, GO, * * Susned Pigs * * By ALI Pre		River Biores Bio	
Go, Go Guinea Pig! by Ali Pye	Super Powers of Nature	Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson	The class have been reading and enjoying a wide range of texts this week

We also have further recommended reads from

Lily in Y4 who suggests A Kind Spark by Elle McNicoll The Land Stories – The Wishing Spell by Chris Colier

Our Online Safety Message of the Week

Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. The guide at the bottom of the newsletter provides information on parental controls for managing apps on iPhones, which will help you to reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age.

New Reception 2024 Intake

We have sent letters to all parents of children due to start St Peter's in September 2024 and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all to our wonderful school!

If you are the parent or carer of one of these children, with an older sibling already in school, we would appreciate the acceptance form being returned to school at the earliest opportunity to enable us to prepare fully for our busy term full of activities. Thank you

Young Quills are Recommending Historical Books

Here is another recommended read from the children who took part in The Young Quills:

All the reviews can be found at <u>Young Quills reviews 2024 / Historical Association (history.org.uk)</u> <u>Time Machine Next Door: Explorers and Milkshakes / Young Quills reviews 2024 / Historical Association (history.org.uk)</u> <u>Association (history.org.uk)</u> by Lily Y4

Review by Lily, St. Peter's CE Primary, Heysham

The story is about a boy called Sunil who has a next-door neighbour called Alex.

Alex has a time machine and if you get sooooo bored you can time travel!!!

I liked how Sunil was amazed when he met Neil Armstrong, MC Nish, Mrs. Chippy, and Shackleton. I found MC Nish interesting because he didn't seem very nice, but he and Shackleton were best friends.



The plot was exciting because the reader wasn't sure if Sunil would fix his record. I found out lots of new facts through reading this book. For example, I didn't know that the arctic could be cold enough to freeze a boat / ship, and that Neil Armstrong could fly a plane before he could drive a car!

What stood out to me was that Sunil never seemed to meet a non-famous person. I didn't like how Sunil brought Mrs. Chippy home, lost him straight away and didn't bother to look for him.

I would recommend this book to other children because it's exciting, funny and it intrigues you to read on.

Aoife's review <u>https://www.history.org.uk/primary/categories/969/module/8853/young-quills-reviews-2024/12399/moving-the-millers-minnie-moore-mine-mansion</u>

Charlie's review <u>https://www.history.org.uk/primary/categories/969/module/8853/young-quills-reviews-2024/12400/the-most-famous-rhinoceros</u>

Isla's review <u>https://www.history.org.uk/primary/categories/969/module/8853/young-quills-reviews-2024/12401/the-storm-and-the-minotaur</u>

Thank you to all the children that took part. We are really proud of you! Friends Spring Raffle

The winning tickets have now been drawn – please see the email sent earlier today to see if you have won...

Thank you to all those who sold and purchased tickets. The raffle was a huge success and has raised a fantastic £3,082!

All winners can collect their amazing prizes afterschool in the infant playground this afternoon at pickup.

General Reminders

Arrival Times

Whilst we recently observed an improvement in late arrivals over the last couple of weeks, we are now seeing a decline in children arriving on time once again. Please can you ensure that you are fully prepared and leave plenty of time to arrive at school. The gates open at 8.35am and close promtly at 8.45am. The children begin their learning as soon as they get into class and it is imperative they have every opportunity to develop in line with their peers.

Lost Property

Please come to check Lost Property!

We continue to have a large amount of lost property in school. If the weather permits, we will put this out on a table on the top playground next week. We kindly ask that you ensure your children's items are labelled with names.

Attendance Changes

We have recently seen an increase in Leave of Absence Form requests and submissions. We urge you to consider the implications of taking your child(ren) out of school during term time, due to missed vital learning opportunities. The calendar is becoming to get very full with various activities and events, which children also miss when taken out of school for holidays.

The Department for Education (DFE) have announced that there will be changes to attendance procedures and these will be introduced in August 2024. We will be providing further information on the changes, however we strongly advise that no holidays are booked during term time. Fines are increasing for both parents and additional penalties and legal interventions are going to be put in place. School will be advised by the DFE and Local Authority guidance and we will be acting upon the guidance fully.

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. Due to the amount of wonderful

Class	Friday
Sanderlings	Friday 10 th May
Dunlins	Friday 17 th May
Oystercatchers	Friday 24 th May (to be collected on Monday 10 th June when we return to school after the May half term break)

donations you are making we are now on a collection run! The foodbank have agreed to collect donations from school on a two weekly basis. Next Friday, they will return following their first collection last week.

Whilst we indicate a class a week, anyone can donate. We have our donation area just in the main entrance to the school. We are extremely grateful for your kind donations.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 13 th May 2024		
Monday 13 th May	SATS Paper 1 – Grammar: 9.30am	
	SATS Paper 2 – Spelling: 11am	
Tuesday 14 th May	SATS Paper 3 – Reading: 9.30am	
	 Y3 Swimming (AM) – kits in school please 	
	 Y5 Geography Mapping Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm 	
Wednesday 15 th	 SATS Paper 4 - Maths 1: 9.30am 	
Мау	 SATS Paper 5 – Maths 2: 11am 	
	 Year 5 Class Worship: 2.30pm – please book spaces via the office 	
	 KS2 Jam Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm 	
Thursday 16 th May	 SATS Paper 5 – Maths 3: 9.30am 	
	• Y3 Ukulele – please ensure you remember to bring your child's Ukulele	
	before the lesson starts at 1.15pm	
	R/1 Lil Beatz Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm	
Friday 17 th May	Y6 end of SATS ice cream treat before break time	

Key Dates for Summer Term 1

- Y6 SATS Week Monday 13th Thursday 16th May
- Lapwings Class Worship Wednesday 15th May @ 2.30pm in the school hall please book
- Go Velo Bikeability (Y6) Week Commencing 20th May
- Aquathon Wednesday 22nd May @ 3.45pm at Bay Leadership Academy see letter
- Y4 LHSSN Primary Sports Olympics Festival Thursday 23rd May at Salt Ayre see letter
- Oystercatchers Class Worship Thursday 23rd May @ 9am in the school hall please book
- End of May Bank Holiday and Half Term Week Commencing 27th May and 3rd June

Key Dates for Summer Term 2 (to be added to over the forthcoming weeks)

- School Re-Opens Monday 10th June
- BLA SSCO Y5/6 Netball Tournament Thursday 13th June @ 12 noon at LMC see letter
- Y4 Nature Reserve Trip Wednesday 26th June see letter
- Ripley Transition Day Wednesday 26th June
- Induction Evening for Reception 2024 Parents Wednesday 26th June @ 5pm 6pm
- New Reception Class Visits Monday 1st July @ 1.20pm 2.05pm (A-G) and @ 2.15pm 3pm (H-Z)
- Sports Day Wednesday 3rd July @ 9.30am until approx. 11am (weather dependent)
- **Back Up Sports Day** Wednesday 10th July times as above, if weather dictates a postponement from the week before
- New Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic Thursday 11th July @ 1.30pm
- New Reception Class Visit (without parents) Tuesday 16th July @ 9.30am All children will visit their new class during this time
- Y6 Production Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July in the evening Details to follow
- Y6 Picnic and Leavers Assembly Tuesday 23rd July Details to follow
- Last Day of Summer Term Tuesday 23rd July

Information for Parents in Y5

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

09/09/24 Closing date for applications to LRGS for 11+ entrance test 28/09/24 11+ entrance test at LRGS 09/10/24 Results sent to parents



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