



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 15th September



Welcome Back

Good afternoon,

It is lovely to see the wonderful learning that is taking place around school and how our school areas are continually developing. We are really impressed with our reception children and how they have settled and are engaging in school life. I am sure they will come home tonight very tired, but hopefully full of excitement and curiosity about learning.

I also need to celebrate our Y6 children. They have been amazing buddies this week, looking after their buddy during lunchtime. They have shown patience, kindness and compassion. It was a joy to watch them play and care for the younger children.

As some of you are aware, we have had a few teething issues with the Multi Use Games Area. These have now been resolved and it can be back in use. It has been a little touch and go in relation to the 'Welcome Back to School Social', but as you are aware, we are going for it! Hopefully you will all enjoy the evening and the rain will disappear. A huge thank you to the Friends for spending a lot of time and effort in organising such wonderful fundraising events.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Dodd

Our School Worship and Christian Values

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

Our school motto is "Flourishing Together"

This week we explored what it means to flourish and how we flourish through school. We have read the Parable of the Mustard Seed and continue to embed our Christian Characteristics throughout school, to ensure our children do flourish!

Whilst we have enjoyed inviting parents into our Celebration Worship on a weekly basis, we have made the decision to change this going forward. A lot of parents turn up in the anticipation that their child is going to receive an award or certificate and we also have parents that are never able to see their child due to working commitments. There are many children across the school who become upset with their parents for not attending weekly celebration worship and we would like to change this.

Every class will therefore 'host' a class worship / assembly, where parents will have the opportunity to celebrate their child's achievements and learning.

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

Spaces will be made available to book via the school office for that class worship assembly in plenty of time ahead of the event.

This way, we feel this is an equal offer for all parents that will be communicated in advance, enabling time to be booked off / secured ahead of time.

We understand that this is a change but we do hope you understand the reasons why and thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Our Initial Plan

October – Date to be confirmed- Sanderlings Harvest Worship at St Peter's Church

November – Y6 Rememberance Worship

December – Y3 Christingle Worship

More details will follow over the next few weeks whilst we finalise these plans

Parents Evening

We have opened booking slots and sent out communication regarding the first parents evening of the year. These are only 5 min slots. As it is very early in the school year, we will only be focusing on discussing how your child has settled into their new school year and allowing parents / carers to share key information or ask questions about the curriculum or learning.

Reception parents – It is very early in the school year for parents evening to take place. As your children have been only attending on a gradual timetable, we will be offering you opportunities to meet with Mrs Daly, Mrs Parker and Mrs Holmes on Monday 30th October. A separate letter will be provided with details on how to book a time slot. During this time the team will be able to provide you with an update on how your child has settled in school.

Phonics and Reading Reception Parent Worship – RECEPTION SKYLARK PARENTS ONLY

Mrs Daly and Mrs Parker will be running a parent worship for **NEW RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY**. This will be on Monday 2nd October in the Skylarks Classroom from 5-5:30pm. During this session the staff will explain our school approach to phonics and early reading. Please try to arrange childcare and come along. We know that reading and reinforcing positive reading experiences at home is crucial in language development, communication and improving outcomes.

Parent / Teacher Communicaiton

Communication between home and school is important and we want our parents to be able to approach us. Staff are available for quick messages in the morning, however if you wish to speak to the class teacher about specific issues that may require a little bit longer and privacy, then we ask you request a time after school.

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

We ask parents and carers to foster an approach of mutual respect and consider how they are speaking to staff, equally our staff team will speak respectfully toward parents and carers. There may be times of disagreement, however, verbal abuse and aggression will not be accepted. The staff are working extremely hard to make sure there are measures in place for positive communication between home and school. We kindly ask that parents refrain from talking about staff members to other parents or in front of parents. Matters regarding your children should be able to be communicated in private to the class teacher at an appropriate time.

Mrs Rigby's Family Support Updates

Mrs Rigby has a very busy role in school. Her main job is to look at the support and guidance for families. She supports parents/ carers and our staff to look at what things can be put in place to improve and support child well-being, behaviour, attendance etc. Helping to build resilient children is not about an 'intervention' or 1:1 direct work. Very often it is about ensuring we are all working together, "signing from the same hymn sheet", putting in consistent approaches and embedding strategies and support between home and school. Mrs Rigby does not provide 1:1 or group learning support. Her role is mental health, well-being, pastoral, parental support. When parents raise worries and concerns about their child she works proactively and puts in simple things that can be done within the class and through 'check in' opportunities.

For the families who have come to speak with Mrs Rigby and she has supported, the most impact has been through strong partnership work. We are always evolving and looking how to improve so I am sure that the job Mrs Rigby does will evolve further. She works in partnership with lots of agencies who have lots of services to offer.

The school notice board has been updated with this half-term **What's on Guide**. You will also see a poster about the Family Hub in Lancaster, opening Wednesday, 27th September 2023, 10 – 6 pm. If any parents/carers want to go to see what is on offer, I will be popping along, so let me know! It sounds great.

Children Family Wellbeing is offering Special Guardianship Groups. School Health is offering Virtual Workshops for 0 - 1 years.

Children & Family Wellbeing runs Positive Parenting workshops - supporting behaviour in the home. We can run this in school if there are enough families interested. I have sent out a questionnaire to gather interest in this.

My drop-ins are on a Wednesday morning; please feel free to book a slot if needed.

The new Pastoral room is coming along nicely. There will be an opening (Miss Walker's request!) once finished; look out for the date, and yes, there will be biscuits!

This week's affirmation chosen by one of our children is: You are FANTASTIC. Remember to repeat it to yourself: I am FANTASTIC.

DOT DAY – FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023



We have been celebrating International Dot Day. The children have become familiar with the story “the dot”. It is a story of curiosity, positivity and creation. It links to our mission “flourishing together” and how children may find things tricky but with time, patience and people to believe in them anything is possible.

You can hear the story retold on the following link...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpmNXbkLu6c>

For more information, please go to: <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's 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 22nd, we kindly ask if any parents / carers of **Y1 Sanderlings Class** 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.

Class	Date
Curlews	15 th September
Sanderlings	22 nd September
Lapwings	29 th September
Oystercatchers	6 th October
Dunlins	14 th October
Eider Ducks	20 th October
Half Term	
Turnstones	3 rd November
Skylarks	10 th November

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 11th September

Monday 18th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School starts at 8:40 – PLEASE BE ON TIME! • Y4 are swimming. Kits in school, please. • Young Voices Taster Session (Y4,5,6) in the Hall (after school club will be using the library and outdoor space)
Tuesday 19th September	
Wednesday 20th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:15 – 4:15pm JAM Club
Thursday 21st September	
Friday 22nd September	

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

Reminder of Key Dates for the Next Half Term

Notices / Dates to remember

Y1 – Sanderlings class will be delivering Harvest Worship Date to be confirmed – Parents from Sanderlings class will be invited.

McMillan Coffee Morning –

We will be taking part in the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September 2023. Donations of cakes are most welcome and can be brought to school on Thursday 28th September. Many thanks in advance. Further information will be shared on next week's newsletter...



Friends have organised Bag for School – 12th October – Please start collecting your clothes donations.