



Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

This week we have focussed on being a peace maker. I am really impressed with the children's kindness, comments and understanding of how to be a peace maker. This linked to anti bullying week and world kindness day, which took place on Monday.

Maths and Art have been our curriculum focus areas this week. Mrs Longdon is our Art Subject Leader. We explored how Art is taught across school and monitored the children's knowledge and understanding. It was lovely to see and hear Oystercatcher's class talk about their learning and show their clay models and explore how the children are using their sketch books. Mrs Longdon talked to children across the school about their learning and art knowledge.

As a school, mathematics is taught through a mastery approach. This means that we ensure that children have mastered the key concepts before they progress further. We want our children to have a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and being able to apply them. Our maths sequence of learning is progressive because we use a high-quality scheme, White Rose Maths alongside other high-quality resources. Mrs Owens is our Maths leader and because Maths is a core area of the curriculum, we have Mr Smith who also is part of our Maths team. It was great to see fantastic mathematical learning from EYFS to Y6.

It is really pleasing to see the children's thirst and enthusiasm around their learning!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics



"Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God."
(Matthew 5:9)

During our school worship we thought about being a peacemaker. Peace is one of the 'Fruits of the Spirit' and one of our Christian Characteristics. Ask your child if they know the first name for a pack of Jelly Babies? See, if they can tell you what they can do to be a peacemaker? Reverend Mark is a regular visitor to our school. He leads our Tuesday worship and visits each class on a regular basis.

Children in Need

Thank you to Mrs McGirl and our Student Council for decorating biscuits to sell today and to all the families who kindly contributed biscuits – particularly to those who have ensured all those with dietary needs could be met.



Thank you also for your monetary donations which will contribute to this wonderful cause. We will update next week with the total raised. We had a great visit from Pudsey too, who had a great time with all the children, and staff doing the 'Cha Cha Slide' this morning.



Student Council – Pupil Parliament

The student council love their roles and responsibilities and are contributing to our school developments.

Along with their hard work towards our Children in Need day, the Y5 and 6 student councillors attended Pupil Parliament at Lancaster University earlier this week. They carried out a range of activities around protected characteristics, ensuring they understood the equality act and the staff were impressed with how they showed maturity, empathy and thoughtfulness. Their behaviour and attitude to the collaborative school work was outstanding!

Another thankyou to Mrs McGirl, Mrs Smith and the parents who helped 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 clothing and items for them to be able to be returned promptly. This week seems to have been a week for misplacing coats. Thankfully, they were labelled so they made their way back.

Gates and Late Arrivals

We know that the darker, colder mornings can make it much more difficult to get up and out of the house on time. We also know that the cold, wet mornings can create challenges with parking around school. We are, however, seeing an increasing number of children arriving late to school and are currently reviewing attendance / lateness. Communication will be sent to those with persistent absence / lateness in due course.

As a reminder, the gates do need to close at 8:45 prompt, with parents / carers having vacated the playground by this time, so that we can secure the school site. The teachers are in their classes registering children and receiving lunch choices from 8:40, therefore all children need to be in class by 8:45. Anyone arriving after 8:45 can go straight to the office, stating their lunch choice and being registered before going straight to class. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sporting Events

Well Done to the KS2 girls football teams! We are so proud of you 😊

It was a great achievement to have so many girls keen to represent the school at football. The event was amazing and well supported from parents. As always, we are really grateful to the staff who ensure these events can take place and the parents for all your support.



We are here for you....

As mentioned last week, it is important that we all work together for your child(ren). Lives can be challenging and whilst we very often think our children may not be affected by changes, there are times where we do notice slight changes in children's emotional / behavioural presentation. We want to ensure they are happy, feel safe and know who they can talk to. So please keep us informed of any changes.

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. If you require another copy of the Autumn / Winter menu, please contact the office who will be happy to provide one.

'Pupil Premium Funding' is additional funding we receive 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.

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.

- Friday 1st - Elfie Lunch
Pre-orders are now in. If you have not pre-ordered, please send your child to school with a packed lunch on the day
- Monday 4th - 6th - Book Fair after school in the Hall
- 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 ASAP
- 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 Hall / School Grounds
- 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
This has been rescheduled from the previous week– see above note
- Wednesday 20th – Whole School Christmas Lunch – pre-order forms to follow

Christmas Wreath Making

Last remaining spaces available at our Christmas Wreath Workshop with Time for Flowers! Our local florist business and part of our school family have kindly added an extra date (29/11) to their Christmas workshops as a fundraiser in association with the School Friends Committee. We hope to see many of you there this year...

You can read more and book online using the following link:

<https://www.timeforflowers.co.uk/collections/workshops/products/christmas-wreath-workshop-2023>

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
Sanderlings	24 th November
Lapwings	1 st December
Oystercatchers	8 th December
Dunlins	15 th December

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 20th November

Monday 20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 are swimming. Kits in school please.
Tuesday 21st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Voices Practice (Y4,5,6): 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 22nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent drop-in with Mrs Rigby: 9 – 10.30am <i>Please book a space via the School Office</i> • JAM Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm • Y2 / 3 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 23rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Art Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 24th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Athletics Competition @ Lancaster and Morecambe College: 3.30 – 6pm approx.

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

- **Monday 11th December – Online Safety Evening for Parents @ 6-8pm in the Hall**
Pizza and cake will be provided! Please book a place with the school office



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.

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

Promenade Concert Orchestra

Conductor - Howard Rogerson

'Music From The Films'

TITANIC The Platform, Morzeambe

LIMELIGHT Sunday, 26th November
2023 at 3pm

STAR WARS Tickets £16

THUNDERBIRDS 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, Morzeambe 01524 582803 / 582808

www.lancaster.gov.uk/platform

www.promenadeconcertorchestra.org.uk

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, LA5 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:
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Follow our Facebook page for updates! Scan the code or search Heysham Neighbourhood Community



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