

St. Peter's Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024



Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. The summer term is one of the busiest terms for school with the different events and preparations that take place. Next week our Y5 children will be having a wonderful adventure at Lakeside. Whilst this can be a daunting time for many parents, the children will love the time away. It really does develop their independence, resiliency and life skills.

This term our Y6 children will undertake SATS. These are statutory assessments that are carried out across the country. They are a small part of primary school and therefore we want to make sure we keep our children calm and positive about these assessments. Our internal data is passed onto high schools and they carry their own assessments out. We want the children to do the best they can and not feel worried about them.

Unfortunately, it saddens me to write this, but I not only have a duty of care to the children at St Peter's but also to the staff. This week some staff have once again felt uncomfortable about the way a small number of parents have acted towards them, despite our previous newsletter outlining parental expectations. Therefore we want to be clear, honest and transparent whilst maintaining mutual respect. It is our duty to inform you of accidents, incidents and pupil behaviour including what we find out about behaviour out of school. Staff should feel that they can have conversations with parents and that parents allow the staff to deal with the incidents. There must be a level of trust and understanding and when incidents occur, staff take a lot of time to unpick them, get the view of others and try to resolve them. As leaders we see how hard every staff member is working for all children! There are fallings out, children do react, they do make mistakes and at times do make the wrong choices. Help us to teach your children how to be safe and please be respectful by working with us. We kindly ask that the parental expectations are adhered to and that there can be mutual respect between home and school.

We hope this term runs smoothly with lots of mutual respect, joy, and happiness. The Year 6 children are preparing for their final term in primary school and this is a challenging time as they mature and prepare for high school. We care about all the children and want to ensure that we can provide the best education and opportunities possible through partnership work with parents.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's



Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics

Our Christian Worship this week has focussed on self-control. The children were introduced to the simplified behaviour expectations, and we considered how to bring joy, happiness to others around school.

The focus of Rev. Mark's worship focussed on the resurrection of Jesus and the feelings experienced throughout and after Easter. As always, Rev. Mark's worships engage everyone and create excitement every Tuesday morning.

Parent / School Expectations (as outlined in the previous newsletter)

Parents / Carers

I / We will do my best to:

- Make sure my child attends school regularly and on time. I will notify the school if my child will be absent.
- Make sure my child is dressed in the correct uniform and brings their PE kit to school where necessary.
- Support the school to make sure my child maintains a consistently high standard of behaviour.
- Encourage my child to try their best so they can reach their full potential.
- Communicate to the school any concerns that I have about my child that may affect their behaviour in school or ability to learn.
- Make sure communication with the school is respectful and that I make every reasonable effort to address my communications to the appropriate member of staff (booking appointments where necessary).
- Understand that I should communicate with staff during core school hours and although they may at times respond outside of those hours, I can't always expect that.
- Make sure that my child completes their homework on time and raise any issues that my child has with their teachers.
- Follow the school's policies.
- Treat all members of the school community with care and respect.
- Engage in parent meetings and work together with the school to achieve the best outcomes for my child.
- Read all communications sent home by the school and respond where necessary.
- Do not communicate about staff members via WhatsApp groups or other means.

We would appreciate that parents support the school by showing respect, kindness, tolerance, and the values that we expect of our children.

Stars of the Week







This week we have introduced our new behaviour and learning expectations across the school. Every team across the school are promoting our expectations and referring to them where needed. All staff are noticing and commenting on how well the children are doing. There are high expectations implemented across the whole school.

On a Friday, we celebrate achievements and what staff have noticed. This week we have introduced Lunch Time Awards and certificates for children who have been noticed for demonstrating positive learning, impeccable manners, kindness, respect at Breakfast and After School Club too!

The class teachers will put a star of the week forward for a Headteacher Award every Friday. Children who receive this will invite a friend to lunch and sit on the special 'Star of the Week' lunch table.



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

Class	For
Skylarks - Eloise	Eloise is always polite, kind, respectful and ready to learn.
Sanderlings - Anna	Anna is always ready to start her learning and approaches everything positively.
Oystercatchers - Wren	Wren has carried out some wonderful work this week. Some fantastic observational drawings.
Eider Ducks - James L	James has been a shining example this week, particularly in his role as table captain. He has consistently shown he can be ready, respectful and safe.
Turnstones - Ellia	Ellia is always ready to learn and respectful to everyone. She is a superstar!
Dunlins - Brooke	Brooke has had a wonderful week, demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.
Lapwings - Sienna H	Sienna is always ready for learning. She is a role model to others in class and around school.
Curlews - Lucas	Lucas is a role model to many across the school. He is always

Well done to all of our super stars who are have made us all extremely proud this week.

Sporting Events



Tag Rugby 2024 Champions!

What an amazing effort and determination from our Tag Rugby Teams. We are so proud of all the children who took part. They represented the school well and showed respect towards the other teams involved. We are also extremely grateful to our parents who helped train the children and support the teams.



A message from Mrs Owens

A MASSIVE Well done to St. Peter's Lions who won the inter-school rugby tournament on Monday!

St. Peter's Tigers and St. Peter's Vikings also played incredibly well in their groups, doing themselves and our school proud. It can certainly be said that the level of competition from the other local schools was impressive.

Thank you so much to our Vale of Lune coaches (Kelly, Lee, Adam E, Adam M and Kieran) for supporting the children so brilliantly with the tournament, and to our ever-supportive parents for transporting and cheering us all on!



Another great event by Tim and the BLA leaders, and superb to see Wigan Warriors supporting the event.

Other Sporting Events through the Summer Term

As a school we try to participate in as many sporting events as we can. There is a high commitment from all staff to ensure as many events as possible can take place.

Staff very often give up their own time, time with their family and go above and beyond to organise the paperwork, practice with the children at lunchtimes and / or after school. There will be some events we cannot participate in for many reasons.

Unfortunately, The Easter Field event is one of the ones we cannot do. Staff have their own personal commitments during weekends including their own children's activities.

Four staff members are going to Lakeside next week on the Y5 residential and additional staff are travelling every night to check on the children and support staff. There is so much taking place during the summer term that whilst we try our best to participate in as many events as possible, we cannot do it all. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform Reminders

Earrings and Jewellery

We have noticed more children wearing jewellery (including unsuitable earrings) and nail varnish. Please ensure your child does not come to school with jewellery that could cause a hazard, get lost or become damaged. If earrings are worn, these are limited to one pair of **small** studs only. No nail varnish please. The expectation is that earrings are removed for PE for safety reasons. If your child has their ears pierced, they will need to wear spacers for the first 6 weeks as their earrings will not be able to be removed for PE. The school then will allow a small stud to be worn, however your child must be able to remove them independently for PE or come to school on PE days with no earrings. Staff will remind children to remove earrings if they are too big.

Hair Clips

Please can we ensure that bows and clips are small in size and match the uniform colours. Hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied back.

PE Kits

Children need to be wearing their PE kits for PE lessons.

Makeup and Skirt Rolling

Make up is not to be worn in school by children and children wearing make up will be asked to remove it. We are finding more children in Y5 and Y6 are beginning to wear makeup and starting to roll skirts up. They will be expected to put their skirts back to the normal length.

Whats App and Parent Whats App

Children Messaging

We are constantly been made aware of issues with Whats App. It has now been brought to our attention that there are issues with Y6 children and the tone and content of the messages that they are sending to other children or in groups. There are messages been sent between children which are of a really unkind nature and this is then coming into school. Parents need to be checking what their children are saying and sending. If parents are allowing their child to access apps that have higher age ratings then measures need to be in place to make sure children are not sending hurtful messages.

Parent Whats App Groups

It has been brought to my attention that parents are now accessing the details of other parents from the parent Whats App groups and contacting each other to inform of children's behaviour towards their child. When parents choose to go on the parental Whats App groups then you are choosing to share your contact details with a wider group. This is something that we will not get involved in.

Year 5 Walking Home and Mobile Phones

As we are now in the summer term, Y5 may start walking home. We ask parents who wish their child to walk home to make sure that they have updated the 'Going Home Arrangements' form for their child, as requested in the email sent home this week.

If your child is having a mobile phone for safety reasons in Y5, then they must also complete the mobile phone agreement and hand their phone in to the class staff in a labelled bag every morning.

Community Creative Projects & Station Arts Award - 1st Place

Parents of the current Y6 class may remember that last year, the children (who were in Y5 at the time) participated in an art project which was displayed at Heysham Port. The artists Brian and Gerald from LMCRP (Leeds-Morecambe Community Rail Partnership) were delighted to come back to school and share that the project our children were involved in had won a nationally recognised award!

They showed the children the lovely trophy and presented the children with a copy of the certificate, which we will now proudly display at school.



Book Club - Our Recommended Reads

Book Club

WOW! This week book club was handed over to the children to bring and share their recommended reads. Classes shared books, children talked confidently about their reading and showed great enthusiasm for their love of reading!

Year 4 have given us a list of their recommended reads:

Lily	Scarlett and Ivy – The Lost Twins by Sophie Cleverley
Farrah	Wolf Girl by Anh Do
	I know what you did last Wednesday by Anthony Horowitz
	Captain Underpants and the Big Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy
	Part 2: The Revenge of the Ridiculous Robo Bodgers

Food Bank - Donations

Thankyou for your continued support with your donations to Morecambe Bay Community Foodbank. We are very grateful for all your donations. Whilst we indicate a class a week, anyone can donate. We have our donation area just in the main entrance to the school.

Friday			
Easter Break			
Friday 19 th April			
Friday 26 th April			
Friday 3 rd May			
Friday 10 th May			
Friday 17 th May			
Friday 24 th May			

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 food bank needs laundry powder / products long life fruit juice, UHT milk, pet food, crisps.

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 22 nd April		
Monday 22 nd April	*Y5 to Lakeside – Please see letter about expectations* Staffing going – Mrs Owens, Mr Carter, Mrs Smith, and Miss Demery (Mrs Edmondson will be swapping with Mrs Owens on Wednesday evening.) Y4 will be covered by a supply teacher – Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Biggs will teach Y4 on Wednesday and Mrs Owens will teach Y4 on Thursday and Friday. • Y5/6 Football League: (3.30pm – 5.10pm) @ BLA – see original letter and email updates	
Tuesday 23 rd April	 Y5 @ Lakeside Y5 Geography Mapping Club Cancelled due to Lakeside 	
Wednesday 24 th April	 Y5 @ Lakeside Dogs Trust Whole School Workshops JAM Club: (3.15 - 4.15pm) – collect @ blue gate 	
Thursday 25 th April	 Y5 @ Lakeside Y2 Leighton Moss Trip – please see letter for details Dogs Trust Whole School Workshops Lil Beatz Dance Club R/Y1: (3.15 – 4.15pm) – collect @ blue gate 	
Friday 26 th April	Y5 Return from Lakeside – school will notify when the children are on their way back. Please notify the school office if you do not wish for your child or siblings to be released from school earlier as per the Lakeside update email sent this week (applicable to Y5 children and siblings only)	

Key Dates for Summer Term 1

- Y5 Lakeside Residential Monday 22nd Friday 26th April
- Whole School Dogs Trust Workshops Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April
- Y2 Leighton Moss Trip Thursday 25th April
- **St George's Day Themed Lunch** Thursday 2nd May. Online pre-orders can be submitted via this link: https://forms.office.com/e/NkqQGZ6U4N until Monday 22nd April.
- Y4 Nature Reserve Trip Friday 3rd May and Wednesday 26th June
- Early May Bank Holiday (School Closed) Monday 6th May
- Class Photographs Tuesday 7th May
- Y6 SATS Week Monday 13th Thursday 16th May
- Go Velo Bikeability (Y6) Week Commencing 20th May
- Y4 LHSSN Primary Sports Olympics Festival Thursday 23rd May
- Oystercatchers Class Worship Thursday 23rd May @ 9am in the school hall
- End of May Bank Holiday and Half Term Week Commencing 27th May

Community Events

