

St. Peter's Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2024



Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

It has been a wonderful week in school with some lovely learning taking place. Y6 are practicing daily for their end of year production and are sounding great! We have had a visit from the Archdeacon of Lancaster, David Picken. He led whole school worship on Thursday, met with the school council and had a tour of the school. We have to say, our student council were amazing, not only showcasing our wonderful school on the day, but tidying up our school grounds and surrounding areas (please see the update below) afterwards in their own time. I am sure you agree that the school is looking glorious, with the hard work of Mr Kitchen, the School Council and Pearson's Nursery in Overton who have very heavily discounted the price of plants for us to enjoy around the school – thank you all!

We hope the weather stays nice and dry for this evening's events. Once again, we have to say a huge thank you to The Friends for making these wonderful events happen.

Please come along to the Summer Social this evening!

3:15pm to 7:30pm

ALL NEW Summer Social with Unlimited Goes Bouncy Castle, The Bubble Lady, Live Music, Craft Station, Glitter and Tattoos, Raffle.

PLUS New to the line-up - THROW WET SPONGES AT REV. MARK - just £1 for 3 goes!!!

Bar and Tuck Shop by the Friends. Pizza's by Super8 Pizza. Ice Cream van!

Please bring cash as card machines will be limited to the bar area.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's



Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics

This week our Monday worship focussed on Joy. When we consulted our student council, they said they wanted the children across school to spread joy and happiness. We thought about things that bring joy to our lives.

Today, Friday 21st June is The Fête de la Musique, also known in English as Music Day, Make Music Day, or World Music Day, is an annual music celebration. Rev. Mark led whole school worship on Tuesday, with music as the focus and how music brings different feelings to people's lives. We had children playing different musical instruments and sang together. It was a truly wonderful and uplifting worship that started the day so positively.

School Council Update



School Council News

The School Council have been discussing ways we can be more environmentally friendly as a school. We are keen to reduce waste and become more sustainable and proactive in our recycling. On Thursday, the children went out into the local community to do some litter picking and weeding. They did a fantastic job and collected A LOT of litter! A big thank you to Mr Kitchen for helping us with this.

From September, we will be exploring ways we can obtain support from the local community to raise funds, ensuring we can step closer towards becoming a more environmentally friendly and sustainable school – watch this space..! Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs McGirl and the School Council

Afterschool and Breakfast Club

Mrs Durnan (Breakfast Club Manager) would like to thank all those who have sent additional games / activities for KS2 children as requested. If anyone else has any games / activities / puzzles that are no longer needed and can be used in breakfast club, they will still be very well received!

Afterschool Club would like to request if anyone has any old large t-shirts or (ideally) old shirts with buttons, that the children can wear when painting and crafting. This is with the aim to protect and preserve school uniforms, saving costs and the environment along the way! All donations can be deposited at the school office and will be received with many thanks.



All forms for Breakfast and Afterschool Club should have been sent home with all children who currently attend these clubs. For anyone wishing to request a place for their child(ren) in Autumn Term 2024 who do not already attend, please collect a copy from the school office. Please ensure all forms for Autumn Term 2024 are returned by Friday 5th July at the very latest. Thankyou

Upcoming Trips and ParentPay

Alongside all the other wonderful activities going on across school this term, we have a number of school trips and ParentPay will look rather busy in line with these activities.

The majority of our trips now have consent, medical, allergy and lunch choice information required to be processed via ParentPay, in addition to payments (where applicable) so that all information is kept in one central place. Please check on ParentPay to see if you have any outstanding items that require attention, as we are unfortunately unable to take your child on a trip if we do not have the necessary details submitted or consent from parents to take them.

You should have a paper copy (and in some cases, an electronic copy) available for all trips which will contain deadline dates for ParentPay to be completed. If you have lost this, please contact the school office for another and we will happily provide one.

Many thanks for your cooperation in ensuring we can run trips smoothly and have all details available in good time!

Reports

We are currently finalising end of year school reports. These will be sent home with children on Friday 12th July. We recognise that some of our family's co-parent and children spend time across two households. Therefore, if you require an additional copy of your children's school report, please can you indicate to the school office **before** Friday 28th June, so we can ensure that all additional copies are processed.

September 2024 - Classes and Updates

It has come to that time again where we are planning and preparing for September. Mrs Daly has been busy carrying out nursery visits this week and has started to meet our Reception 2024 cohort!

At St Peter's we have a pupil admission number of 35. Which means that we must have capacity to take up to 35 children in each year group. However, in EYFS and KS1 we have class sizes of 30 or less. Therefore, the children in EYFS and KS1 are placed in mixed age classes. They still access all the age appropriate learning and curriculum content. Last year, we only had 30 reception children join us and they have had a wonderful year with Mrs Daly, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Parker. We have a similar number next year, however, we are aware of potential changes over the coming weeks. Therefore, final decisions around Reception 2024 have not been made yet.

We are in a very fortunate position to have some very small class sizes in Y1 and in the mixed Y1/2 class for September and the Y1 and Y2 staff will be working very closely together. We have looked at the 2024 cohorts in detail, predominantly grouping the children on their friendship groups as they move up to their next class. All the decisions have been made around what is best for your children.

The KS1 classes will be shared with parents when reports are circulated on Friday 12th July. We kindly ask that you respect the decisions and if you have a query, please speak to the current class teacher.

KS1 Staffing

EYFS	Mrs Daly / Mrs Parker and Mrs Holmes
Year 1 (EYFS will may also be in this group but	Mrs Winter (Class size of 15)
working with Mrs Daly too)	
Year 1 / 2	Mrs Longdon. (Class size of 22)
Year 2	Mrs McGirl / Mrs Parker (Class size of 30)

We are also having a teacher 'move around' in KS2. Again, a lot of thought and consideration has gone into this, including working with our school advisor on the benefits of teacher looping.

Teacher looping is where a class teacher stays with a class for a longer period. It allows the teacher to build on the learning from the previous year, the children have good relationships with the teacher, and this then can provide continuity. Many current Y6 parents reported the benefit of Mrs Owens having their children in Y4 and Y5. The move from Y2 to Y3 is a big change for many children and therefore we feel the continuity of Miss Dillane taking the Y3 children to Y4 is positive for their progress and development.

Therefore, the KS2 class teachers from September 2024 will be as below...

Year 3	Mr Carter
Year 4	Miss Dillane
Year 5	Mrs Owens
Year 6	Mrs Stainton

Our support staff will be working differently in the next academic year. Alongside many other schools, we are facing funding issues, therefore we are working on ensuring that additional support is based on the needs of the children and the class. This means that some staff are working across different class groups, delivering specific interventions and adaptive teaching methods.

So far it has been tricky to plan and could still be subject to further amendments. Therefore, we will share this soon.

Sporting News

Cricket update

Thank you to the parents and children who came to the school cricket tournament this week. The children played well, demonstrating determination and perseverance. We are extremely proud of all who participated and a huge thank you to Bobby (and his parents) for stepping in at very short notice to play – we really do appreciate your commitment to the school!



Monday 24th June - Y6 to Salt Ayre

Firstly, please accept our apologies for the short notice of letters being sent regarding this event. Usually, this would be a simple event to organise and we would have notified parents in advance. However, due to the climbing activities taking place, we had to seek approval from the Local Authority. This takes time and I had been waiting for the approval to be received before allowing the event to proceed.

School Lunches - Update

The new school menu seems to be working well and hopefully this will continue! As per last week's notice, new copies of the lunch menu are available from the school office, should you wish to take one.

Next week, we will be on Week 2:

		MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
WEEK TWO Week Commonsing: 22nd April 13th May 3rd & 24th June 15th July 5th & 26th August 16th Sept 7th & 28th October	Traditional Main Course	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Paprika Potato Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans (V)	British Beef or Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Tortilla Chips Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Roast Pork or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cooks Choice of Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Harry Ramsdens Crispy Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
	Pizza & Pasta	Creamy Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (V)	Cheese Toastle with Tortilla Chips & Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (V)	Homemade Pizza with Tortilla Chips & Sweetcorn (v)	Cheesy Pasta Bake with Fresh Broccolli (V)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Baked Beans (V)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Tortilla Chips Freshly Prepared Salad Selection
	Desserts	Vanilla Sponge & Chocolate Sauce or Fruit Yoghurt with Fruit Selection & Milk	Mini Chocolate Shortbread or Fruit Yoghurt with Fruit Wedges & Milk	Oaty Flapjack or Fruit Yoghurt with Fruit Selection & Milk	Mini Vanilla Cookie or Fruit Yoghurt with Fruit Wedges & Milk	Fruit Jelly & Vanilla Cream or Fruit Yoghurt with Fruit Selection & Milk

As always, if you are running late or know your child will be arriving late due to an appointment and your child is due to have a school lunch, please call or email the school office with their choice to ensure the school kitchen can prepare (as they cook to order).

Late orders are not guaranteed and the school kitchen may only be able to offer what is available, as opposed to your child's first choice.

You will also see on our notice board and via email sent earlier this week that we have our final themed lunch of this academic year. This will be on the last day of term (Tuesday 23rd July). If you would like your child(ren) to have this lunch on the day, please ensure you pre-order here: https://forms.office.com/e/QuNVPJpagx or by scanning the QR code on the poster on the notice board, by Friday 5th July at the latest. Late orders submitted after this date will not be processed.

As we approach the end of the school year, we need to remind all parents of Y2 children that lunches from September will be charged at a cost of £2.60 per meal as they will be in KS2. We will send a letter home as a reminder and will supply the application form for Free School Meals as we appreciate the additional cost may have significant financial implications on some families. We have these forms available in the school office for anybody who would like one – please feel free to collect one at anytime. Thankyou

Stars of the Week



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



Class	For
Skylarks - Stanley F	Having a wonderful week, showing determination and positivity
	in all you do.
Sanderlings - Shay	Bringing joy into the classroom with your positive attitude
Oystercatchers - Sophia	Showing super work in science lessons, asking great questions!
Eider Ducks - Aoife	Always putting 100% effort into your learning and taking pride in
	all you do.
Turnstones - Joshua	Always being ready for your learning. You are kind, respectful
	and hardworking. Well Done.
Dunlins - Shara	Your amazing attitude to learning! You are always ready.
Lapwings - Blake	Being consistently hard working, kind and a conscientious
	member of the class.
Curlews - Jessica	Having a wonderful week. Great positivity and resilience.

General Reminders

Arrival Times

Please continue to aim for the 8.35am drop off when the gates open. They close at 8.45am prompt. We have an action-packed final half term with so many things to learn and enjoy. We really do want to ensure children do not miss these events and activities, particularly if they are running late. As always, if you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact us and we will be happy to try and provide tips and guidance to help improve the situation.

Spring / Summer Clothing and Sun Safety

As the weather in our part of the world can be very unpredictable, we are seeing some delightful sunshine closely followed by downpours! As such, we ask that you send your child(ren) to school with a raincoat along with a sunhat and full water bottle and having applied suncream on the morning before school. All items to be clearly labelled please, including cardigans and jumpers which seem to be filling up our lost property box at a very fast pace! Thank you

Attendance Changes – Reminder

We are still seeing a number of new leave of absence request forms being submitted as we approach the summer holidays. Please be mindful of the attendance regulatory changes that we sent out via email recently, as you may be impacted by increased penalty charges / further legal action should you decide to take your child on holiday during term time.

Food Bank - Donations

Thank you for your continued support with your donations to Morecambe Bay Community Foodbank.

Whilst we indicate a class a week, anyone can donate. We have our donation area just in the main entrance to the school.

Class	Friday
Eider Ducks	Friday 21 st June
Curlews	Friday 28 th June
Any donations	Friday 5 th July
welcome if possible	Friday 12 th July
	No donations

We are so grateful for your continued contributions!

	Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing 24 th June
	 Y6 Salt Ayre Activity Day - (see letter) Parent Led CBT Session 2 (only applicable to Group 1 parents – please see email for details) Y2 Code Club - Postponed due to a whole staff training evening Interschool Cross Country Event @ Overton – 3.45pm (see letter)
Tuesday 25 th June	Y3 Swimming – please ensure all kits are in school and ready
June	 Y4 at The Nature Reserve Visit 2 of 2 – (see letter) Y6 children going to Ripley – Transition Day Y6 children going to Lancaster Girl's Grammar – Transition Day Y3 Ukulele – please ensure your child brings their ukulele into school for their lesson after lunchtime KS2 JAM Club – 3.15 – 4.15pm Induction Evening for Reception 2024 Parents - 5pm – 6pm
	 Y2 and Y6 Transition Coffee Morning – Parents of children in Y2 and Y6: Do you need to talk about transition and how you can support your child moving to a new key stage or school? If so, please book a space at our coffee morning via the school office.
Friday 28 th June	

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

- 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)
- Y4 Class Worship Thursday 4th July @ 9am. Maximum of 2 spaces per child, we will no longer take bookings but will take names at the door for fire safety.
- Y5 Trip to Heysham Power Station Thursday 4th July please see letter and complete ParentPay actions.
- Y3 Ukelele Performance Thursday 4th July at 2.30pm. Maximum of 2 spaces per child, we will no longer take bookings but will take names at the door for fire safety.
- 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
- Y3 Leighton Hall Trip Friday 12th July please see letter and complete ParentPay actions
- New Reception Class Visit (without parents) Tuesday 16th July @ 9.30am All children will visit their new class during this time
- **Skylarks Lakeland Wildlife Oasis Trip** Thursday 18th July please see letter and complete ParentPay actions
- Y1 Borwick Hall Trip Friday 19th July please see letter and complete ParentPay actions
- 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

Please see our notice board outside for more information about events taking place soon..!



FANCY A GAME OF BINGO?



Join us for a fun night on Saturday 29th June 2024 7pm onwards.

St James Hall, Heysham, LA3 2BQ

Tickets £10 which includes all

games.

Hot dogs served

Bar for wine, beer and soft drinks. Children get in free!!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ST PETER'S HALL

OR CONTACT syl.welberry@gmail.com or 07442164525

