



# Flourishing Together

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



### Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

We hope everyone has had a lovely week. It continues to be busy in school with lots of wonderful learning taking place. The children are now settled into their new classes and are working hard. It was lovely to see so many families at the Welcome Back to School social event, which was a was wonderful and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the 'Friends' for organising a great event for the families and children of St Peter's.

We do have a few reminders to consider, so are sharing these with you early in the hope we can achieve some positive steps forward. The play equipment is not manned by staff in a morning (at drop off) or afternoon (at pickup) on the bottom playground. Whilst we have risk assessments in place in relation to wet weather, if your child is on the equipment during these times, parents need to take responsibility and risk assess. We don't want to stop the children using it during this time but we are unable to supervise.

The lost property box is starting to fill up again. Please make sure your child's clothing is labelled so that we can get it back to them quickly.

I am intending to start posting some of our wonderful learning and celebrations on social media. If you do not wish your child to be on our social media platforms, website etc or have changed your permissions, please make sure the office is aware.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Dodd

### Our School Worship and Christian Values



*"I have come in order that you have life, life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)*

Our school vision is built around children living life in all it's fullness and this week we have explored this as part of whole school and class worships. We have been considering how we live our lives, how we help others, and how we become the best that we can possibly be.

### Year 6 Parent Faith Interviews

**We have received a message from Irene Charlton in relation to the Ripley faith interviews for the September 2024 intake.**

Reverend Mark would like to use Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October from 4pm to 8pm in 15 minute slots for each family. If there are more applications, then Wednesday 18th can be booked, but from 4pm to 6pm only. Irene can then hand-deliver the applications to Ripley before the 31st October deadline.

Parents of Y6 children who are wishing to apply for Ripley St Thomas should visit Ripley's school website and download the faith form. Parents / Carers then need to email Irene at the parish email address [heyshampja@gmail.com](mailto:heyshampja@gmail.com) so she can start to book your appointments. Children are encouraged to go along to the faith interview for them to have a say in relation to September 2024.

## Parents Evening

Parents evening sessions are now available for booking. These are only 5 min slots as it is very early in the school year, so 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Workshop – RECEPTION SKYLARK PARENTS ONLY

Mrs Daly and Mrs Parker will be running a parent workshop for **NEW RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY**. This will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Safeguarding and Online Safety

We have three Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's) in school; Mrs Dodd, Mrs Parker and Mrs Rigby. We are continually reviewing our policies, procedures and keeping up to date with a range of information. If you ever have concerns or worries about your child / other children, then you can report this to the safeguarding leads. All information is confidential.

As a school we are always checking pupil attendance and do look for patterns in relation to regular / persistent absences. Please ensure that for everyday your child is absent from school, you call through to the absence line with details of your child's full name, class and reason for absence.

During the term we will be updating our Online Safety documents on the school website. Whilst the digital world and devices provide us with wonderful tools for learning, we need to be well equipped with strategies and guidance on how to keep our children safe online. This is much more than the curriculum offer in school.

## Mrs Rigby's Family Support Updates

Pastoral update: this week, I did my Designated Safeguard Lead training yesterday. Mrs Dodd, Mrs Parker and I are all trained.

All the children have completed their dots for the whole school display. Mrs Edmondson is kindly helping me put them up next week.

There are many things I am currently planning for school; I am looking forward to sharing these along the way.

Remember, the door is always open if you wish to come and see me. I have my drop-ins on a Wednesday from 9am – 10.30am, bookable via the school office but if Wednesday isn't convenient, you can always request an alternative time.

This week's affirmation (to you), chosen by Tegan (Year 4), is: You are loved. Remember to repeat it to yourself: I am loved.

## Autumn Illness

We have noticed an increase in illness in both children and staff this week. Autumn colds, coughs and viruses are doing the rounds. We are increasing hand washing and sanitising in school to look at preventing the fast spread of viruses and to minimise children and staff becoming unwell. The DFE letter to schools for managing mild illness does state that children who have a temperature should remain at home until their temperature falls without controlling it with Calpol etc.

There is further information provided on the link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The morning will run from 9am until 11.40am and you can call in at any time during the morning. Each class will have a 20 minute time slot during the morning, so you may wish to time your visit to coincide with your child's class.

Please could we ask for donations of cakes / buns to be made towards our coffee morning, which can be delivered on Thursday (PM) or Friday morning before 8.45am. There will also be a box for monetary donations.



The class schedule for the morning is as follows:

9am – 9.20am	Skylarks
9.20am – 9.40am	Sanderlings
9.40am – 10am	Turnstones
10am – 10.20am	Oystercatchers
10.20am – 10.40am	Curlews
10.40am – 11am	Eiderducks
11am – 11.20am	Dunlins
11.20am – 11.40am	Lapwings

## Morecambe Football Club Players in School

We are working closely with Morecambe Football Club community team as part of our after school club offer. They have kindly arranged 5 of the MFC players to come into school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, for a question and answer session with Y3, 4, 5, 6. Children have been told that they are able to get autographs. During this session we have asked the players to talk about their favourite books and also promote the love of reading.

## Food Bank – Caring for Our Community



Thank you to our Y6 and Sanderlings families who have made very substantial donations to the foodbank. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. Rev. Mark collected this week and kindly took our donations to the food bank.

**On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** we kindly ask if any parents / carers of **Y5 Class** are able to make a small 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.

We have itemised the schedule for class donations up until December:

Class	Date
Lapwings	29 <sup>th</sup> September
Oystercatchers	6 <sup>th</sup> October
Dunlins	13 <sup>th</sup> October
Eider Ducks	20 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Half Term</b>	
Turnstones	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Skylarks	10 <sup>th</sup> November
Curlews	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Sanderlings	24 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Y3 Outdoor Education Lesson – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
<p>Y3 have an exciting outdoor education lesson in school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September so will require waterproofs and suitable footwear on this day. Please send your child into school with these items as the weather is unpredictable and it is likely they will require these items for their outdoor learning session. Thankyou</p>	
<b>Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 are swimming. Kits in school please</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Tour 1 September 2024 new starters @ 9.15am</li> <li>• Morecambe Football Club visit – Y3,4,5,6</li> <li>• Young Voices Session(Y4,5,6) in the Hall (After School Club will be using the library and outdoor space)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent’s Evening (KS2) – 2.30pm – 6pm</li> <li>• Parent’s Evening (KS1) – 3.30pm – 6pm</li> <li>• 3.15pm – 4.15pm JAM Club</li> <li>• Friends Meeting @ St Peter’s Church Hall – 7.30pm. All welcome</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Tour 2 September 2024 new starters @ 1.30pm</li> <li>• Y3 Outdoor Education lesson – please see above re: clothing</li> <li>• Macmillan donations can be received from this afternoon</li> <li>• Parent’s Evening (KS2) – 2.30pm – 6pm</li> <li>• Parent’s Evening (KS1) – 3.30pm – 6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macmillan Coffee Morning – please see above re: schedule</li> <li>• Y5 foodbank donations gratefully received</li> </ul>
<b>Key Dates for Autumn Term</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y6 (Curlews)</b> - Blackburn Cathedral and Mosque Trip on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please see letter and ParentPay.</li> <li>• <b>Y1 (Sanderlings)</b> will be delivering Harvest Worship. This will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at St Peter’s Church. This is for parents / family members of children in Sanderlings class only.</li> <li>• <b>Friends</b> - Bag 2 School on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please start collecting your clothes donations.</li> <li>• <b>Y4 (Dunlins)</b> - Heysham Nature Reserve Trip on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please see letter.</li> <li>• <b>Y6 (Curlews)</b> - Y6 will lead our Remembrance Service on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Hall. This is for parents / family members of children in Curlews class only.</li> <li>• <b>Whole School Panto</b> – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (morning). Letters will be sent home next week with more information, including our request for Parent Volunteers to support the visit.</li> </ul>	

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- **Y3 – Turnstones Class** – Year 3 will lead our Advent / Christingle Worship which will take place during the first week of December – final date to be confirmed.