



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 27th September 2024



Headteachers Message

Thank you to all the parents and family members that donated cakes to our Macmillan coffee morning and came along for a coffee and cake. It was lovely to see so many of you come along. It is also fantastic to be able to continue to raise money for such important charities.

We can support a range of charities throughout the year and we really value your contributions. We are mindful of the impact of the cost of living, therefore, please only donate where you can. Next week we have Harvest Celebrations. We do collect food donations weekly for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank and have shared information on 'The Bishop's Harvest Appeal' alongside this newsletter in an email attachment. If you can donate it is greatly appreciated.

It has also been a great start to the Times Table Rock Star challenge with Y3-Y6 working hard and practicing their times table knowledge. This is such an important skill that the children need to learn as they progress through school. Please keep up the practice at home. Year 2 were fantastic at sharing their writing this week with me, whilst covering an indoor lunch play. They were so keen to share their wonderful work.

Alongside the newsletter, there will be a separate letter sent out today via email, which reminds parents about working together with school and highlights the school and local authority expectations around parent behaviour and conduct. Please take a few minutes to read. We really do want to ensure we have a respectful school, where staff, children and parents feel valued and are treated with humility.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes

This week we have focussed on:



Self Control – We are in control of our choices and actions.

This week our focus has been on showing self control. We discussed what self control meant and looked at scenarios and the choices we have. In class worship the children reflected on situations where they have shown self control and made positive choices.

We continue to think about being the best we can be and making positive choices through showing our Christian Characteristics.

Rev. Mark joined us on Tuesday and the children engaged in a lively worship thinking about creation and harvest.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thankyou

Thank you to Mrs Newton and all the staff and parents who made today's coffee morning happen and raised funds for Macmillan. The event was enjoyed by all! Due to the overwhelming generosity of our families, we have some cakes left over which will be made available in the playground at hometime today. The collection bucket will be out for those final monetary donations from those who are able to spare some pennies, before we count up and share the total raised with you next week. Thank you once again for your support.



Stars of the Week



This week our celebration worship was unable to take place due to the Macmillan coffee morning. Therefore we will celebrate star of the week next week.

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Hair

We kindly ask that parents continue to check their child's hair on a regular basis. Please treat for headlice and let school know of any cases. This is so we can send out communication to class groups and hopefully reduce the risk of children catching head lice.

We also ask that parents ensure that hair that is longer than shoulder length is tied back. We also ask that children do not have extreme hair cuts e.g. zig zag lines / mottos or emblems shaved into their hair. We do understand that some children have a slight line across their parting but no designs please.

Reception Class Parents – Phonics Workshop

Mrs Daly and Mrs Parker will be running a parent workshop for **NEW RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY**. This will be on Wednesday 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. It is also a lovely opportunity to see the classroom again and catch up with other Reception parents. Please arrive from 4.50pm for a prompt start at 5pm.

Morecambe Bay Day – 16th October 2024

We are so proud to live and work in such a beautiful part of the country and are delighted to see that there is a dedicated day to celebrate Morecambe Bay! As a school, we are excited to be exploring ways in which we, too, can join in with celebrating Morecambe Bay Day on 16th October. On this day we are planning a non uniform day with a small donation which we will transfer to The Bay Search and Rescue.



Depending on the weather we will have local visits to the beach and prom area to carry out art work, geographical enquiry skills, science work and more importantly.... HAVE FUN!

In the meantime, please see the link below to find out more about what is going on in the area to mark 250 years of 'Morecambe Bay' first appearing on a map all the way back in 1775..!

https://www.morecambebay.org.uk/what-we-do/stories/morecambe-bay-day?mc_cid=5894bd57d5&mc_eid=319f323bf3

ASDA REWARDS

A screenshot of the ASDA Rewards Cash Pot for Schools interface. It shows the school name 'Heysham St Peter's Church of England Primary School', the amount raised '£249.73', and '65 days left'. There is a yellow 'CASH POT FOR SCHOOLS' logo and a blue 'See progress' button.

Do you shop at ASDA? If so and you use the ASDA Reward cash pot, you can link to our school. ASDA will then donate money to school.

ASDA will donate £1 per person who link their rewards to school too. Please consider doing this and helping to raise more funds to support the school. If you can also encourage family members and friends to link to our school's cash pot, that would help us even more!

Historical Experiences Within School – KS2

You may be aware that we aim to provide a history curriculum which is rich in immersive experiences alongside the core elements for learning. As such, we invite 'Professor Tuesday' to our school to deliver exciting sessions over the course of the year. Children have a very fun-filled and hands-on experience when this happens and we would like to continue this moving forward.

As you know, school budgets are limited and with cost increases, we are in a position where we must explore ways to ensure we can continue to proceed with these historical visits to school.

With this in mind, we politely ask our KS2 parents if they are able, to contribute £3 via ParentPay, ensuring each of these classes are able to receive a visit from Professor Tuesday for this academic year. We will add this voluntary contribution amount to ParentPay on Monday next week.

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We will continue to monitor costs over the future academic years but for now, we hope this will secure our wonderful and enriching historical visits at the school site, when provided by external sources. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated, as it enables us to continue offering enriching experiences that benefit our students' educational journey.

Lockdown and Site Security

Many parents may be aware of some local schools have recently implemented their lockdown procedures. We have specific procedures in place to secure the site and keep everyone as safe as possible. We are also continually reviewing policies and procedures and over the past week we have reviewed and updated our lockdown procedures further. We will therefore be locking the silver gates after drop off and during the school day, so that the only way to access the school grounds will be through the main entrance to the office. We know the gates are an issue and therefore will aim to reopen these top silver gates from 3pm each day, with the blue gates opening at 3.05-3.10pm.

We will be talking to the children about how we keep safe in the event of a fire. e.g. we go out of the building and evacuate. We will also be talking to the children about how we might have to keep the children safe in the building by locking things down. This could be due to pollution or something happening in the area / on the grounds. We will be delivering these messages sensitively and trying not to alarm the children. We would very much appreciate if you could do the same at home, sensitively discussing that school have measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Just like a fire alarm, we must practice and test our procedures out to make sure they are effective. Therefore, a lockdown test scenario will be carried out before half term. Once we have done this, we will let you know just in case it unsettles your child, however we are aiming to do this calmly, in a child friendly manner and without causing distress. It will simply be conveyed as a message that 'Mrs Dodd is checking that everything is in place'.

Friends Meeting Online

Can you spare an hour to join the Friends meeting online next week? This is on Tuesday 1st October at 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

The friends are a group of parents who support fundraising and events for the school. They already have interest from some of our new parents which is great news. You can give as much time as you can or just support the different events when you are available.

If you can join the meeting to find out what is up and coming and discuss how you can help, please email friends@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk for the zoom link.

Harvest – Caring for our Community

Next week we are collecting food bank donations from all classes as part of Harvest Festival.

Every year we set up a table in the hall and celebrate gathering items that we can donate to Morecambe Bay Food Bank as part of their Harvest Appeal. We understand that parents may have already made donations to the Church or in the community. Please consider donating if you can. We will display our collection across the hall and celebrate on Friday 4th October.

Date	Class
Fri 4 th October	Harvest – any donations from all classes welcome
Fri 11 th October	Oystercatchers (Y1/2)
Fri 18 th October	Dunlins (Y4)
Half Term	



Sanderlings Class will also be sharing their class Harvest worship at St Peter's Church on Thursday 3rd October at 9.15am. Parents / carers of Sanderlings children are welcome to join us. Please come along!

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 30th September

Monday 30th September	
Tuesday 1st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Tour 5 @ 9.15am - bookings are being taken at the school office • Y4 Swimming - please make sure swimming kits are in school at drop off • Y4 Trip to Heysham Power Station (straight after swimming) • Y4 Dance Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation
Wednesday 2nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquathon @ 1.30pm at Bay Leadership Academy – see letter • School Tour 6 @ 1.30pm - bookings are being taken at the school office • KS2 JAM Club @ 3.15pm - please collect a JAM Club form from the office if your child wishes to join this club • Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents @ 5pm – 6pm – see above
Thursday 3rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hello Autumn Themed Lunch – please bring a packed lunch if you have not pre-ordered for your child(ren) • Sanderlings Class – Harvest Worship @ 9.15am at St Peter’s Church Parents / family members of this class are welcome to join! • Y2 Multi Skills Club @ 3.15pm - see email confirmation
Friday 4th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Harvest Celebration Worship – any donation for the harvest appeal will be much appreciated

Reminder of Key Dates for Autumn Term / Academic Year 2024-2025 so far

- **Tuesday 17th September Onwards - School Tours for Reception 2025 New Starters**
Please see the school calendar for all tour dates and times up to Christmas.
- **Tuesday 1st October - Y4 Trip to Heysham Power Station**
Please note – swimming will still take place at the usual time, and the coach will drop the children off at the Power Station, so kits are still required in school. Thankyou
- **Wednesday 2nd October – Aquathon Event at Bay Leadership Academy from 1.30pm – approx. 3.30pm**
All those who are due to participate in this event have received letters to go home with further details.
- **Wednesday 2nd October – Reception Parents Phonics Workshop**
This workshop will run from 5pm – 6pm in Skylarks classroom – please see above information.
- **Thursday 3rd October – Sanderlings Harvest Worship @ 9.15am – approx 9.45am**
Sanderlings class will be hosting this year’s Harvest Worship assembly @ St Peter’s Church. 2 x spaces max are available for family members of children in Sanderlings – no booking required.
- **Thursday 3rd October – ‘Hello Autumn’ Themed Lunch**
Please check your email for the link to pre-order your child’s meal on this day, should they wish to have it.
***Today is the last day for pre-orders – please ensure you have completed yours online here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/3zBzaV7q1K>
- **Friday 4th October - Harvest Worship**
Whole School contributions are very much appreciated and will be displayed at the front of the hall, with a special assembly delivered by Rev. Mark.
- **Monday 7th October - Individual and In-school Sibling Photographs**
On this day, Tempest come into school and take photographs of each child in each class. They also take photographs of any sibling pairs / groups, which are then made available afterwards for purchase.
- **Wednesday 9th October - Whole School Flu Vaccinations**
Please check your emails for the online links to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination.
- **Wednesday 16th October – Morecambe Bay Day**
See above for information – further details will be supplied

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- Monday 21st - Friday 25th October – October Half Term (School Closed)

- Wednesday 4th December (AM) - Whole School Panto ‘The Borrowers’ at the Dukes Theatre
Letters have gone home for this now – thank you to all those who have returned slips already. We would be very grateful for parent volunteers if available – please see the letter for more information.

- Week Commencing 24th March - Y5 residential trip to Lakeside

This letter has now been sent home and ParentPay has been updated accordingly with the payment instalments and dates. *Reminder – first instalment date to pay by is 30th September.* Thankyou

Hello Autumn
3rd October

Toad-in-the-Hole
(Vegetarian option available)
with
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Peas & Gravy
or
Cheese Pasty
with
Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans
~
Strawberry Mousse

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Lego Robotics
at Judges Lodgings Museum

Saturday 5 October, 11am – 3.30pm

Free

Let the kids be inspired with making, coding, and programming their Lego robots.
Use Lego kits to inspire your child to learn creativity, programming, and coding in this free family session. Spend time together, have fun and gain new skills. What are you waiting for?
This event is part of Lancaster Fun Palaces, thanks to Lancashire Adult Learning.
Free – no booking required.
This event is free but charges do apply if you wish to go around the rest of the museum (£5 adults or children free)

Judges' Lodgings Museum, Church Street, Lancaster, LA1 1YS
01524 581 241 judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY NORTH

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01524 581148.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

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