



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 29th November 2024



Headteachers Message

Good afternoon,

It is beginning to look very festive around school. Thank you to 'The Friends' who have made our hall look spectacular today! It is really appreciated, your time, support and creativity.



Chair of Governors Update

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Chair of the Governing Body. Mr Steve Hemingway who is one of our Local Authority Governors and a parent has taken on the role of Chair of Governors. Mr. Hemingway has been a member of our school family for over 8 years and has been on the governing body for 6 years. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience.

We thank Mrs Caroline Whittingham who has been our acting Chair of Governors over the past 8 months. Mrs Whittingham will be continuing her role as Vice Chair to the Governing Body. Many parents know Mrs Whittingham as she taught at St Peter's and has been part of the school family for many years.

Our Governors have a strategic role in the leadership of the school. Their roles and responsibilities are to ensure that the school is implementing appropriate policies and procedures.

Whilst we have the Chair of Governors email address available on the school website, we kindly ask that you only contact the Chair of Governors if your concerns are in relation to the headteacher or if you feel they have not been dealt with in the first instance by the headteacher.

As outlined at the beginning of the year it is lovely to hear compliments as well as complaints.

Next week advent and Christmas festivities begin to take place. We are looking forward to our Reception children performing for the first time in school and for our whole school trip to The Dukes. The children, staff and volunteers love this experience.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

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Our Christian Characteristics and Worship Themes



This week we have focused on:

Gentleness and Compassion

Mrs Dodd led our Monday worship where we read the parable of The Good Samaritan. We focussed on how our gentleness and kindness supports others around us.

Rev'd. Mark led worship this week. Worship was started by demonstrating how patient we have to be when we are making jelly. The children considered how we have to be patient and as we approach Advent we are patient for the birth and celebration of birth of Jesus. We are reminded that on Sunday advent begins and we will be lighting the first candle of our advent wreath which sybolises Hope reminding us that Jesus is coming.

Star's of the Week

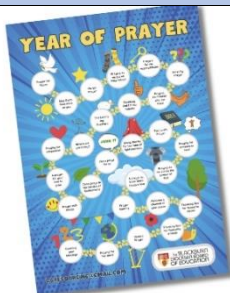


It has been an amazing week in school with lots of positivity and children showing how amazing they are.

Class	For
Skylark – Teddy W	Being super helpful! Well Done!
Sanderling - Daniel	Always being ready to learn and setting a good example to others.
Oystercatcher – Felicity	Some fantastic work in History lessons.
Eider Ducks - Wren	Always showing our Christian Value of 'Goodness' you are a pleasure to have in Y2.
Turnstones – Harper	Working hard in class and showing kindness to her friends.
Dunlins – Ellia	Always being a lovely member of the class. You are kind, helpful and always try your best.
Lapwings – Amelia	Always working very hard and being so conscientious! 100% effort in all you do.
Curlews – Stanley	Excellent maths this week – well done!

Mrs Rigby has also awared two positivity awards this week! Alex (y5) has been bringing so much positivity to the school gate in the morning and Niamh (y3) has been demonstrating positivity both in school and at home! Remember YOU ARE POSITIVE!

The Year of Prayer



Next week we will be launching 'The Year of Prayer' this is part of Blackburn and Darwen Diocese preparations for the celebration of 100 years of the Diocese in 2026. In the lead up to this special celebration we are taking part in 'The Year of Prayer'. This will start on the 2nd December and lead up to the Summer (initially) with further information to come our way in the Summer term.

This week the children took part in an online zoom worship with Bishop Phillip who launched 'The Year of Prayer'.

Next week our first Value Prayer will focus on Peace

Positive Parenting Sessions



Children and Family Well Being Service and Mrs Rigby will be running 'Positive Parenting Workshops' for just St Peter's Families starting on Tuesday 7th January during the afternoon. The sessions will run every Tuesday for a series of weeks. Parents must be able to commit their time to each session. Mrs Rigby will be sending out further information via the school newsletter e.g. the content of the sessions, times and end date. If you wish to register your interest please contact the school office and leave your details.

Technology Updates for Satey Online

As we approach the Christmas period, many children may be requesting technology gifts on their lists to santa. We strongly urge parents to consider the measures that are needed to be in place to keep your child safe online. There are a range of resources and free video's to support parents from The National College.

<https://nationalcollege.com/parents>

HO HO HO – It's Christmas Post

It is that time where we set up our school post box to send the cards across the school. Our wonderful Y5 children will be taking on the role of postmasters across the school. We will be launching the postal service on Wednesday 4th December. Cards are welcome to come in from this date!



St John's Hospice – Reindeer Rush 2024



Every year we take part in the annual St John's Hospice – Reindeer Run. This is a charity that is very important within our local community that not only supports people with cancer but their families and children.

We will be getting all the children out to take part in the Reindeer Run on Friday 13th December, where every child will run around the school track to raise funds via sponsorship from family and friends.

If you are able to donate to this charity, please do so via the link below. Please share the link with family members and friends who may also wish to sponsor your child for their involvement and raise funds for such a wonderful cause this Christmas. Thank you as always for your continued support

<https://stjohnshospicelancaster.enthuse.com/pf/suzie-walker>

Supporting Children's Development

Primary school's are nurturing, we work hard as the children move through school to enable the children to become independent, resilient and hardworking in order for them to move to the next stage of education.

A lot of parents frequently ask "What can we do at home?"

So, in terms of our younger children (Reception Class) please can you continue to help teach your child how to use their knife and fork. Please encourage them to eat a balanced plate of food. Very often encouragement and having some patience will enable them to make good food choices and become independent with their eating skills. Mrs Dodd, Mrs Parker, Mrs Daly and Mrs Holmes are currently supporting every day in the hall to help and encourage our younger children to eat a balanced plate of food.

In other year groups – please encourage your child to be independent and take responsibility for their belongings. Making sure they take responsibility to look after their lunchboxes, coats and items. This is something we are focussing on in school too, we see and hear your frustration at the end of the day when you are looking for items.

As the children move into KS2 and upper key stage 2, there is a need for the children to be more responsible with managing their homework, reading and taking ownership of this. This is part of getting children 'high school ready.' They need to be able to organise their time, know what needs to be done and be returning homework on time. Primary school's are tolerant and recognise when a child may have genuinely forgotten, however this will not be the case when the children move to high school.

We are also focussing on ensuring the children take responsibility for their behaviour and choices. This week we have had to talk to the children about some of the behaviour choices in the KS2 toilets. Where

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some silliness has resulted in damage. Therefore the children have been spoken to about this and they have been reminded about our behaviour choices impact on others and there are times where they will need to reflect on the choices and accept responsibility.

Admission Arrangements for 2026 Onwards – Consultation

Our proposed admission arrangements for 2026 are on the school website and we are currently in a consultation time frame. Over the past two years, our admission numbers have been lower and data indicates that the birth rate in our district is lower for future years. There are enough school places within the area, therefore we have requested to reduce our pupil admission number (PAN) to 30 from 2026. We are also in consultation for changing some of the admission criteria to the school. This has been discussed and approved by our governors, however, we now seek responses from parents. If you wish to respond to the consultation we kindly ask for your views to be submitted by email to: bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk with the subject as **Admission Consultation 2026**.

The full proposed admission arrangements is available at:

<https://www.stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions-and-appeals/consultation-proposed-admission-arrangements-2026>

Weekly Food Bank Collections

We continue to want to embed our school vision to care for creating and support others within the community. Please can you donate to the foodbank collections where possible. Whilst we have allocated classes, anyone can donate at any time. Every little helps and it was truly appreciated last half term.

Day	Class
Friday 6 th December	Oystercatchers
Friday 13 th December	Dunlins
Week Commencing 16 th December	No Donations as we will be arrange a pick up this week.

Urgently needed food items

Tea Bags
Instant Mash
Small jars of Coffee
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Baked Beans

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 2nd December

Monday 2nd December	
Tuesday 3rd December	3:15- 4:15 – Year 5 Dance Club
Wednesday 4th December	Whole School are going to The Dukes 3:15- 4:15 – Spanish Tuition / JAM Club
Thursday 5th December	9:30 – EYFS Nativity – parents are welcome to come straight to the hall from drop off where refreshments will be served. 3:15- 4:15 – Year 2 Ball Skills
Friday 6th December	9am St John’s Hospice Fundraiser Reindeer Dash

Reminder of Key Dates for the remainder of Autumn Term 2

- **Friday 29th November - Indoor Athletics League @ LMC** from 3.30pm.
This is the first date of the competition, with another scheduled for 31st January 2025. Please see letter.
- **Tuesday 10th December – Y6 Author Trip to Ripley St Thomas** – See letter and email sent home for details

CHRISTMAS DIARY



WED 4TH DEC. WHOLE SCHOOL TO THE DUKES TRIP

THURS 5TH DEC. EYFS NATIVITY 9:30

WED 11TH DEC. 2PM - KS1 NATIVITY (1)

WED 11TH DEC 5:30PM - KS2 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

THURS 12TH DEC. 2PM - KS1 NATIVITY (2)

MONDAY 16TH DEC. 6PM Y6 CAROL CONCERT

TUES 17TH DEC. YEAR 3 PARENTS ONLY
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

WED 18TH DEC. CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND JUMPER DAY



Christmas IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE

DROP IN!
No need
to book!

£1
voluntary
donation.
All ages
welcome!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Sunday 1st December, 2-4pm
Heysham Village Institute
Main Street, LA3 2RW

Help get your village
ready for the festive
season.

Come and decorate your own
angel for display in this year's
Heysham Village Angel Trail.

Make an afternoon of it and
join in with other activities on
offer including:

- Making Tree Decorations
- Other Angel-inspired crafts



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heyshamevents@gmail.com



Christmas IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 7th December, 12-5pm
Sunday 8th December, 12-5pm
The Royal Heysham Hotel Car Park
Pedestrian access via Royal Fold on Main Street, LA3 2RW

Only
£1
entry per
adult*

- Alpacas (Saturday)
- Thwaites Shire Horses (Sunday)
- Father Christmas
- Angel Trail

- The Royal Heysham Hotel:
open for food and drinks inside
and outside in the heated tent.
- Carol singing and 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.

FREE PARKING IN HEYSHAM VILLAGE
CAR PARK LA3 2RW.

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More Music

FREE

WEST END WINTER LANTERN PROCESSION
AN UPLIFTING COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF LIGHT & MUSIC

The procession will wind its way around the streets of the West End led by Baybeat Streetband, starting and ending with light and music performances at More Music. Please wrap up warm and wear appropriate clothing for all weathers!
Not drinks available.

Saturday 7th December
5pm – 7:30pm

- 4pm Alexandra Park illuminated
- 5pm Event start | Collect your lantern | Performances
- 6pm Procession
- 7pm Celebration outside More Music
- 7:30pm Close

PROCESSION START
Parliament Street by More Music,
13-17 Devonshire Road,
Morecambe, LA3 1QT

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.moremusic.org.uk

GET INVOLVED!

DESIGN A BIRD

We're gathering your Curlew designs to join a colourful, patterned flock created by local community groups and schools. The flock will form a light installation which will be projected onto More Music's Building.

To join in, download the template, then take photos of your designs, email them to info@moremusic.org.uk and display in your window for everyone to enjoy on the procession.

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS
Saturday 23, Sunday 24, Saturday 30 November
10am to 4pm
Make a beautiful willow and paper lantern to carry in the procession. This year's theme is wildlife of the bay.

TAMBOO BAMBOO WORKSHOPS
Saturday 23 November
11am – 12pm / 1pm – 2pm
Come and learn about and play Trinidadian Tamboo Bamboo music with Bob and Cyn from Cocophony Arkestra! We'll be preparing a short performance to be shared at 5pm and 7:15pm at the Lantern Procession event.

CONTINUE YOUR NIGHT

BAKED A LA SKA
Ska of Wonder
Saturday 7 December
8pm
Tickets £15
The 'heavy heavy' sound of Manchester. A super-charged 11-headed ska monster on a rampage through the dance floors of the UK.

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THE MAGIC CHRISTMAS TOYSHOP
A walk-through experience for children!

Come and visit us
at Lancaster Castle!

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd December
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
No booking necessary

FREE ENTRY

A Three Left Feet production

CHRISTMAS TALES
with **MRS CLAUS**

Scan for tickets!

1pm & 3pm, 7th & 8th December
11am & 1pm, 14th & 15th December
Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park

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