



St. Peter's Newsletter

Flourishing Together

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

Friday 6th September 2024



Welcome Back to School

We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday despite the typical British summer weather. It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back this week and also welcome our new reception children.

This first newsletter is full of reminders and very long, so please take a few minutes to read through key information.

The summer has been very busy in the Mitchell building (KS2) and some of you may have seen very active building work taking place over the six week holiday. We are very fortunate to secure funding through the Diocese to support the building developments. Some of you may remember that originally that building was the Infants (KS1) building and was in much need to modernising. Most of the windows have now been replaced and new KS2 modern, clean, fresh toilets have been fitted. The Y3 classroom which is now the Y4 classroom has had a full makeover! There had been damp in the walls, therefore all the plaster has been removed, damp proofing has been implemented and the class has been fully replastered and painted.


Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

KINDNESS,
LOVE, Self-control **JOY,**
FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS,
GOODNESS,
PEACE,
PATIENCE,

Stars of the Week

It has been an amazing first week in school with lots of positivity and children showing how amazing they are. I know the teachers have found it tricky to choose because so many children have worked really hard.

| Class | For |
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| Sanderling - Alice E | <p>All the children have been recognised for their amazing attitude, work and positivity in school this week. Well Done!</p> <p></p> |
| Oystercatcher - Vicky N | |
| Eider Ducks - Layla B | |
| Turnstones - Penelope J | |
| Dunlins - Olivia W | |
| Lapwings - Joseph I | |
| Curlews - Ethan B | |

Drop off and Pick up Reminders

Drop Off

Remember school starts at 8.45am and the gates need to be closed at this time. The gates will open at 8.35am for children to come into the playground and they will begin making their way into class for 8.40am.

Children in KS2 (Y3-6) are to wave their parents goodbye at the double blue gates and make their way independently into the playground. We will have staff out on duty to make sure they are ok. I appreciate that this is a big change for our Y3 children as they move into KS2, however, it is important to build independence.

Parents / Carers for Reception and KS1 children make their way to the lower playground and when they hear the bell, make their way to their classrooms. Please can all parents of EYFS and KS1 children remain with their child(ren) and supervise until they enter the classrooms. If your child is using the play equipment in the morning, you are required to supervise them.

Year 6 children are able to walk to and from school independently, however please ensure that the walking home and mobile phone agreements are completed. Year 5 children are able to start walking home from the summer term only.

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Pick Up

All KS1 / EYFS children are collected from the bottom playground. Please wait until the staff release your child to you.

KS2 children are collected from the top playground.

Y3 – will exit from the centre door in the middle of the playground. Mr Carter and Mrs Edmondson will then be able to pass on any messages and hand over the children.

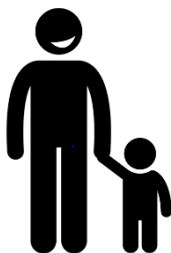
Y4 – are in the old Y3 renovated classroom and will come out from the side door.

Y5 – will exit from the centre door in the middle of the playground and Mrs Owens and Mrs Smith will be there to pass over key information and your child.

Y6 – If you are collecting your Y6 child they will exit from the library door near the gym equipment.

We kindly request that pick up and leaving the site is prompt. This is because we have to secure the site for afterschool club activities by 3.30pm. Therefore, we request that equipment and the grounds are not used for extra playtimes with friends.

Phone Free Zone – Playground



We live in a society where we can become easily distracted by our mobile devices, even when we are not taking a call or sending a message. Scrolling newsfeeds has become a habit.

We might even be engrossed in conversation with a friend on the playground or looking at our phones and forget to say to our child(ren) “Hi, how was your day?” smile warmly at them or send them in to school / welcome them at the end of the day with a hug.

It is always lovely seeing the excitement from the children at home time. They are ready to go home and share their day with you, often eager to see their adult after a busy school day to talk about their day or find out what they are doing after school or for tea. The smiles on their faces when they see you ready to pick them up and take them home is one which fills us all with joy.

Therefore, we kindly ask that you are ready to take a moment, listen to your child and be involved in the power of talk. This has a huge impact on your child’s development. Children who are exposed to more language, talk and discussions have improved outcomes. Talking and engaging your child in conversations impacts on children’s language development – it stimulates their brain and also improves their mental health and well-being. Their wisdom will grow, their vocabulary becomes richer and they develop curiosity, critical thinking and intelligence. As mentioned it also promotes good mental health.

So please support us in your child’s language development journey by making our playground a mobile free zone where absolutely possible.



Please Label Your Uniform and Belongings



We had a huge amount of unlabelled lost property at the end of the summer, which we did donate to the Uniform Hub.

To avoid this going forward, we kindly request that all items of clothing, bottles, lunch boxes, hats, etc. are all clearly labelled. This will enable us to get the items back to the children quickly. This could be with a sharpie / any pen - please do not feel the need to purchase special iron/sew on labels.

Uniform

It is expected that all children will come to school in full school uniform, including black suitable footwear. We have only made one slight change to school uniform, which is that children are now able to wear plain red polo t-shirts that do not require the St Peter’s school logo on.

Any child with shoulder length hair or longer should have their hair tied back in a neutral or school coloured band. No big bows or big headbands please.

If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer or do have pierced ears they can only wear one pair of small studs or spacers.

For health and safety reasons, children are not able to wear earrings for PE. If the piercing is new (within 6 weeks) we ask for the ears to be covered over with plaster / tape. After 6 weeks, earrings must be removed for PE. Ideally this is best done in a morning at home to avoid lost earrings in the classroom.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child(ren) brings a water bottle into school each day. We are a healthy school that follows the most up to date guidance on drinks and snacks in school. Please be advised that we strongly encourage all children to bring water and promote the drinking of water. We do not provide juice top ups through the school day.

Whilst we recognise that some children may not like this and prefer juice, this is something we do not promote.

Please speak to your class teachers if your child has a specific need. We do recognise the importance of staying hydrated throughout the school day.

Change in Circumstances / Details

If your details have changed over the summer e.g. address, contact telephone number, email address, key contacts etc. please can you ensure you email or let the school office know at the earliest opportunity.

It is extremely important that we have a minimum of two emergency contact numbers in line with our safeguarding arrangements.

Also, if you have had a change in circumstances or if there has been anything significant which could impact on your child e.g. separation, bereavement, moving house, family changes, please inform the class teacher or Mrs Rigby so we can ensure we can monitor and support your child's emotional wellbeing. All information will be confidential. We just want to ensure the best support for your child as they navigate these significant changes in their lives.

Meet the Headteacher / Teacher Sessions Parents in Y1 – Y6 ONLY (not current Reception class)

You should hopefully have received an email this week to inform you that on Wednesday 11th September, we invite parents / carers to meet the teacher sessions.

This year I will be delivering a short presentation to parents on our school journey, expectations and working together before inviting parents to visit their child's new classroom and meet their teacher. Due to capacity, we can only accommodate 1 parent per family in the school hall.

As a reminder, the format is as follows:

5pm – approx 5.20pm – Meet the Headteacher – Mrs Dodd presentation to parents
5.20pm – 5.40pm – Visit Teacher 1
5.40pm – 6pm – Visit Teacher 2

Food Bank Friday



This year we will continue to be linking with our churches, St Peter's and St James' who make regular donations to Morecambe Bay Foodbank. We ask where possible and only if you are able to, to make a contribution to Morecambe Bay Food Bank. We will be doing a weekly collection from different classes.

On Friday 13th September, we kindly ask if any parents / carers of **Y6 (Curlew's)** class could make a donation.

| Date | Class |
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| Fri 13 th September | Curlews (Y6) |
| Fri 20 th September | Sanderlings (Y1) |
| Fri 27 th September | Lapwings (Y5) |
| 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 | |

Urgently needed food items:

Tinned fish, Biscuits, Tinned Ravioli, Tinned Meat, Tinned Sausage+Beans, Tinned Spaghetti Bolognese, Tinned Macaroni, Tinned Curry, Chocolate, Sweets

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 9th September

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| Monday 9th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception children having lunch – pick up at 1.20pm |
| Tuesday 10th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception children having lunch – pick up at 1.20pm • Y4 Swimming begins – Please make sure swimming kits are in school. • Y4 Dance Club @ 3.15pm – see email confirmation |
| Wednesday 11th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception children having lunch – pick up at 1.20pm • KS2 JAM Club @ 3.15pm • Meet the Headteacher / Teacher from 5pm – please see above |
| Thursday 12th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception children having lunch – pick up at 1.20pm • Y2 Multiskills Club @ 3.15pm – see email confirmation |
| Friday 13th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception children first full day pick up at 3.15pm |

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

I will be updating the calendar for the year and will ensure dates are added to the online calendar, which is accessible via our school website. In the meantime, please see below some dates we would like to share so you have the earliest opportunity to update your diaries at home:

- Tuesday 17th September Onwards - School Tours for Reception 2025 New Starters**
If you know of anyone who wishes to come and have a look around our lovely school for the next academic year, please direct them to the school website calendar which contains dates for all our scheduled tours. These will typically run on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon until October half term, then will run on a Friday afternoon thereafter up until 2 weeks before we break for Christmas. Anyone who wishes to book onto a tour can call the school office who will happily book them onto a session.
- Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning**
This takes place annually in our school hall, with classes having allocated slots for parents / carers to join them for this wonderful fundraising event. We will provide further updates as soon as we have more information, but as a 'heads up', we will be grateful for donations of delicious homemade or shop-bought cakes, biscuits, traybakes etc much closer to the time.
- 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**
On this day, we will be visited by the school nurse team who will administer the annual nasal flu vaccinations to all those who have had parental consent. Please check your emails for the online links to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination, as they will not receive this unless the school nurse team have permission to administer this to your child(ren).
- Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – October Half Term (School Closed)**
- Wednesday 4th December (AM) - Whole School Panto 'The Borrowers' at the Dukes Theatre**
Due to a very busy first week, we have not yet produced our school panto letter to go home but aim to send these out ASAP. As notified in our last newsletter, the panto letter will contain a request for parent volunteers for the morning of 4th December if they are available. Parent volunteers are offered a panto ticket at a reduced price, which includes a tea or coffee during the interval. Please check book bags in the next couple of weeks for these letters and return the slips at the earliest opportunity if you wish to be a parent volunteer and we would be very grateful.
- 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.

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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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