



Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

WOW! What a wonderful week we have had in school. On Tuesday we visited The Dukes to watch 'A Christmas Carol.' A lot of time and effort goes into planning trips and ensuring everything is in place to ensure they run smoothly. Taking all the school is a huge logistical challenge and we are extremely thankful to our wonderful office staff and Mrs Stainton for planning and organising this annual opportunity. We are also truly grateful to 'The Friends' and parents and carers who contribute to the cost of the transport and volunteer their time, so we can meet the adult to child ratios. The children were amazing! We received wonderful comments from members of the public who commented on the behaviour and attitudes of our children during the performance. It was a truly magical experience and enjoyed by all.



I would also like to say a huge well done to Y3 for their wonderful Christingle Worship. The children were incredible! Their performance was exceptional and we are proud of them all. Again, thank you to the parents and families who attended – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We have also welcomed parents into the classrooms this week to see some of the learning that has taken place in Sanderlings and Oystercatchers. We are aiming to develop this approach further, where at the end of some of our learning, we invite parents in for their child to talk about what they have been learning.

Next week is another busy week with lots of festive activities, so please read carefully for details and ensure you have booked onto our events which welcome families to enjoy / participate.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics

This week is the first week of advent. Our advent wreaths are around school and we have been lighting the 'Hope' candle.

Diana from NISCU (Northern Inner Schools Christian Union) led a whole school worship on preparing for Christmas and awaiting the arrival of Jesus.

We are extremely grateful to Diana for the support she gives the school and how she leads JAM Club. (Jesus and Me). JAM Club will continue after Christmas. If there are any Y3 children who are interested in joining, we do have a few remaining slots.

Charity Donations – Thank you!



Both the school and the charities are very grateful to our incredibly generous families, who continue to raise so much to help those in need and secure future charity work. Today's Elf Run is going well so far and continuing into the afternoon. According to the last 'live' update today, we reached an astounding £498! This is almost double our target and is the highest amount raised for St John's Hospice. There is still time to donate...

Having banked recent donations for other causes, we are delighted to share that St Peter's families raised £465.40 for the Poppy Appeal and £399.01 for Children in Need. Thankyou!



Because children deserve a safe digital world

On Monday 11th December we have a parent briefing / information session on 'what are children accessing online?' and how best to support your child's online activities.

Why are we hosting this information session?

- Children at a younger age are tech savvy and accessing online apps / content that is pitched at older age groups.

Do you know the online platforms / apps that promote / incite or expose your child to the following risks?

- Self-harm or impact on self esteem
- Predatory behaviour
- Risk of grooming and abuse

Do you know who your child may be talking to or adding as friends or following on...

- Minecraft
- YouTube
- Fortnite
- Snap Chat
- Facebook
- TikTok
- Roblox

Do you know about the impact of social media on children's wellbeing?

We know that the pressure on children to look or act a particular way is a growing concern. Children live their life for 'likes' and we know that children of a younger age are more aware of what they are accessing and it can affect their self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing.

We know from our online safety curriculum and discussions with children throughout school that they are accessing content / apps / information and sharing information / pictures online.

Come along to find out how best to support your child and ensure your child is safe from harm, by knowing the risks and measures you can put in place. Please book your place via the school office.

Carols by Candlelight



Years 3,4 and 5 have been asked if they can take part in 'Carols by Candlelight' on Wednesday 13th December. We kindly ask that your child is dropped off at school for 5.45pm and wearing a Christmas jumper. At drop off, they will meet their teacher who will gather their class to perform.

The blue gates will then open at 5.55pm for parents / families to make their way through to the playground. The aim is for the children to perform a short carol concert outside (weather depending). After the concert the teacher will ensure your child gets back to you. If your child can not attend for any reason, please can you let the class teacher know.

We are hoping for dry weather, however, if it is not and we need to implement our contingency plan of an indoor event, we will utilise the pre-booked list of attendees (limited to 2 spaces per child in each of the classes performing). Please ensure you have booked your spaces before Wednesday, in case we need to utilise the list and maintain safe capacity in the school hall.

The Friends will be supporting the event by selling hot chocolate and mulled wine and the School Council will be there with a 'festive fun' stall. Feel free to bring along some small change if you are able... Thank you to Lauren Zawadski and the Friends for sourcing and decorating this beautiful tree, to be enjoyed during the event and beyond!

Sporting Events



Y2 Athletics

A huge well done to our Y2 children who have represented the school this week in the indoor athletics competition. They did extremely well, securing first place with an amazing score of 496 points. This was 42 points ahead of the 2nd place school. The staff commended the children on their manners and respect for the other teams. We have some budding athletes in the making!

Clubs and developing your child's interests

We continue to work on our extended curriculum opportunities through the delivery of clubs.

Thank you to Mrs Longdon for running Art Club this half term for Y4 and to Mrs Jeffreys for running Y2/3 dance club this half term. We look forward to your performance in your final session.

Young Voices sound amazing! Mrs Smith, Mrs Parker and Mrs Holmes are all busy supporting this large group of children to learn the songs, in preparation for the concert in February. The practice sessions have finished for Christmas, so please can all members of this year's Young Voices choir use the logins provided to continue practice at home over the festive period. The practice sessions afterschool resume on the first week back in January.

As we progress into the Spring term, we will be running the following clubs:

- Lil Beats Dance Club for EYFS / Y1 – Thursdays
- Young Voices - continues on Tuesdays until February performance at the AO Arena
- History Club for Y1 – day TBC
- Ball Skills with Morecambe Football Club for Y3 – Fridays

There may be additional clubs which will be communicated in the New Year

Please watch out for letters coming home, followed by confirmation of spaces over the next 2 weeks. We will always give a return date and then the children will be randomly selected for the club.

The Christmas Post Box



Year 5 are carrying out a wonderful job of organising the school Christmas post. To enable our Year 5 postal workers to do their job efficiently, please ensure the **full name** and **child's class** is written on the envelope.

HO! HO! HO!
Christmas Post!

Y4 Swimming Monday

Y4 will be swimming on Monday and require a pair of pyjamas or shorts and t-shirt on top of their usual swim wear, to take part in the water safety lessons.

General Reminders

Parking

Please remember to park responsibly and courteously, to keep our families and neighbours safe. Regular visits will be taking place from the police to monitor parking in the area.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again the amount of lost property is increasing. Please ensure you come into school and check for missing items at the end of the day. We have a range of lunch box items, containers, hats, ear muffs, coats, jumpers etc. With this in mind, please label your child's items so we can return them promptly.

ParentPay – Outstanding Balances

As this term draws to a close, please check your ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding balances for school lunches and breakfast / afterschool clubs. We may not be able to offer these services next term for children who have payments that remain outstanding into the New Year. Thankyou

Christmas Dates for the Diary

As per the previous newsletters, we will continue to add dates for the diary over the festive period as soon as we can.

December proposed dates – we will be aiming to keep to these dates and are giving you lots of notice to enable you to sort any leave required from work.

Important update-the book fair has been cancelled as we appreciate how many activities are taking place this month already. Another book fair has been secured in the new year

- Friday 8th - Elf Run Fundraiser for St John's Hospice
Our online JustGiving page can be found here for sponsorships:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/susan-neville-1700227717260>
- Wednesday 13th - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall
- Wednesday 13th - Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight @ 6pm in the playground / school hall (bad weather contingency)
- Thursday 14th - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall
- Monday 18th – Y6 Carol Concert @ 6pm at St Peter's Church
- Tuesday 19th - EYFS / Reception Class Christmas Sing Along @ 9am in the Hall
- Wednesday 20th – Whole School Christmas Lunch – pre-order forms have all been sent home – Christmas Jumper Day 😊. Please ensure you return your pre-order slip by **Monday 11th December** at the very latest. Any orders received after this date may not be accepted by the kitchen and you may be required to send a packed lunch on the Christmas Lunch day if they have missed the deadline.

Food Bank – Donations



Thank You for your continued support with your donations to Morecambe Bay Community Foodbank. We are very grateful for all your donations.

Rev. Mark has been collecting them weekly from school and delivering them to the Food Bank. There is no expectation to donate, so please only do so if you can.

The foodbank has recently added a list of items they are in greater need of, however as always, any donation is appreciated and received with thanks.



Class	Date
Dunlins	15 th December
We will restart Foodbank Donations in January 2024	

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 11th December

Monday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 are swimming. Kits in school please plus PJ's / shorts and t-shirts Online Safety Evening for Parents: 6 – 8pm in the Hall <i>Please book your space via the School Office</i>
Tuesday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Girls Inclusion Event: 3.45 – approx.5.30pm @ Bay Leadership Academy
Wednesday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Nativity: 1.30 – 2.30pm in the Hall <i>Please ensure you have booked your space (max. 2 per child) via the Office</i> Y2 / 3 Dance Club: 3.15 – 4.15pm (last session). <i>Please arrive at 4pm to enjoy the performance</i> Carols by Candlelight: 6 – approx. 7pm <i>Please ensure you have booked your space (max. 2 per child) via the Office in the eventuality that the event has to be held indoors due to bad weather</i> <p>*JAM Club Cancelled due to Carol's by Candlelight taking place*</p>
Thursday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Nativity: 1.30 – 2.30pm in the Hall <i>Please ensure you have booked your space (max. 2 per child) via the Office</i>
Friday 15th December	

Reminder of key dates and activities for Autumn Term (excluding Christmas specific dates noted above)

11th December – Online Safety Evening – Please book your place with the school office. It will be a very informative night to support parents with keeping their children safe online. Pizza and cake will be provided!



Keeping Children Safe Online:

In the real world we protect our children. So why not keep them safe online?

An 'essential' online safety briefing for parents, guardians, and carers.

Date: MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER **Start time:** 6PM

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Duration: Approximately 1 hr 15 mins with time for questions.

About the briefing

Many people, including young children are users of the internet.

Having access to online information and the functionality that the internet can offer has many benefits and for most it plays an important part of our everyday lives. However, as technology moves on at such a pace it is difficult to keep up with new trends and developments, particularly regarding mobile devices/games technology and safe accessibility to online content.

Young people are spending more time online and research shows evidence that issues relating to exploitation, manipulation or abuse are adding to concerns regarding online safety. Research now shows that life online can also have an impact on wellbeing and in some cases contribute to mental health problems.

What are our children doing online? Do we know how they are behaving?

Are they safe? Who are they communicating with?

Do they know what to do if they come across something suspicious?

Are they accessing content appropriate for their age?

Are they giving away too much personal information that may make them vulnerable or affect them in the future?

Are they spending too much time online?

Are we having conversations about all the above?

We would ask at least one parent/carer from each family to attend this session where a Lancashire Education Authority Consultant will present an awareness briefing to address some of the issues mentioned above.

The session is for parents/carers only and will last for approximately 1hr 15mins with an opportunity for questions during or after the presentation.

The Local Authority and our school have policies in place to ensure children are learning in a safe and secure environment which includes being safe online.

Therefore, this session has been organised to help you to contribute to this process in helping children to be aware of the potential problems associated with using the internet and modern technologies.

The session is not suitable for children

OFSTED regard these sessions as an integral part of a school's Safeguarding/Online Safety policy and they expect schools to have offered this support for parents. Please help us to keep young children safe.

“I have come in order that you might have life, life in all its fullness,” John 10:10

Community Events

Christmas
IN
HEYSHAM
VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday 9th December, 12-6pm
Sunday 10th December, 12-6pm
The Royal Heysham Pub Car Park
Pedestrian access via Royal Fold on Main Street, LA3 2RN

Only
£1
entry per
adult*

- Local Artisan Stalls
- Large Marquee
- Thwaites Shire Horses (Sunday)
- Alpacas (Saturday)
- The Royal Heysham Pub: open for food and drinks inside and outside in their heated tent.
- 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

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Connecting to Nature at Heysham Nature Reserve
Festive Family Events

Winter Sounds Audio Trail
Sat 25th Nov - Sun 7th Jan
This winter why not visit Heysham NR and listen to wildlife sounds. Just download the trail before you come.

Dear Santa
Sat 25th Nov to Sun 10th Dec
It is time to deliver your letters to Santa. Write your letter and why not combine it with one of our winter trails when you come to post it.

Its a Christmas Cracker
Saturday 2nd December
1.00 to 3.00 pm
Come along to make your own recycled Christmas crackers enjoying a festive drink and biscuits.

Wild Winter Walk Activity
Sat 25th Nov - Sun 4th Feb
Take in the sites and look out for signs of winter with this fun activity whilst visiting Heysham Nature Reserve throughout winter.

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