

St Peter's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter Number 16

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. I am sure you will agree, it has not been the start to the year that we had all hoped for.

I apologise for so many emails this week, we have needed to gather information and share lots of information with you. I hope things will settle down as we all fall into the new routine.

However, we now have a strong remote learning offer in place. The children have been invited to join two live lessons each day and have been set 3 other tasks every day. We have also given access to PE lessons and assemblies. I hope you will agree, the staff have stepped up to the challenge of adapting to teaching remotely, and well done to all the children at home for their commitment to learning.

I would like to thank the parents at home for working with us in supporting your child. I know it is difficult to juggle home learning with more than one child and with your own responsibilities. As I said in my letter to you yesterday, you can only do your best.

The children in school have also been working hard, and a huge thank you to our Critical Worker parents for continuing to work during the pandemic.

Reception 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they will be eligible to start full time school in September 2021. The admissions process will begin on 1st November 2020 and will close on 15th January 2021. As the school is closed to visitors, we will collect the documents requested after lockdown if you haven't handed them in already. **The most important part of the process you can do at the moment is to make sure you complete the online application form by the deadline Friday 15th January 2021.**

Contacts for staff

A reminder of the email addresses you can use to contact your child's class teacher.

Nazareth Rooms: arp@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk Nursery and Reception: eyfs@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk Year 1: yearone@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk Year 2: yeartwo@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk Year 3: yearthree@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk Year 4: yearfour@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk Year 5: yearfive@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk Year 6: yearsix@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk

Free School Meals

Unfortunately, at this time people's circumstances may have changed. If you can answer yes to either of the statements below, your child/children may be entitled to Free School Meals, a saving of £11.50 per child per week.

- Is your joint family income is less than £16,190 per year, or
- Are you (or your partner) receiving Working Tax Credits, or
- If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, is your total joint family income £7400 per year or more (earnings after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you are in any doubt, there is no harm in applying. Please apply at <u>www.lbbd.gov.uk/financial-support-for-pupils-and-students</u>

Bike and Scooter Safety

Some children are still riding their bikes and scooters on the school premises. This could become a safety hazard. Please make sure your child dismounts at the school gate on the way to school. On the way home please ensure they do not get back on their bike or scooter until they have passed through the school gate. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Zig Zag Lines

Please do not park on the Zig Zag lines outside the school, or stop on the lines to drop off your child Not only is it very dangerous, it is also illegal.

CONTACTING US IN AN EMERGENCY

If you need to report that either you or your child has tested positive for Coronavirus outside of school hours, please use the dedicated email address: covid@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk In your email, please make sure you put your child's name and class, and explain the circumstances.



<u>Birthdays 4th January – 10th January</u> Jessica 5; Divine 8; Lucas 5; Enyinna 9; Chiagoziem 10; Muniru 7; Abigail 5



The Wednesday Word

Please click on the following link for the Wednesday Word as we are not receiving any hard copies: https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=11.2

This edition takes us through to 6th January, The Feast of The Epiphany

Have a lovely weekend God Bless

Mrs Clare Scott Headteacher

