

11th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are well. As we approach our half term break, thank you again for your continued support and understanding over this challenging time. As you will be aware, the government have indicated that schools will not re-open before the 8th March and will be reviewing this shortly. I will keep you updated as and when new guidance is made available. As it stands remote learning will re-commence on Monday 22nd February and school will re-open for critical key workers and vulnerable children only.

Over the half term break there will be no lesson content posted but the teachers have asked that children continue to read and discuss stories they have enjoyed. Daily reading is so important in building fluency and developing skills of comprehension.

I want to thank the children for all their hard work this term. The teachers have been so impressed by the overall engagement. It has been so wonderful to see the responses to their learning, which they have been posting on Seesaw. It was also great to see children at home and school enjoying 'expressing themselves' last week through the fun activities. This week we are thinking about staying safe on the Internet.

During half term we will be entering the Lenten period and this year we will be focussing upon CAFOD's theme of 'Walk for Water'. We will be thinking about how we can support others around the world, particularly those in poverty.

Mrs Rooney, our valued language teacher, has made the recent decision to step down from her post at St Peter's. I know that you will join with me in thanking her for her dedication over the years to St Peter's. We send her all our best wishes and gratitude.

It is with a heavy heart, that I also share that Mrs Kelly, our amazing Deputy Headteacher has given notice of her intention to retire at the end of the academic year. Mrs Kelly is an inspiring teacher and dedicated leader of our school, who has made such a difference to so many children who have journeyed through St Peter's over the past twenty years. Please keep the Governors in your prayers, as we now embark on the recruitment process for this crucial role.

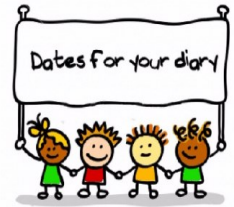
I hope that even though the experiences of this half term have presented significant challenges, that you as parents have felt supported by school. We would like to ask you for your reflections on the remote learning offer we have provided this half term. Please see link to the survey.

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Virtual Parent Consultation meetings will be organised for Wednesday 4th March. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child with their teacher via video conferencing. Further information around this will be made available on our return to school.

Finally, I wanted to let the children know how much I am missing them. I have been looking at their work and responses on Seesaw and they should feel so proud of all their wonderful achievements.

Best regards
Mrs Heyes



EVENTS/SCHOOL LIFE/ EDUCATION

- * Fri 12 Feb—School closes for ALL children for the half-term break
- * Tues 16 Feb—Shrove Tuesday—Pancake day
- * Wed 17 Feb—Ash Wednesday—1st day of Lent
- * Mon 22 Feb—School open for critical keyworker children.
- * Wed 3 Mar—Virtual Parent Consultation meetings
- * Thur 4 Mar—World Book Day
- * Mon 8 Mar—School open for all children, subject to review by the Government.

Ark & Breakfast Club

A reminder, if you haven't already booked places for The Ark and/or Breakfast Club for next term, please do before tomorrow. Please complete the booking forms attached for next half-term for the Ark and Breakfast Club and forward to the relevant email address detailed on the booking form.

Payment to be made in advance, via the Scopay app or by debit/credit card—Tel: 01253 734658 during office hours 8.30am—4pm (Mon-Fri).

PARENT

CONSULTATIONS

will be held virtually on
Weds 3 Mar, further
details to follow on
times and how to book.



Lent 2021

Ash Weds 17 Feb

Thank you Lord that you love us and
hear us when we pray

We are sorry for things we have done
that have hurt you and others

Please be with us through Lent and
give us strength to keep our Lenten
promises.

Mass times for St Peters

[https://
www.stpeterslytham.co.uk/](https://www.stpeterslytham.co.uk/)

Watch from home

[https://www.facebook.com/
StAnneandHolyfamily/](https://www.facebook.com/StAnneandHolyfamily/)

Our school virtues this half term are

Learned and Wise

The children at St Peter's are grow-
ing to be learned, finding God in all
things; and wise in the ways they use
their learning for the common good.

Being Wise

For knowledge and learning to be
put to best effect, it is necessary also
to be wise. Wisdom is the gift of
knowing when and how to apply
one's learning; it is the ability 'to
evaluate relative goods and compet-
ing values.' (CJE 55); it is to be able
to discern what is important and
what is not. In the ancient world,
those who sought wisdom from the
Oracle at Delphi were met with an
inscription above the door: 'Know
yourself' (Gk. γνῶθι σεαυτόν, gnothi
seauton). Wisdom is founded in the
idea of knowing yourself well – your
weaknesses, prejudices and blind-
spots as well as your strengths, tal-
ents, and enthusiasms.

SCHOOL LIFE & LEARNING

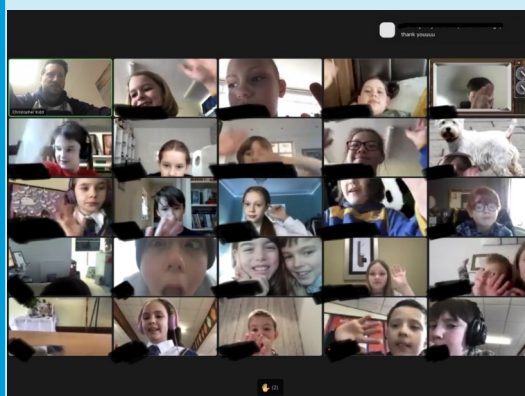
CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2021

We will be supporting CAFOD this lent,
why not join us at home too. More details
will follow on how we will be taking part.
Why not visit the website for more infor-
mation on their appeal and see how you
can make a difference.

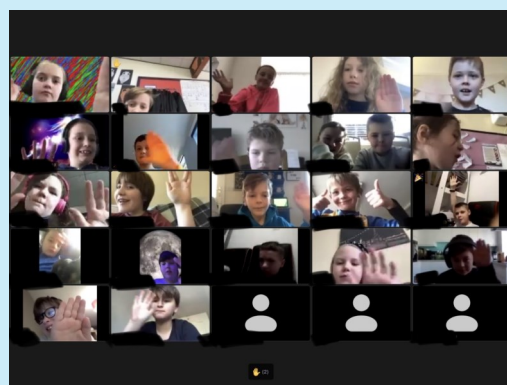
[https://cafod.org.uk/Education/School-
fundraising/Water-Droplet-Trail](https://cafod.org.uk/Education/School-fundraising/Water-Droplet-Trail)



We are missing the children that are home learning but are so glad we can stay in
touch via our Zoom meetings and Seesaw.



Year 4, 5 & 6 came together for a
'Safer Internet' Zoom call, it was love-
ly and very helpful to come together
to get advice on how to use the inter-
net safely and responsibly.



Year 5 on their 'Express Yourself' Zoom call this week.



Our Gratitude Page

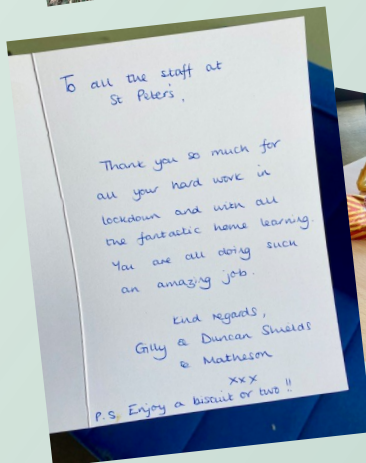


Thank you for all the donations of devices that have been donated and to all involved in the local scheme that are repairing & re-distributing to schools.

OUR LOCAL HEROES!



Thank you to **Andy Hart of St Annes Tree Services** for donating the big pile of woodchip. Our paths in Squirrel Wood are all renewed with a fresh natural carpet...it smells amazing! Also a big thank you to the Y5&6 bubble, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Stachan and Mrs Benyon for their hard work!!





RSPB—Big Garden Birdwatch

Year 4 saw lots of different birds in Squirrel Wood on our Big Garden Birdwatch, including wood pigeons, blackbirds, robins and blue tits.



This year the Gazette **Young Seaside Schools Arts & Crafts Exhibition** can be visited virtually, please see poster below for further details. Here are the names of the children who are included in the exhibition.

Year 1

- ◆ Caoimhe (Fire of London)
- ◆ Ava (self portrait in style of Picasso)
- ◆ Ava (self portrait)

Year 2

- ◆ Henrietta (Monet)

Year 4

- ◆ Isabella (digital art)

Year 5

- ◆ Henry L (in the style of Georgia O'Keefe)
- ◆ Olivia S (in the style of Georgia O'Keefe)

Year 6

- ◆ Chloe (self portrait)
- ◆ Oliver B (self portrait)
- ◆ Roman (Greek vase)

Well done to all the children. Congratulations to our two winners!!

Ava Year 1 & Chloe Year 6



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School Arts & Crafts Exhibition








Visit the Virtual Exhibition at:
www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk
 Monday 8th March to Friday 26th March

For more information contact
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