### Newsletter



#### Dear Parents

It has been really lovely to welcome all the children back into school this week. There is a happy buzz around school, as the children have been reconnecting with each other and their teachers. There is a real sense of excitement and readiness to be back. As the children settle back into the school routines, teachers will be informally assessing against the objectives taught over the Spring Term and will adapt teaching programmes and intervention sessions, to address gaps and offer additional support.

The mitigation measures in place continue to provide reassurance. I am grateful to you for supporting the adaptions we have had to make this academic year. Please visit the Covid 19 information page on the website, to see school's detailed plan. These measures, including the staggered start and end to the day, will continue throughout the rest of the academic year. We will of course adapt according to guidance but in the interest of providing clarity and consistency, this seems the best course of action.

As society moves forward along the steps to reopening, we will be responding in kind and will keep you informed as to when activities are likely to resume, including after school sports and music lessons. Ju jitsu lessons are planned to return from September.

St Bede's will be reopening fully next week. In order to avoid congestion they have asked that the pavement on the opposite side to the buses is used when approaching the path.

Mrs Gunson, who has been our school bursar for many years, has retired. We send her our gratitude and best wishes.

There has been a real sense of community throughout the pandemic at St Peter's. This has been evident in so many ways, most recently through the engagement with our Lenten Charity project 'Walk for Water.' There is more information on the CAFOD website regarding their work to provide clean water for those in poverty in Africa.

The Holy Communion programme, for the 2020 group (current Year 4), will be resuming in the Summer Term. The Holy Communion Masses will be held on Sunday 16th May at St Peter's and Sunday 23rd May at St Joseph's, both at 12 noon. These will be held separately from the Parish Mass and numbers will be limited to support social distancing. The remaining preparation sessions will be delivered remotely, using a combination of Zoom meetings and work set on Seesaw. The children in the group will also be invited to Reconciliation within their Parish. Further details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

I hope that you found the parent consultation meetings beneficial and a good point of contact to review your child's progress during the lockdown.

Finally, I would like to say a huge 'thank you,' to you and the teaching staff, for making the remote learning experience so successful.

Kind regards Mrs Heyes

### 11th March 2021



#### EVENTS/SCHOOL LIFE/ EDUCATION

- Mon 8—Fri 28 Mar—The Gazette Young Seasiders School Art & Crafts Exhibition
- Fri 26 Mar—'Make The Rules Day'
- \* Tues 30 Mar—KS1 Easter Lunch
- \* Weds 31 Mar—KS2 Easter Lunch
- \* Thurs 1 Apr—School closes for Easter break
- \* Mon 12 Apr—Inset Day
- \* Tues 13 Apr—School reopens for Summer Term
- Sun 16 May First Holy Communion Mass—St Peter's Church
- \* Sun 23 May First Holy Communion Mass—St Joseph's Church

#### Outstanding Fees

A reminder to please ensure all outstanding dinner money, Ark, Breakfast Club and Kindergarten Fees are cleared and kept up to date.

Payment can be made either via the Scopay app or by debit/credit card at the School Office —Tel: 01253 734658 during office hours 8.30am—4pm (Mon-Fri).

PLEASE NOTE WE NO LONGER ACCEPT CASH OR CHEQUE PAYMENTS.

#### Lent 2021



#### A Lenten Reflection

Fast from negatives;

Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures;

Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility;

Feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness;

Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;

Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety;

Feast on eternal Truth.

Fast from discouragement;

Feast on hope.

William Arthur Ward (Author, teacher & pastor, 1921-1994)

#### DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A DEVICE?

There are a limited number of devices available to help with homework. Please contact the office if you would benefit from a laptop or ipad. Tel:



#### **EASTER LITURGIES**

Groups of children will prepare and lead Easter liturgies which will be shared on-line during Holy Week.



#### **SCHOOL LIFE & LEARNING**







This year the Gazette **Young Seasiders Schools Arts & Crafts Exhibition** can be visited virtually from Mon 8th March until Fri 28th March, please see poster below for further details.



Year 5 World Book Day Zoom session

Our school virtues this half term are

#### Active & Curious

Our Prayer as we aim to be Curious and Active.

Lord God,

We thank You for our school family and our wider community.

Thank You for all that You have given us to explore and be curious about in our lessons and in our leisure time outside of the curriculum.

Guided by Your Holy Spirit, inspire us as we return to school, as we seek to put our learning into action. Help us to be active like the Disciples and courageously cast our nets out into the deep, ready to be engaged within the wonderful world You have created, as we strive to change what we can, with Your help, for the better.

In the Name of Jesus, Your Son, we make our prayer.

Amen.





## **Our Gratitude Page**

Thank you to The Beacham family for donating spring bulbs, which are starting to make an appearance in the pots, beds, woodland and boat. We look forward to them blooming throughout the Spring and hopefully, for further years to come.





Thank you to the inspiring and informative Zoom presenters we had through lockdown 3. Abigail Van Kraay—author, gave the children great writing tips, Nick Hyde shared his experiences of being a journalist and Kelly Hazelhurst taught us about the importance of good dental hygiene. Aileen Ames gave Y4 marketing tips on their recent project, designing an advert for Lytham Candles. Thank you to all of you for your time and advice.



Thank you for the donation of another two laptops this week from Mr & Mrs Hickson, these have been sent off to be wiped and updated.

If anyone requires a device please contact the School Office—01253 734658



Thank you to Mr & Mrs Oatridge and Mrs Hatjoulis for our sweet treats, you brightened our day!!







Nick Hyde



# **EVENTS**

The P.T.F.A. have organised our first fun event of the year, which will take place on Fri 26 March— Make the Rules Day (please see poster for further information)



#### Other P.T.F.A. dates for your diary:



Summer Fair—Fri 2 July



(this will be moved to Fri 9 July in the event of inclement weather)

There will be a pre-loved uniform stall, please keep hold of any uniform to donate nearer the time.

There are limited stalls available for local businesses, to book or for further information please contact Alison Tierney **HERE** 

## Easter Lunch

This year we will be holding an Easter Lunch for the children, the cost is £2.30 for KS2 children only (unless eligible for FSM), no cost for KS1 children. This will be served in the hall over 2 days, this will ensure each class bubble is safely distanced. Dates as follows:

- \* Tues 30 March-KS1 Easter lunch
- \* Weds 31 March—KS2 Easter lunch

PLEASE ORDER BY FRIDAY 26 March by emailing <u>bursar@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk</u> or in person at the school office.

A cold lunch will be available and served in the classroom for KS1 on Weds 31 March and likewise for KS2 on Tues 30.

