

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are well. It has been very reassuring to hear the reports that the rate of infections has reduced considerably and that the next step in the reopening plan is to be implemented next Monday. The changes from the 17th May are unlikely to impact upon the systems already in place in school at the present time. The need to keep children in school bubbles continues to be the most pragmatic approach in keeping the school operating if a positive case is identified. We will continue to follow government guidance and keep you informed of any changes.

This week in school the children will be engaged in Mental Health Awareness week with a focus on the natural environment. This will be followed by our annual Health Week during starting on 24th May. After the challenges of the lock-downs it is hoped that these themed weeks will be an additional opportunity for the children to be aware of how important it is to stay healthy and to share any concerns. I wanted to say a huge 'thank you' to Katy Seed for her continued excellent work in supporting our children, which has been so evident throughout the last year.

I was so happy to share the Holy Communion Day with our first group of children at St Peter's on Sunday. It was a lovely Mass and the children were so reverent. My thanks go to the amazing catechist team for making this such a success and to the parents of the children for ensuring they were so well prepared. I look forward to the next two Holy Communion Day Masses.

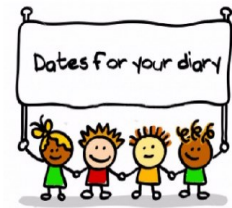
With the successful appointment of Mrs Alfrey as our new Deputy Headteacher from September, the Governors are now involved in recruiting a new class teacher to fill the vacancy being left on Mrs Kelly's retirement. Please keep us in your prayers as we make this important appointment.

Thursday is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of Obligation. The children will be engaged in liturgies in school. Please see links for a live streamed Mass overleaf. As we reflect upon Jesus being received into Heaven, we are reminded of Christ's divinity and his continued presence in our lives. We are encouraged to celebrate this day with good wishes, happiness and love. Happy Ascension Day!

Kind regards

Mrs Heyes

12 May 2021



EVENTS/SCHOOL LIFE/ EDUCATION

- ◆ Mon 3 May Bank Holiday school closed
- ◆ Tues 4 May School opens
- ◆ Sun 16 May 3pm—First Holy Communion Mass—St Peter's Church
- ◆ Sun 23 May 12 noon—First Holy Communion Mass—St Joseph's Church
- ◆ Mon 24 May Health Week
- ◆ Fri 28 May School closes for half-term holiday
- ◆ Mon 14 June School re-opens

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 Scopy 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.**

OUR SCHOOL VIRTUES



Eloquent and Truthful

I am the way, the truth and the life
John 14:1-7 [JB]

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'



SCHOOL LIFE & LEARNING

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week we are looking at the importance of looking after our mental health, focussing on nature. Please see our well-being blog for further information.

[https://
stpeterswellbeing.blogspot.com/](https://stpeterswellbeing.blogspot.com/)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you for your contribution to the First Holy Communion programme so far and well done to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. We look forward to welcoming our second group this coming Sunday at St Peters.

First Holy Communion Dates:

- Sunday 16 May 3pm St Peters
- Sunday 23 May 12 noon St Josephs

Although the wider community are not able to attend (family invited guests only) we ask for you all to keep the children in your prayers, as they make this special journey.

Ties are now ready to collect from the school office, cost £5.



STAFF VACANCY

We are currently recruiting a new teacher. As the Governors go through the selection process, please keep them in your prayers.

Ascension Thursday

This week we celebrate Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation. Please see links below to mass times and live streamed masses.

[StJosephsAnsdell](https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/)

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God our Father,
make us joyful in the ascension
of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we follow Him into the new creation,
for His ascension is our glory and our hope.
- Prayer of the Ascension

HOLIDAY CLUB
HALF TERM

Dates:

Tues 1st- Fri 4th June.

Booking Options and Costs:

Full Day 8:30am -3:30pm £13 per day

Extended Day 8:30am - 5:30pm £17 per day

Contact Details:

For all bookings, please contact Kristian on
07597 050935 or

k.olloman@evolutionsportseducation.com

Please see separate flyer attached for more
information.



We need your help!

We are looking for a group of parents to form a working party to help review the PSHE policy. We would meet via Zoom at approximately 4:00pm on a date to be arranged. The meeting should last approximately 30/45minutes.

If you feel you could help, please contact the school office.

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](#)

BIG ASK SURVEY

Further to our previous message regarding the Big Ask Survey, the Reception class and Year 1 will NOT be doing the survey in school. If you do have opportunity, please could you complete this with them.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/cco-the-big-ask-parent-information-sheet.pdf>