

25th February 2021

Dear Parent

I hope that you have been able to enjoy the half term break. It is very pleasing that we can again reopen to all the children from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It has been a difficult winter and this next step brings a feeling of hope for us all. I want to reassure you that we will continue to follow carefully considered risk assessments in-line with Government legislation and guidance. The variant strain of the virus most prevalent in society is more transmissible and this factor has been considered in the government advice document.

We will be operating, as was the case in the Autumn term. We will continue to employ mitigation measures including a staggered beginning and end to the day, adults wearing face coverings on the school site and increased cleaning. I will be sending out a more detailed document explaining the reopening shortly, following consultation.

As your child returns to school the teachers will be making assessments, to establish how well they have acquired the key learning concepts covered during the remote learning period. Gaps identified will be incorporated into future teaching and intervention group support where appropriate.

St Bede's have confirmed that their pupils will now access via the St Bede's driveway and so will not be using the path. They have asked that St Peter's parents approach the path on Talbot Road, on the opposite pavement to the buses, to avoid congestion. This should alleviate bottle-neck issues encountered in the Autumn Term. The YMCA will be closed until at least 12 April, so the car park will not be available this half term.

I hope that you have been able to create a booking for a virtual Parent Consultation meeting with your child's class teacher. These are to be held on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 March. Appointment times are still available and can be booked by visiting <https://stpeterslytham.schoolcloud.co.uk> alternatively you can call the school office to make an appointment over the phone.

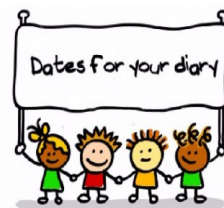
We are now in the period of Lent and will be engaging with the CAFOD project 'walk for water.' The children will be involved in a virtual assembly this week, which will explain the intention of the fundraising and how they and you as families can get involved. The school virtues we are considering this half term are being 'curious' and 'active.' Throughout Lent we encourage our children to consider how we can 'act' to change what we can in the world, using what we have learned to make a difference.

We will also be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4 March. Your child's class teacher will be sharing ideas with the children via Seesaw over the next week.

I know that the children will be probably be feeling a mixture of emotions regarding their return. I hope that 'excitement' is the word that best describes this, but if you are concerned please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher, Katy Seed or myself.

Kind regards

Mrs Heyes



### EVENTS/SCHOOL LIFE/ EDUCATION

- \* Tues 2 & Weds 3 Mar—Virtual Parent Consultation meetings
- \* Thur 4 Mar—World Book Day
- \* Mon 8 Mar—School fully re-opens
- \* Mon 8—Fri 28 Mar—The Gazette Young Seaside School Art & Crafts Exhibition
- \* Thurs 1 Apr—School closes for Easter break
- \* Mon 12 Apr—Inset Day
- \* Tues 13 Apr—School re-opens for Summer Term

### Ark & Breakfast Club

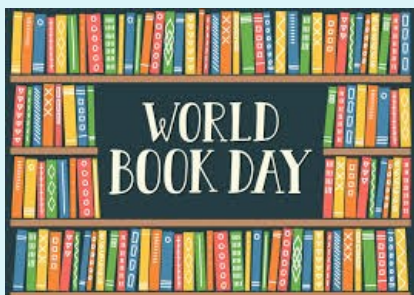
A reminder, if you haven't already booked places for The Ark and/or Breakfast Club for next term, please do before tomorrow. Please complete the booking forms attached for this half-term for the Ark and Breakfast Club and forward to the relevant email address detailed on the booking form.

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).

## WORLD BOOK DAY

4 MAR

There will be activities set each day next week, via Seesaw, we will be celebrating the wonderful world of books and love of reading.



## CAFOD WALK FOR WATER

Next Monday, via Seesaw, there will be a Lenten fundraising family activity. Please look out for it.



## EASTER LITURGIES

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



Our school virtues this half term are

### Active and Curious

“Love is shown in actions not words”

*St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)*  
*Spiritual Exercises*

## SCHOOL LIFE & LEARNING

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 2021—FRI 26 FEB

Abdella lives in an extremely remote & mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. [DONATE HERE](#)



## Lent 2021



### A Lenten Reflection

Fast from judging others;

### ***Feast on the Christ indwelling them***

Fast from emphasis on differences;

### ***Feast on the unity of all life***

Fast from apparent darkness;

### ***Feast on the reality of light***

Fast from thoughts of illness;

### ***Feast on the healing power of God***

Fast from words that pollute;

### ***Feast on phrases that purify***

Fast from discontent;

### ***Feast on gratitude***

Fast from anger;

### ***Feast on patience***

Fast from pessimism;

### ***Feast on optimism***

Fast from worry;

### ***Feast on divine order***

Fast from complaining.

### ***Feast on appreciation***

*William Arthur Ward*

*(Author, teacher & pastor, 1921-1994)*

Please see information below regarding a faith sharing programme which is taking place in St Peter's parish.

### **Thinking about Life & Faith During Lent?**

We have missed coming together as a school and Parish community over the last year. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch a 25 min film each week, at your own leisure. The themes are The Sacraments, The Churches Social Teaching, Forgiveness and Healing, Mary and the Hope of Heaven. We then gather, via Zoom, at 7pm every Wednesday during Lent, to chat, explore and generally enjoy each others company...a rare pleasure! Please contact David Pope 07950 844747 or email [davidpope41@hotmail.com](mailto:davidpope41@hotmail.com) if you would like the films and Zoom details sending. Alternatively, call Pauline Elston 07855855589 for more information or Google [sycamore.fm](http://sycamore.fm)

We would especially appeal to those parents of children eagerly awaiting their First Holy Communion.

Vaya Con Dios

Thank you very much

Pauline Elston

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

will be held virtually on  
Tues 2 Mar & Weds 3 Mar, to  
make your appointment please

[\*\*BOOK HERE\*\*](#)



# Our Gratitude Page



Thank you to **Emma Cox of Lytham Candles** for her kind donation of scented candles for the staff to enjoy over the half-term holiday and also a laptop for our children to use for home-learning or home-work.



We are so grateful to have **Squirrel Wood** and the green space around us here at St Peters. We've been blessed with sunshine, blue skies and signs of spring this week, which we are very thankful for.

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. This scheme will continue when school re-opens, to help our local children with their homework. If anyone requires a device please contact the School Office.



This year the Gazette **Young Seaside Schools Arts & Crafts Exhibition** can be visited virtually from Mon 8th March until Fri 28th March, 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**

**The Gazette**  
**young seaside schools**  
**2021**

**School Arts & Crafts Exhibition**

Visit the Virtual Exhibition at:  
[www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk](http://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk)  
Monday 8th March to Friday 26th March

For more information contact  
**The Promotions Team**  
**07976360310**

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**BLACKPOOL SCHOOL OF ARTS**  
**B&FC**



### DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A DEVICE?

**There are a limited number of devices available to help with home learning and homework, once children return to school. Please contact the office if you would benefit from a laptop or ipad. Tel: 01253 734658**



### DEVICE AMNESTY

If you have a spare device that is no longer needed, even if it isn't working properly, you can donate and we can get them fixed, wiped and have Windows 10 added through the FBC local scheme. You can either drop off at school or take to Fashion Nails on Clifton Street. This scheme will continue after schools re-open.

### STAFF VACANCIES

Deputy Head Teacher required, for further information please follow the link below:

**[CURRENT JOB VACANCIES](#)**