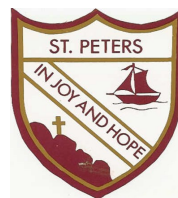


ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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New Beginnings

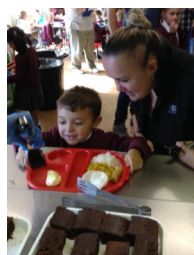


Our term has had a very successful beginning this year. The children have come back to school looking very smart, well rested and ready to learn.



We are delighted to welcome a number of new foundation stage children to school this term.

They are settling well into life at St Peter's; making friends, working hard and enjoying being part of our school family. We are particularly proud of our new Foundation 1 children who are only 3 and already making us very proud. We are also very pleased to welcome Miss Harrison, Miss Batty and Mrs Evans into our teaching team. These staff are a real asset to our school team.



Parent Lunch

It was wonderful to see so many parents able to attend our recent parent's lunch. The children loved being able to share their lunch time with you. Our kitchen staff are delighted with the praise and thanks they have received for the delicious Chinese themed meal which included including spring rolls, prawn crackers, fried rice, chicken curry chocolate cake and ice cream.

Halloween and Bonfire Night

As Halloween and Bonfire night approaches, the Fire service have asked us to remind you of the following:

Parents are asked to make their children aware of the dangers and consequences associated with fire setting and fireworks misuse.

Parents are urged to take extra care if children are wearing fancy dress costumes over Halloween or the bonfire period. Fancy dress costumes should be kept away from lit pumpkins, lanterns and fires. People can also opt for LED battery-operated tea lights, which do not have a naked flame.

At a time when heightened awareness of "stranger danger" Can I add to this and ask you also to remind your children of ways to stay safe if they take part in "trick or treat" visiting in their local neighbourhood. For instance, by visiting unknown adults only when accompanied by a responsible, known adult.



Better By Bus

We are very proud of our Year 3 children for their live performance at the Museum of Liverpool during the Better by Bus Celebration. Well done for your wonderful singing.



Building Work

Our staff were very busy during the summer holidays: painting and renovating classrooms and setting up our new library. We have also been very fortunate as the Diocese has funded the replacement of our infant toilets this term. Our new hall floor has been laid for a second time and this time it has stayed in place! As a result our school is looking much improved.

We have relocated our hub to the Foundation 1 class room and are currently setting up a multi-sensory room for the children to enjoy. I know that the children are very pleased with the changes

Harvest Festival

We are overwhelmed by your generosity in making so many donations of non-perishable food for our Harvest Festival. The food, currently on display in church, will be taken to the Wirral Food Bank and Wirral Homeless during half term. I know that the organisers are very grateful

for this food which can be given to local families in need.

A big thank you also should go to the children of Year 4 and 5 for the packed lunches they made for Wirral's Homeless at the end of September



Community Cohesion Project

A number of our parents attended a Lottery funded personality profiling taster session at school on 29th September. They thoroughly enjoyed the session. It was such good fun that all the parents who attended have signed up for the full course which will run over 3 days at St Peter's and for 3 days at 2 other local primary schools.

Would you like to know more about what makes you tick, what makes your child tick and why there are such similarities and differences between you?

If you answer yes then understanding personality will help you to get the best out of yourself and others. Please come and join us.

The next session at St Peters is on Thursday 23rd November from 9am- 4.30pm. All parents welcome to attend.

Inclusion Quality Mark

I am delighted to be able to tell you that St Peter's has recently had a review of our Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Centre of Excellence Award with Flag Ship Status. This much esteemed award (the highest IQM award) is a reflection of the excellent inclusive practice which continues to develop in school. The review summary of findings included the following:

" St Peter's is a school at the very heart of its community where care, nurture and support is central to everything that occurs. St Peter's Catholic Primary School is a superbly inclusive, extremely positive and highly purposeful school community focused on high quality teaching, learning and provision for all those involved, pupils and staff alike. The school provides an outstanding enabling and supportive environment for all to grow and have their contributions valued and have an opportunity to demonstrate what they can do."

This award would not be possible without the ongoing support of all members of our school family and so a big thank you should go to you the parents, children, staff and governors for your continuing loyalty and support.

School Facebook and Website



Our children are very excited to be included on our Facebook business page. If you have not yet had a look, our account can be accessed from our Website. Our school website can be accessed by visiting: stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk. If you no longer wish pictures of your children to be included on these sites, please let us know.

Anti- Bullying work at St Peter's

A big thankyou must go to the parents and school council members who were able to contribute to our Anti- Bullying Policy review. It really will bring our policy to life by including your insights and experience. Our next steps will be to produce bespoke guidance for parents and pupils. This will be launched during Anti-Bullying week in November.

Attendance and House League

Congratulations to our children for their appearances in our Attendance League top places this half term. A big thank you must go to all our children this term as they are working hard to have good punctuality and attendance.

Could I take this opportunity to remind all parents of the DFE's legislation that any holidays taken during term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances and may lead to prosecution by the Local Authority.

Date W/E	1st Place	2nd Place	Winning
15.09.17	Yr3	KS1	St Patrick
22.09.17	Yr3	YrKS1	St David
29.09.17	Yr5	Yr4	St Andrew
06.10.17	FS	Yr6	St David
13.10.17	Yr5	Yr6	St George

Everyone at St Peter's hope you have an amazing half term!

20.10.17	School closes to children	3:15pm
30.10.17	School opens to children	9:00am
	Infant Disco (parents must stay with F1 children)	5:30pm - 6:30pm
	Junior Disco	6:45pm - 8:00pm
10.11.17	Bonkers Bingo (for Parents)	7:00pm - late
14.11.17	School Photographs	Morning
	Holy Communion meeting	2:45pm
24.11.17	Baptisms (if you would like your child baptised and they are not I Yr3 please see school office)	10:15am
18.12.17	Infant matinee performance	2:15pm
20.12.17	Infant evening performance	6:00pm
21.12.17	End of term Mass	9:30am
	Children's Christmas Party	2:15pm
	School closes to children	3:15pm