



St. Peter's Newsletter

3.12.2021

Flourishing Together

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10



Welcome from our new Chair of Governors



It is a privilege to be the new Chair of Governors for St. Peter's and to have the opportunity to work alongside our wonderful staff team to nurture the young people in our care. As an aunty to two children in the school I have seen them smile on the way out of school, and more importantly on the way in.

I grew up just a couple of streets away and feel proud of our village and community – we can all thrive here, and I know the school family is at the centre of our shared well-being.

My background is in business. Throughout my career I have helped young people develop their skills and aspirations through enterprise. I hope that I can use this experience to grow the outward looking ethos of the school and support St Peter's as the heart of the community. Covid restrictions permitting I look forward to meeting many of you through the academic year and hope, with God's guidance, to do my best on your behalf.

I am delighted to inform you Mrs Caroline Whittingham has been appointed as the new Vice Chair of Governors.

Kate Aspinall, Chair of Governors

COVID-19

On the news recently you will have heard that it is now necessary to wear masks in shops and on public transport in response to the new variant. I know we have already asked parents to wear masks when on school property so this will continue. Masks will also need to be worn if you are popping into the school office area. School is slightly different at the moment with an unknown end date to the current restrictions. We have had to go to step 4 with Year 5 who are currently being taught remotely at home, due to the high number of cases in this class. This class will be fully reopened on Monday 6th December.

To date there are positive cases in Skylarks, Y5 and Y6. We are asking all siblings of positive cases to lateral flow daily. We know a lot of children are asymptomatic and in some cases, this is not being detected for a couple of days of being in the company of a positive case. We really do thank you for your continued support at the moment. We are extremely busy in school currently, with a number of staff absent, but trying to remain strong and positive for our children. We shall keep smiling!!!

Mrs Parker (Y3) has tested positive for Covid-19 we wish her well with her recovery. We have a supply teacher covering the class for the full week next week.

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From Monday 6th December as numbers have reduced, the following changes have been made to our risk assessment:

- KS1/E. Years – will mix in classes for phonics, PSHE again.
- Key Stage worships will start although classes will be socially distanced.
- One-way system will still be in place in the morning for drop off but gates will close earlier at 8.50am.
- Pick up will start at 3.10pm around the one-way system and children will be outside ready for collection. We are still asking that face coverings are worn.
- No internally run clubs will start this term but a letter will be coming out soon regarding those that have been missed this half term.

COVID-19 - reporting positive cases

Please continue to let us know of any positive cases with your children. The email to use is still: positivetest@stpetersheysam.lancs.sch.uk

We still have several PCR home test kits in school for any child who displays symptoms if you need any, please just ask. Results do come back quicker from drive in/walk in facilities.

Dates for the Diary

06.12.21	Cricket for Year 5 and Year 6
10.12.21	Report cards out for Autumn Term
10.12.21	Olive Branch and Safenet December drop off
13.12.21	am KS2 The Dukes Beauty and the Beast
13.12.21	Cricket for Year 5 and Year 6
13.12.21	6pm Year 6 Carol Service at Saint Peter's Church
14.12.21	am KS1/EY The Dukes Beauty and the Beast
15.12.21	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



Worship Themes next week:

Christian Value of Joy Bible verse	This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it'
Christian Value Worships / Mission statement	Joy – The journey to Bethlehem and 2 nd Week of Advent
Picture News Worship	Story: Founder of Facebook (a social media platform), Mark Zuckerberg, has announced Meta, a new company brand for its apps and technologies that will concentrate on building a new way of using the internet through virtual reality. Question: Do we need to create a virtual universe?

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New welfare assistant

On Tuesday we welcome a new member to our welfare team, Mrs Geraldine Rowe. We hope you will be very happy here at St. Peter's.



Christmas Cards

Christmas Post is starting from Monday. If you want to send cards to children in different classes, then please put the full name of the child and their class, so that our post girls and post boys can deliver correctly.

Children in Need

We raised £399.01 in school last week for this amazing charity. Brilliant amount – thank you everyone.



Olive Branch Drop Off 10th December

Skylarks are organising this month's collections, although we welcome very family to donate if possible - especially on the lead up to Christmas. Here are some ideas:



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Credit certificate winners for this week

Skylark Class	Hollie, Joseph C, Lottie, Freddie and Maisie
Sanderling Class	Arabella, Logan, Lydia, Harper, Libby, Reggie, Olivia and Rowan
Oystercatcher Class	Orin and Theo
Dunlin Class	Lydia, Joel, Megan, Shanaya, Bobby, Penelope, Isla, Alison, Blaize and Lucas
Curlew Class	Olivia D, Jack, Archie, Ruby, Cara, Alex P and Max

Credit certificate winners for last week

Oystercatcher Class	Theo C
Eiderduck Class	Isabella S and Annie
Turnstone Class	Blake and Jacob P-R
Dunlin Class	Blaize, Bobby S and Ivy M
Lapwing Class	Phoebe R and Phoebe G
Curlew Class	Archie and Reggie

E-Scooters

This is a message from the Lancashire Constabulary Road Safety Partnership regarding E-Scooters:

E-Scooters have been in the news over the past months as an eco-friendly method of transport. It is inevitable that some students will receive one of these for a Christmas present. Currently it is illegal to ride an E-Scooter on a public road or pavement in Lancashire. They are classed as a motor vehicle and subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, Tax, Licensing and Insurance. The fact is that they cannot be ridden on the public highway and so should not be ridden to school.

Olive Branch and Safenet from November Drop Off

Turnstones sorted through November donations – here is our collection. Thank you so much.



Have a great weekend
Mrs Gomersall

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