



St. Peter's Newsletter

Newsletter 22.1.2021

Wishing you all a very happy end to a busy week and what a wet one. We also had a few problems with blocked drains in Skylarks. All fixed now but during the incident the children in school were so sensible and grown up using a different set of toilets – well done children.

Numbers in school

Numbers in the majority of classes are now stable but not in all!! As Headteacher, I am part of a cluster of local schools and the majority of us are struggling to minimise the number of children in school. This is a joint letter that delivers a very important message.

As headteachers of over forty primary schools across north Lancashire, we really appreciate and thank families with a critical worker who are only using school when absolutely necessary. This is helping to minimise contacts; slow the spread of the virus; and protect our local communities.

Nonetheless, we have some concerns about the numbers of children in school at the moment. Attendance in primary schools is five times higher than in the first lockdown. Tasked with reducing risks where possible, hearing examples of children in school when they could clearly be at home is challenging and frustrating. We recognise that it is better for children to be in school, however,

ALL families across the district are asked to follow the spirit of the guidance rather than what can be gained, by staying at home whenever this is possible.

*Managing home learning isn't easy, however, we are urging ALL families that have a critical worker place to access school days sensibly and as little as possible. The national directive is clear - **to stay home as much as possible**. This will help save lives, minimise risk to those in school, protect the NHS and enable us ALL to return to school more quickly. Thank you for your cooperation and for showing collective spirit.*

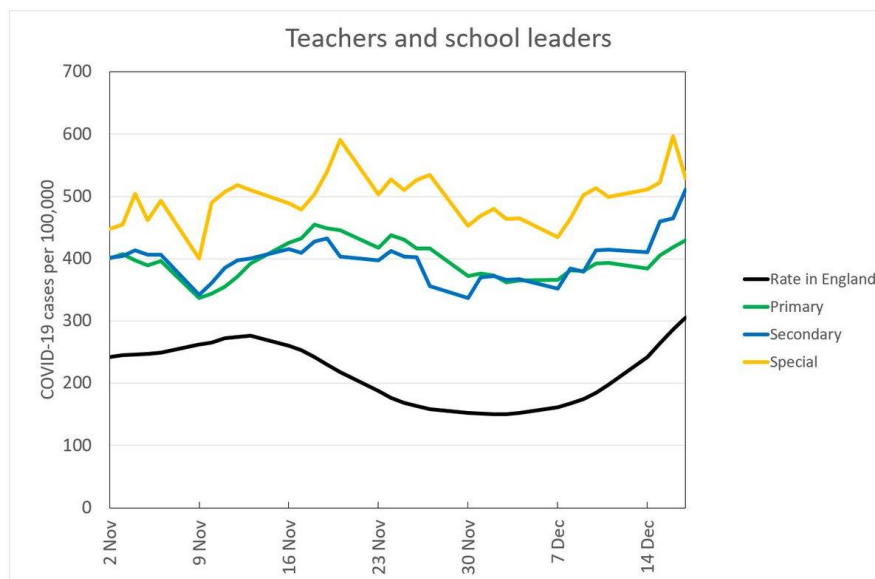
Headteachers, All North Lancashire Primary Schools.

As a school with a very high number of double parent keyworker children we have hit and exceeded family maximums in some classes. In Year 3 we have had to go to weekly rotations for some families. I thank those families that have been accommodating in this process to bring the family number down to 15. These conversations may continue in Year 3 and also may need to take place in other year groups if we hit maximum family numbers. Please, before these conversations take place – if you can keep your children at home, please do

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so. If you have a place currently but can have your children at home, please let us know. Thanking you in advance

This graph shows cases within different school types in relation to the rate in England before Christmas.



Class zooms



These have been amazing this week, it has been lovely to catch up with you all at home. These will continue next week. All will be a maximum of 20-30 minutes.

Early Years/KS1 Storytime and catch up
Skylarks Monday 10-10.20am
Sanderlings Monday 10.30-10.50am
Oystercatchers Tuesday 10-10.20am
Eiderducks Tuesday 10.30-10.50am

KS2 zoom catch up. Each week we shall have a different set of focus questions. Last week I asked you about how you were finding remote learning, what you enjoyed about remote learning and how your new parent teachers were doing!! This week our focus will be on your daily exercises.

What has your daily exercise been like this week? You may have tried something new to keep fit – skipping, yoga, aerobics, Joe Wicks, dancing, trampolining, cycling etc.

These will take place on Thursday with Miss Knowles

11.30am – Year 3

1.30pm – Year 4

2pm – Year 5

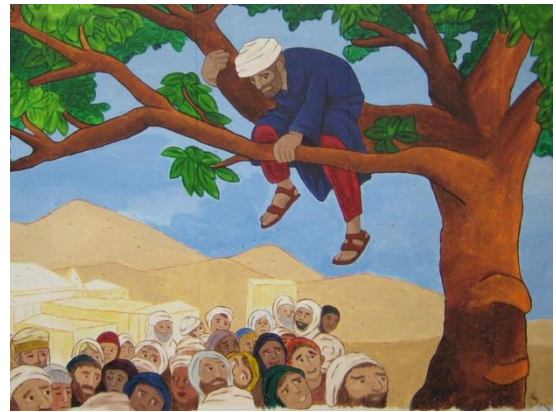
2.30pm – Year 6

Zoom invites will be sent out later today.

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Worship next week

Monday – Saint Paul
Tuesday – Josiah
Wednesday – The Prodigal Son
Thursday – Zacchaeus
Friday – Holy Spirit



The above will be a mixture of stories on PPTs and short videos. The PPTs will be shown in class and also uploaded on Showbie. I shall also put the overview on the website on the Lockdown 2 page.

COVID paperwork

The latest Risk Assessment (V14) is now on the school website. The Remote Learning Policy and Working Action Plan will be on by Monday.

Testing in schools

As soon as we receive the testing kits from the DfE then staff will have the opportunity to test themselves twice a week. Unfortunately, if there is a positive result we will have to still close bubbles as appropriate.

Foundation governor

We are still looking for one more foundation school governor. If you wish to be considered for this role, please do not hesitate to speak to Andrew.

Weekly school challenge.



Thank you to all those who sent in Love is Poems. There are some wonderful ones which will be displayed in school and will share next week on Facebook. Next week staying on the Love theme: Baking biscuits, pop cakes, chocolates or even a cake with a heart shape or theme – please share your photos of the finished results!! Enjoy this one x

Reading Books

We are offering the chance to change your reading books. Please place your reading diary/record with your books in the entrance hall on the following days. They will be changed that evening and left out the following morning for collection:

Monday – Skylarks and Year 3
Tuesday – Sanderlings and Year 4
Wednesday – Oystercatchers and Year 5
Thursday Eiderducks and Year 6

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Books, pencils and pens

We shall put a selection of empty exercise books out in the entrance hall with a selection of stationery for our home learners. Please let us know if you need different stationery for your home learning.

Credits for this week

Skylarks – Irma, Alfie, Arabella, Jesse, Jack, Rowan W, Otis and Zoey.

Sanderlings – Amelie, Scarlett, Ellia, Tegan, Daniel, Annie and Ethan.

Oystercatchers – Arabella, Joseph, Ethan, Thea, Charlie, Oscar, Cameron and Annesha.

Eiderducks – Emmalynn.

Turnstones – Alba, Jessica, Alfie and Lucas.

Dunlins – Seb, Ethan, Rose and Georgia.

Lapwings – Kate, Lois, Archie, Alex I and Reggie.

Curlews – Chloe, Hannah, Jasmine M, Sophie, Eva, Henry, Evie and Milo.

Well Done Everyone!

Important emails

1. To let us know if your days are different please email daysneeded@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk If they are the same you don't need to email, they will move across. It would really help if you put the children's name and class in the title section and before the close of day on a **Thursday** as they are printed off first thing Friday morning. Thank you.
2. If there is a positive test result in your household. Please let us know who this is and when your child will need to self-isolate to positivetest@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk
3. General school information to bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk

Take care everyone
Mrs Gomersall