



St. Peter's Newsletter

Newsletter 12.3.2021

It was so special to welcome back our children on Monday and all their smiling faces. We have been amazed at how they have settled back into routines and focussing on their learning but more importantly catching up with their friends and playing!! Home learning parents you should be extremely proud of your achievements over lockdown and the work completed in line with our remote learning policy. We hope you are now enjoying a little more peace during the day and able to get back to your work more productively those working at home!



Catch Up/Recovery Work

Our amazing staff are starting to pull out areas of learning that might need a boost or a focus, so children are having small group or 1:1 intervention with school staff. This has started this week and will continue over the coming months. This month's focus is reading and reading comprehension.

Mrs Wainwright is supporting children in Skylarks and Sanderlings

Miss Knowles is supporting children in Sanderlings, Oystercatchers and Eiderducks

Mrs Jeffreys is working with children in KS2.

There is a COVID19 catch up plan on the school website that explains how we are spending the rest of our Catch Up funding.

In addition to this Mrs Holmes is supporting a number of children on pastoral and well-being areas.

Feedback from Parental Questionnaire

This week's areas:

1.) Themed days

Parents have asked that more notice is given for themed days and dress up days. We will endeavour to put all of these on the school website calendar and on the newsletter with as much notice as possible. We were thrilled to see so many children (and families) dressed up for Book Day!! Hopefully we have made a good start improving this area. Dates on the website are updated weekly. I am currently putting in all summer term dates with provisional dates for Sports Days and Year 6 production.

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2.) School lunches

Since last March it has been extremely difficult to deliver high quality school lunches every day with lots of limitations put on us. We are though extremely proud to be one of the few local primary schools to be delivering hot food. Lunches are now as per Autumn and Winter Timetable. Portions are in line with Lancashire standards although sometimes KS2 children get larger than this if there is extra made!! I have also pushed for the salad bar to be back in use and has run this week. We have also introduced this to Early Years and KS1. This is a salad bar they can visit after getting their main meal and they can get a couple of items from a range of 6 items. These change every day but include coleslaw, bread, salad, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, fresh fruit such as pineapple, water melon, pears and apples and dried fruit including raisins. Depending on bubbles and time restrictions they can revisit this as much as they wish. We are also trying to keep the cost down for KS2 at £2.40. For this they get a main meal from a choice of 3, a choice of puddings and a choice of drink. They also have access to the salad and fruit bar. We will continue to monitor our school lunches and build on our themed meals with the next one being Easter Lunch on Tuesday 23rd March.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day, Friday 19th March

Nice and simple - if the children want to bring a donation in and wear something red then this is the perfect day for them. The children can wear their own clothes for example a pair of jeans and a red tee shirt but no sports kits please. The children will be raising money and learning about this important charity.

Christian Value this Half-Term

Forgiveness

Worship next week

Lent and the lead up to Easter



Parents Evening

These will take place next week. The booking site will close today, 12th March at 4pm. Many thanks.

Easter gardens



Please bring them into school on Monday 22nd March 2021 if you would like to take part. All of the details are on the school website underneath last week's newsletter. We have prizes!

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Staff Vacancies

We currently have 3 vacancies which are all advertised on the LA website and our school website. If you would like to know any more about any of these posts please do not hesitate to contact the office or myself.

- 1.) School Business Support Officer
- 2.) Part-Time cleaner to cover a maternity
- 3.) Part-Time welfare assistant to cover a maternity

Trees and hedgerow delivery

We are now pushing ahead with developing our forest outdoor area. The saplings we planted last year have coped extremely well considering lockdown!!! We have more trees being delivered this week which Year 5 will be planting. We are asking though if anyone has any spare time during the day and want to come and help clear a few brambles this would be brilliant. We will have to maintain COVID guidelines but I am sure as this is outdoors we can risk assess a few adults at different times of the day. The quicker we clear this area, the quicker the children will be able to get down and start activities down there. Please email the school office if you can spare a few hours.

Year 5 Outdoor Tree Planting

Our Year 5 children are going to be working with Mr Carter in planting some new trees and hedgerow over the next few weeks. It would though require children to bring in wellies and waterproof trousers to go over their legs as it is wild and wet in areas at the minute!! The children would not be planting in the same area of any parents.

Easter Service

This is being led by Dunlin Class (Year 4 children). It is to be held on Friday 26th March starting at 2pm. Year 4 parents will be sent the zoom link nearer the time.

Egg Rolling Competition

This is our annual event which involves children bringing in a **hard-boiled** egg (decorated if they wish) which will take part in a class egg rolling competition with prizes for the ones that roll the furthest!! Always a fun event. Your child will need to bring in their egg on Thursday 25th March 2021. Many thanks.

Credits for the week

Skylarks – Joshua, Irma, Samuel, Aiden, Arabella, Jesse, Olivia, Bertie, Ivy, Logan, Lydia, Otis, Orin, Libby, Reggie, Meri and Zoey.

Sanderlings – Farrah, Daniel, Alek, Hudson, Bella and Oliver H.

Oystercatchers – Arabella, Ariana, Emma, Tommy, Thea, Megan, Oscar, Oliver and Cameron.

Eiderducks – Daniel, Sienna, Stanley M and Dylan

Year 3 – Lucas and Sienna D.

Year 5 – Maisie M

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Dates coming up

15 th March	- Class photographs
17 th March	- St. Patrick's Day
17 th /18 th March	- Parents' Evening
19 th March	- Red Nose Day
23 rd March	- Easter Lunch
25 th March	- Egg Rolling Day
25 th March	- Easter Service led by Dunlin class

Important email addresses

1. 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 until positivetest@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk
2. General school information to bursar@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk

Take care everyone
Mrs Gomersall