



# St. Peter's Newsletter

**Newsletter 26.3.2021**



Well, what a very busy end to our Spring Term 2021. A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support through these tough times. Keep smiling x I do feel there is now some light at the end of the tunnel with further restrictions lifting after Easter. I cannot believe it has been a whole year since the first lockdown. As a school we met together on the lower playground this week as part of the Day of Reflection, reflecting back over the year, and looking forwards with hope to the future. Very moving to be back together on such a poignant day.

## **Red Nose Day 2021**

A huge thank you to all that donated. We raised £281.30. Thank you.

## **Christian Value next Half-Term**

Trust

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart' Proverbs 3:5

## **Worship Theme 1<sup>st</sup> week back after Easter:**

Trust Week 1 Knowing our friends will support us (Ecclesiastes 4.9-10)

## **Trees and hedgerow planting**

A huge thank you to parents Mrs Howard and Mr Jackson who helped out on the bottom field this week - this was very much appreciated. We are going to have a competition next term on what to call this area!!



## **Feedback from Parental Questionnaire**

This week's areas:

### 1.) KS2 classrooms

Some of the questionnaire comments were around how modern the KS1 and EY rooms look to KS2 and that these rooms are small with larger numbers of children in. With an admission number of 35 this does currently mean large KS2 classes. A few years ago, we were able to move Early Years over to the main building and split the three years groups into 4 classes with 2 of these being mixed year groups. We were fortunate enough to get funding to refurbish and remodel these rooms, KS1 and the outdoor area.

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This was pre COVID-19!! The last large building work project was Phase 2 of a long-phased approach to remodel and refurbish the whole school internally. Phase 3 was to complete the Mitchell building complete with new toilets, new group room and remodel Year 6 classroom. COVID-19 has paused this building work although the school have managed to get funding to redo half of the roof on this building next financial year. This was part of Phase 3.

This doesn't help the difference in the look of our classrooms in each building, but we are determined to get back on track with future phases once COVID allows us to. We are fully aware that KS2 classes are tight with classes of 36 in some cases, hopefully future building work will allow smaller KS2 classes over more classrooms. Fingers crossed this will happen as soon as funding permits.

## 2.) Homework ideas

Primary schools never win with homework. Our current homework policy sets spelling, reading and times tables only with some SATS work in Year 6 (starting again next year). As a staff we will look at this next year when we review our curriculum overview and possibly put in some practical ideas you can complete at home linked to the topic which you could class as creative homework if you wish.

## 3.) Low level behaviour in some classes

This was picked up in some classes as something for us to review. Staff are aware of some children who struggle with their behaviour and hopefully now that we have been back a few weeks, this low-level behaviour is minimal. We use a variety of strategies depending on behaviour needs and age and needs of the child.

This now completes the feedback from the questionnaire. Once again thank you for taking the time late last year to complete it and make comments.

## **School uniform**



We have been lenient with school uniform these last few weeks as people shop for items their children have grown out of. After Easter we would expect that everyone is in the correct uniform please.

Quick reminders:

- No ear-rings (spacers are not an alternative but can be worn until the holes no longer heal over). Spacers cannot be used for swimming.
- Black shoes
- No extreme haircuts. Our policy is a number 2 as the

lowest.

- No dyed hair especially coloured ends of longer hair.
- A red checked summer dress can be worn in the Summer Term but is a dress and not culottes. These must be worn with white socks and black shoes.
- The only year groups able to wear black tights are Year 5 and 6.
- All hair accessories have to be of school colour.

Thank you.

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## Credits for the term

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
<b>Skylark Class</b>	Joshua	Olivia	Noah
<b>Sanderling Class</b>	Oliver	Bella	Luke
<b>Oystercatcher Class</b>	Oliver	Arabella	Megan
<b>Eiderduck Class</b>	Isla	Stanley M & Daniel	Dylan
<b>Turnstone Class</b>	Charlie, Joel and Blaize	Penelope	Lydia
<b>Dunlin Class</b>	Sebastian	Ethan and Rose	Gabriella
<b>Lapwing Class</b>	Kate S	Reggie and Lois	Olivia D
<b>Curlew Class</b>	Eva and Oscar	Millie	Evie

## Dates coming up

14.4.2021 Y4 Dry swim week – teacher comes into school to meet the class  
16.4.2021 YR 2021 Primary Admissions date

## Egg Rolling Results

Skylarks - Logan  
Sanderlings - Thomas C  
Oystercatchers – Shara  
Eiderducks - Ted  
Y3 - Sienna R  
Y5 - Reggie  
Y6 – Eva  
Well done children!



## Easter Garden Results



A huge well done to all of our entries this year. Mrs Mashiter was chief judge and was blown away with some of the detail and care taken with them. Some even had grown their own grass out of cress. Well done everyone. All received a crème egg and certificate. This year's winner though was Penelope from Year 3 – well done!!!

## Trailblazer Funding

Heysham and Morecambe District have been allocated NHS funding for a project that focuses on mental health in children. This has been trialled in some local primary schools last term and is now expanding into others including St. Peter's after Easter. Our recent meetings have been extremely productive and will help some of our children and their families moving forwards. This is an exciting new project where we will have professional mental health practitioners working alongside our own staff to support our children and young families.

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**Positive test email address**

This will run for this weekend only. If you have any symptoms in your household until close of day on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 please make contact. We will then complete the track and trace.

The email to use please is [positivetest@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:positivetest@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk) Please note that the bursar email account is not monitored over the holidays.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Gomersall



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