



# St. Peter's Newsletter

25.2.2022



## Flourishing Together

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

### Friday message

Welcome to a busy week of news. Lots to be thankful for and so much to look forward to.

### Science Week

#### Volunteers wanted!

On 11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March it is British Science Week on the theme of 'Growth'. We will be completing STEM activities in each class linked to the theme, then sharing these as a whole school on the Friday. We would love it if any of our parents in STEM related jobs would like to come in to talk to the children about their job. If you are interested in doing this, please speak to Mrs. Daly. We would really appreciate it!



### The British Science Week Competition 2022

Create a poster on the theme of '**Growth**' to enter The British Science Week competition. Your poster could explore a tadpole's journey into a fully-grown adult frog, or look at the ways population growth is affecting the planet. There are endless possibilities, get creative! For inspiration on poster ideas, have a look at the 2021 'Innovating for the Future' poster winners at

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/winners-of-the-2021-poster-competition-announced/>.

The staff at St Peter's will shortlist entries down to five of their favourites. These will then be sent off and judged by members of the British Science Association. The judges will be looking for:

- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme
- **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Prizes are to be confirmed, but depending on the age category, prizes for the 2021 competition included: books, science lab sets, cameras, creativity packs, magazine subscriptions, telescopes and many more!

The deadline for entries is **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Please send them into school to Mrs. Daly.

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## Parking



Please could I ask that we park considerately outside school. This includes not parking across our neighbours' driveways. If you do see anyone parked inconsiderately or dangerously then please raise your concern via the link below. Many thanks

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/parking/report-a-parking-problem/>

## [Report a parking problem - Lancashire County Council](#)

Report a parking problem. You can report a parking problem causing you concern in areas covered by Lancashire County Council. We will investigate whether we can help to alleviate the issues you have raised. Please note that it is not always possible to send an officer to the scene immediately.

## **COVID-19**

From 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be 'advised' to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend their education settings or workplace as usual.

Please do not hesitate to ring us with any concerns or questions with the above as each child and family's situation may be different. We are approaching what I see as an interim period, moving towards a new normal (whatever that might be)! Keep safe everyone.

Children are not showing the same symptoms as adults with COVID so if you feel they are well enough for school then they are allowed to come into school. This is your choice as a parent. We will, however, not be sending work home or putting work on Showbie as a general rule for children in line with other illnesses. We shall keep reviewing this as we move into this interim period. I'm sure you appreciate that without much guidance, we are trying to balance being in school as much as possible with not spreading the virus!! This is not an easy task and we thank you for your understanding.

## **COVID Email address**

Please continue to let us know of any positive cases with your children. The email to use is still: [positivetest@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:positivetest@stpetersheysham.lancs.sch.uk) .

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## Eco-Club

Eco-Club would like to add some colour to our school grounds by planting some lovely spring flowers and shrubs around the buildings. If anyone is having a clear out and have any old, but still in one-piece pots/planters, please could you consider donating them to school for the children to plant up? If you would like to donate any bulbs / spring flowers / small shrubs this would also be very welcome.



## Worship themes next week

<b>Christian Value of Forgiveness Bible verse</b>	Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Luke 11:14
<b>Christian Value Worship</b>	Big Story – Creation and Ash Wednesday
<b>Picture News worship theme</b>	<p><b>Story:</b> Australia has announced that koalas are now listed as an endangered species across most of its east coast, after a huge drop in numbers.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Whose responsibility is it to help endangered animals?</p> <p>Children will also be looking at the unfolding recent events in Ukraine. Please join us in praying for all those affected and caught up in these events at this time.</p>

## Volunteer helpers



We are now very happy to start seeing more parents in school helping with readers, library sessions/gardening etc. If you feel you would like to give a morning or afternoon to help out in school on a weekly basis then please approach the school office, we would love to see you. You will be allocated to a class where you feel confident – we just remind you that this won't be the same class your child/grandchild will be in.

## Ripley ITT

**Interested in teaching? Join us for our open day.**

Ripley ITT offers teacher training across primary (3–7 years and 5–11 years) and a range of secondary subjects.

**Thursday 10 March 2022**

📅 09:30 – 11:00 via Zoom  
📍 12:30 – 14:30 or 16:00 – 18:00 at Ripley St Thomas CE Academy

**Who is it for?**

We welcome potential candidates, those already recruited and school staff.

There will be an opportunity to meet the Ripley family, explore if teaching is for you and hear from our trainees.

**Book your place**

Email [itt@ripley.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:itt@ripley.lancs.sch.uk) or register your place on Eventbrite at [ripleyitt.eventbrite.com](https://ripleyitt.eventbrite.com)

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## Dates for the Diary

3.3.2022	World Book Day
8/10.3.2022	Parents Evenings
10.3.2022	Oystercatcher Class Worship
11.3.2022	Raffle tickets to be back in school – final day
14.3.2022	Science Week
15.3.2022	YR Vision Screening
15.3.2022	Lapwings Spaghetti House Trip
17.3.2022	Quiz Club Heat
17.3.2022	Class photographs
18.3.2022	March Olive Branch collection led by Lapwings

## Raffle Tickets

Please continue to return your stubs and raffle money to the school office. There are plenty more raffle ticket books in the school office if you would like more. The more we sell the more money we raise for the Friends towards the outdoor play zone for the children. Plenty of prizes and hampers up for grabs!



## Credit winners for this week

	Class certificates	Showing great behaviour	Showing forgiveness
<b>Skylark Class</b>	Hollie	Jack C	Kiki
<b>Sanderling Class</b>	Seth	Penelope	Libby
<b>Oystercatcher Class</b>	Rowan, Oliver Ha, Zoey and Ivy	Esamae	-
<b>Eiderduck Class</b>	Joe S	Thomas	Arabella
<b>Turnstone Class</b>	Stanley D	Jack	Jasmine
<b>Dunlin Class</b>	Alba	Lucas	Kyron
<b>Lapwing Class</b>	Niamh and Phoebe R	Jack S	Kieran
<b>Curlew Class</b>	Joseph	Olivia D	Kaylee

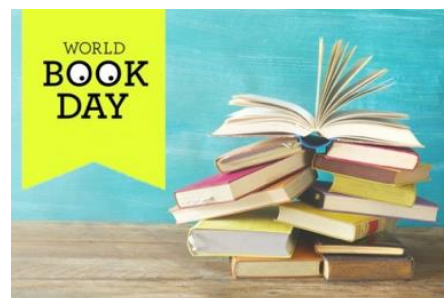
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## Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to Gabriella, Jack and Finlay in Lapwings for all reading over two million words in their Accelerated Reading Books.

## World Book Day

World book day takes place on Thursday 3rd March, and this year, as a school that loves to read, we would like to get involved and celebrate this day with the rest of the UK. So, next Thursday, we would love the children to come dressed as their favourite book character and, if possible, bring that book with them to school. We are also asking that your child brings a different book that they no longer want to add to our book swap table. This will be set up in the hall and the children will then be given a book token so they can exchange this for a new book on that day. Please could we ask that your child brings in a book that is of a good quality and appropriate for their age group for the book swap. Your child will also come home with a World Book Day Voucher next Thursday, which they can exchange for one of the special books published for World Book Day, which are available in most major supermarkets or they can use it to claim £1 off a book of their choice. We hope the children will enjoy World Book Day and it will continue to build their love of reading

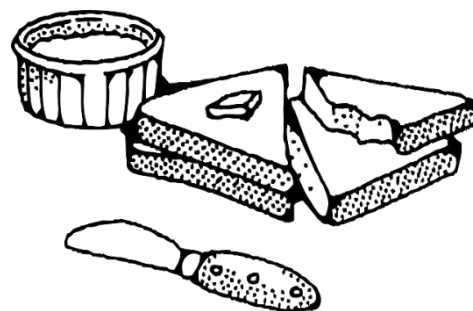


We will also be holding a pre-loved book sale after school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, in the hall with books ranging from 50p to £1 to purchase.

We appreciate that dressing up for some families may create issues over cost or ideas which we want to help with; so please share your ideas on a home-made costume on your parents' groups. We will also be creating a "costume swap/donation station" in the entrance hall from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any outgrown costumes that you would be happy to donate, please bring these into the office (on a hanger) before Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All parents are welcome to come and browse our collection.

## Breakfast Club

Currently our breakfast club is run by a management committee, led by Mrs Thomson and Mrs Newton. They set this up 17 years ago to help our families and they have been supported by a range of adults from both in and out of school. It has been brilliant, for our families, and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for offering and setting up this club. As a school we know that this is vital for some families and so we shall be offering the club from September, but managed through school. An advert for a Breakfast Club Manager and support staff will be going out in the next few weeks. I hope that this will be a helpful club for our families and reduce any panic about childcare in the mornings! More details will come out as soon as we have things in place.



Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gomersall

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