



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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3rd Sunday in Advent. Matthew 11: 2-11 'The Good News is being announced to the poor; and happy are those who do not lose faith in me.'

12th December 2019

Dear Parents

Inset day – the third and final INSET day of the year has now been arranged. School will be closed on **Friday 14th February 2020** for staff training.

Mass - We will be celebrating a whole school Mass for the end of term on Friday 20th December at 9:15am. Everybody is welcome. Mass will take place in the school hall due to ongoing building works in church. Please bear with us with seating arrangements as we try to fit everyone in.

Admission to school September 2020– letters have been posted. If your child is registered at our school and you haven't received a copy of the application process, then contact the school office. Closing date for online applications is **15th January 2020**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. More detailed information is available on the school website under the Admissions section.

Nursery hours funded – If your child's hours of funding are to increase or decrease from January then please contact the school office or send an email to admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk to advise the change in hours.

Nursery electronic gate - for safety reasons the electronic gate will be opened at 8:55 am and 11:55am by school staff. When leaving the premises, the green exit button is to be operated by an adult only. Please ensure your child does not press the button for safety reasons.

Dinner Monies / Nursery Snack Fund –please would you bring any outstanding payments up-to-date. Alternatively, you can pay for school meals on-line using the link at www.tameside.gov.uk and click on the link school meals. **We will not be able to issue a school dinner to any child where there is a debt of more than £20.00. In such cases parents will be expected to provide their child with a packed lunch.**

School fund is £7.00 per family for the term payable to St. Peter's Catholic Primary School. Nursery snack fund for the term is £24.50 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School; alternatively, you can use the School Money on-line system www.eduspot.co.uk

Year 5 Residential Trip – please bring your instalments up-to-date. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems www.eduspot.co.uk The next instalment will be due 24th January 2020.

Christmas Flumpets key clips– we have a supply of Christmas Flumpets key clips on sale from the school office £1.50 each. Stocks are limited so it will be first come first serve.

Brass performance – Friday 13th December at 9:15 for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 (group) – parents and grandparents welcome to this short performance of progress so far in the school hall.

Promoting the love of God and neighbour in a Catholic environment



Junior Christmas Productions - Junior children to arrive back at school for the evening performances at 5:15pm. The performance will start at 5:45pm. Admission will be by ticket only. If anyone forgets tickets, then we will ask them to wait until everybody else is in the hall and then we can assess capacity. Please do not forget your tickets to avoid any upset.

DVD order forms for both Infant and Junior productions will be available at the shows or alternatively send in payment of £6.50 for each DVD along with your child's name and class clearly marked on the envelope. Orders for the Infant Production need to be in by 9.00am Monday 16th December. Due to the lateness of the junior production, the DVD orders do not need to be in until Friday 10th January 2020.

Swimming – Year 3 will be swimming from Monday 6th January. A letter will be sent out by Mrs Warran. We need parent volunteers to help. Please could you let Mrs Warran know if you are able to help.

Year 3 First Forgiveness and Holy Communion – the Sacramental Programme will begin for Year 3 and their parents in January. Please see dates below:

First meeting: Wednesday 22nd January 5:30pm – in school (parents only)

Enrolment Mass: Sunday 26th January 11:00am – in church (parents and children)

Second meeting: Wednesday 4th March 5.30pm – in school (parents only)

First Forgiveness: Wednesday 11th March 6:30pm (in church)

Third meeting: Wednesday 6th May 5:30pm – in school (parents only)

First Holy Communion Mass: Saturday 16th May 2019 10:30am – in church

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – thank you to parents and children the total amount raised was £393.14

Building work inside Church – church continues to have inspections and there will be subsequent building work on the church ceiling. This will involve scaffolding being placed across most parts of the church and so will affect the Masses and Liturgies for the next couple of months. Due to this, Saturday evening 6:30pm Mass and Sunday morning 11:00am Mass will take place in the parish hall.

After School Clubs – Clubs will resume week commencing 13th January 2020, apart from First Aid, Yoga and Terri which resume week commencing 6th January. Permission slips will be sent out week commencing 6th January for the rest. The after school timetable will be sent out week commencing 6th January.

Tennis after school club – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - if you would like to join the Tennis after school club which will run from 15th January until 1st April, please complete the permission slip that will be sent out when we return from the holidays. Places limited to 12 which will be selected randomly.

Parking on double yellow lines – Please can I ask the owner of the white van who persistently parks on the double yellow lines on the corner of Castle Hall Close to cease doing so. Parking on the double yellow lines puts the safety of children and other adults at an unacceptable risk when they're trying to cross the road into school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with keeping our school community a safe one.

Community events

LEGOLAND leaflets/Sealife Centre – discount leaflets for these attractions at the Trafford Centre are available from the school office.

Christmas Wreath making 'Deck the Halls' by making a seasonal wreath and tree decorations from natural materials. Donations towards materials. **Saturday 14th December 12noon -3pm @ Highfield Pavilion, Stamford Park, Stalybridge, SK15 1NJ.**

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Friday 13th December – Brass performance Y3,4,5 and 6 (group) 9:15am.

Monday 16th December – Dick Whittington pantomime in school.

Wednesday 18th December – junior production 2:15pm and 5:45pm. The evening performance will be filmed. Filming by parents is not allowed.

Thursday 19th December – Christmas lunch and party day – children may wear their party clothes to school on this day. No football shirts or sports' wear.

Friday 20th December – whole school mass for the end of term. 9:15 am in school.

Please note school will close at **2:30pm on Friday 20th December.**

Friday 14th February 2020 – 3rd Inset Day. School will be closed on this day.

Kind regards

Mr R. Gould
Acting Headteacher