



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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23rd January 2020

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. **An amended copy of the holiday list for 2019/2020 is available on the school website** <http://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/parents-information/holiday-lists/>

Mass and Assembly – Mass will be celebrated by Year 1 on Tuesday 4th February in school at 9:00 am. Year R will be holding their class assembly in school on Friday 7th February 2:45pm Parents and Grandparents welcome.

Admission to school September 2020– The application has now closed. If you have a late application, please contact Tameside Council School Admissions department by email schooladmissions@tameside.gov.uk or telephone 0161 342 3204.

Nursery hours funded – If your child's hours of funding are to increase or decrease any time throughout this term please contact the school office within 5 days of the changes. You can do this by sending an email to admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk We will send you an Addendum form which is to be completed.

Dinner Money/Nursery snack fund – Please would you bring any outstanding payments up-to-date. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope clearly marked with the pupil's name and class and handed to their class teacher, alternatively you can pay through the Tameside website www.tameside.gov.uk school & education > 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 - for this term will be £6.00 per family for the term payable to St. Peter's Catholic Primary School.

Nursery snack fund - for this term will be £21.00 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 is due on Friday 24th January 2020.

Year 6 trips May 2020 – please ensure that the deposit payment of £10 is paid by **Friday 24th January**.

St Peter's PTA Family Quiz Night – Friday 31st January 6:30 until 9:00pm in the school hall. Adults £4.00 including potato pie supper, children £2.00 includes hotdog. Vegetarian option available. There are still a few tickets left, so please complete the slip along with your payment. Clearly mark the envelope PTA Quiz Night.

Pantomime – we still have tickets available for Circus Starr – at the George Lawton Hall, Mossley, OL5 0HR Sunday 26th January 2020 performances 1:30pm and 4pm – **tickets are free**, available from the school office with no limit. Circus Starr is an independent charitable organisation that supports disadvantaged and disabled children across the UK.

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Year 5 WhatsApp Group – It has been brought to school’s attention that a number of pupils in Year 5 are setting up a WhatsApp group. Please can I remind parents that the minimum legal age in the EU for children to use WhatsApp is 16 years old and 13 years old for the rest of the world (<https://faq.whatsapp.com/en/26000151/?category=5245250>). In the past, use of WhatsApp and other social media has resulted in children falling out outside of school which has then caused tensions when they return to school. School strongly recommends that you don’t allow your child to use these social media platforms. For more information regarding age restrictions and the variety and severity of risks that different applications pose to your children please use the following net aware link:
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?page=3&order=title>

Breaktime snacks – School’s healthy eating and packed lunch policy recommends fresh fruit as a breaktime snack in KS2. Other snacks that may be higher in sugar content such as cereal/cake bars are increasingly being brought into school. When choosing snacks, please could you support school’s policy and provide a piece of fresh fruit.

Morning drop off – Please can I remind parents that it is school’s policy that only parents of Reception and Nursery children are to remain on the playground when dropping off their child/children in the morning. Staff supervise Year 1 – 6 children on the playground from 8:40am. Please can I therefore ask parents whose children are not in Reception or Nursery not to remain at the top of the steps on the junior playground after you have dropped your child/children off. Thank you in advance for supporting school in this matter.

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

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

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

First Forgiveness: Wednesday 11th March 6:30pm (parish hall)

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

First Holy Communion Mass: Saturday 16th May 2020 10:30am – in church (we hope!)

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.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Sunday 26th January – Enrolment Mass 11:00am in school.

Wednesday 29th January – FHC Prayers Sponsors Party 2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Thursday 13th February - school closes for half term holidays 3:20pm.

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

Kind regards

Mr R. Gould
Acting Headteacher