



24th October 2019

Dear Parents

Remembrance – Monday 11th November, school will have a minute's silence at 11.00 in respect and remembrance.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November - would any parent and 2 pupils like to volunteer to present a wreath on behalf of the school at the Remembrance service. Meeting time 9:45 am at Armentieres Square, if so, please contact the school office.

Royal British Legion – stationery items will be on sale from Monday 4th November at break time in the library prices from 50p. Paper poppies we ask for a minimum donation of 20p. Pin badges are also available to buy from the school office @ £2.00. Exact change required for all the items as no change can be given. For a list of items on sale please see the school website under > parents' information > weekly newsletter >

Cars around school – I'm saddened to say that we have had an upsetting incident reported to school last week following an altercation due to traffic congestion on Hough Hill Road before school. Please can I remind everyone that vehicles should not be double parked, and vehicles should not stop on the zig-zag lines on Hough Hill Road. Also, vehicles should not block the gates at the top of Castle Hall Close. I would very much appreciate your support with this as it is the safety of our children, parents and local residents that is at stake. If anyone does find themselves in disagreement with another driver, please can I ask that you resolve your differences in a calm manner befitting our ethos and mission statement to '*foster relationship based on mutual respect*'.

Year 6 – transfer from Primary to Year 7 (High School) – September 2020. The online admission process is now open. Parents will need to log on to Tameside MBC school admissions and register to submit an application and access the 'Moving On' booklet www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions the closing date is Thursday 31st October 2019. Admissions submitted after this date will be treated as late and if your application is not submitted on time you are less likely to receive the school of your choice.

Halloween Disco - PTA fund raising event will take place on Thursday 24th October 6:00 – 7:00pm for Year Nursery to Year 2 and at 7:15 – 8:15 for Year 3 to 6, £1.50 entrance fee. Nursery parents are invited to stay to supervise their child; however **only 1 nursery parent** should accompany their child. Older children will not be able to attend the infant disco and vice versa.

During the school disco infant/junior change over please could parents collect their children from the main office doors as usual. Junior parents dropping off send their children down the ramp to come into school via. our peace garden to reduce congestion.

School Dinner Money –School dinner money for next term will be £80.50 (35 meals). Alternatively, you can pay weekly £11.50 payable to School or via the Tameside MBC website www.tameside.gov.uk

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 next term will be £7.00 per family for the term payable to St. Peter's Catholic Primary School. Nursery snack fund for the term will be £24.50 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School; alternatively you can use the School Money on-line system www.eduspot.co.uk a text will be sent week commencing 4th November.

Year 5 Residential Trip –please bring all outstanding payments up to date. The last instalment of £40 was due on the 18th October 2019. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems www.eduspot.co.uk

Operation Christmas Child (shoebbox collection) – Due to the high cost of making a shoebbox we have again decided to ask each class to donate items to make shoebboxes between them. We would like each child to donate 50p to cover the cost of transport. Each child received a slip of paper with an item to provide last week (my apologies for forgetting to add this message to last week's newsletter if you have already received slips). Please do not feel in any way obliged to contribute to this voluntary donation but please could you simply return the slip if you are not donating then we can arrange to fill any gaps. Please could the 50p donation and the items be returned to school for Monday 4th November. Of course, we are happy to collect any individual boxes that parents may wish to donate.

Inset Friday 25th October – School closes Thursday 24th October at 3.20pm and re-opens on Monday 4th November after the half term holiday.

PE kits for juniors – please ensure your child has their indoor and outdoor kit in school due to weather conditions.

Afterschool clubs – Tennis, Terri, Football, Dance will commence week beginning 4th November. Permission letters for other clubs will be sent out week commencing 4th November. The after-school timetable will be sent out the same week.

Yoga afterschool club – will re-start on Wednesday 13th November for year 3 children permission slips will be sent out Monday 4th November. Mrs Chadwick will also be offering a meditation / relaxation class for parent and child to attend for a few weeks, this will take place on a Friday after school in the hall and the session will last for approximately half an hour. More information to follow next term.

Christmas Lunch - the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Thursday 19th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner please send £2.30 for each meal requested in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. All orders must be received no later than **22nd November 2019**.

****Children who normally have a school dinner will automatically be included in this special meal****

St. Peter's Church - Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November from 11:00am until 3:00pm in school. Please come along to what is always an enjoyable event. On **Thursday 28th November** children will be able to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a gift for the tombola stall – colour theme silver and gold. Do not send in any donations before this date.

Building work inside Church – in the next couple of weeks church will be having an inspection and 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.

All Saints Catholic College – Consultation on increasing the Published Admission Number of All Saints Catholic College. The Governing Body of All Saints Catholic College is carrying out a consultation on increasing its Published Admission Number. The school is proposing to increase the PAN from 150 to 180 pupils for Year 7 admissions from September 2021. The proposed increase to the PAN is in response to a request from Tameside MBC to provide more school places for the increasing number of children who require secondary school provision. We do not intend to make any amendments to our current Admissions Policy other than the increase to the PAN. The consultation notice can be found on the school's website on the following link:

<https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com/index.php/admissions>. The consultation begins on 17th October 2019 and closes on 28th November 2019. Any comments on the proposed increase to our PAN should be sent, in writing, to: Mrs L Emmett, Headteacher, All Saints Catholic College, Birch Lane, Dukinfield SK16 5AP or by email to consultation@allsaintscatholiccollege.com.

Community events – This year's Tameside Winter Carnival is taking place on Saturday 16th November in Stalybridge. There is the opportunity to make a lantern for the parade at Astley Cheetham Art Gallery (above Stalybridge Library) on Saturday 2nd and 9th November 10.30am-1pm (drop in). Year 5 will be attending a lantern making workshop there on Tuesday 12th November during the school day.

Yoga and Wellbeing Workshop – held at Astley Sports College by Active Angels. The workshop is for pupils aged 3 – 7 on 28th October time: 10-12 and ages 8-13 on 29th October time: 10-12. For more information contact Sarah Crossley 07720752693.

School Library – this week Tameside Library Service have been transforming our school library (photos on the website to follow). As a result of the improvements, we have quite a few books to sell. The money raised will be used to purchase new books for the school library. Throughout the week of the 4th November each class will be invited to the library at lunch time to buy the books on offer. Each book will be priced at 20 pence. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase a book, please send 20 pence in a named envelope when we return to school in November.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Thursday 24th October – school closes for half term holidays.

Thursday 24th October – PTA Halloween Disco 6-7pm N-Year 2 7.15-8.15pm Year 3-6.

Friday 25th October – INSET day.

Tuesday and Wednesday 19th and 20th November – parents evening Tues 3:30 - 7:00pm, Wed 3:30 – 5pm.

Saturday 30th November – Parish Christmas Fair 11am – 3pm.

Tuesday 3rd December – Whole School Mass for beginning of Advent 9:15am.

Wednesday 4th December – Little Lights in Church 3:00pm.

Thursday 12th December – infant production 9:20am and 2:15pm.

Tuesday 10th December – Advent reconciliation for Years 4, 5 and 6 1:00pm

Wednesday 18th December – junior production 2:15pm and 5:45pm.

School closes today and re-opens on Monday 4th November

Kind regards and best wishes for a happy break

Mr R. Gould
Acting Headteacher

