



30th Sunday Year B Mark 10: 46-52 Bartimaeus had faith and could see again!

25th October 2018

Dear Parents

Remembrance - Friday 9th November, school will have a minute's silence at 11.00 in respect and remembrance. This year we will commemorate the centenary of the end of the first world war. On Monday 12th November children from Year R to Year 1 will be having a workshop to teach them about age appropriate facts about the First World War.

Remembrance Sunday 11th 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, wrist bands will be on sale from Monday 5th November at break time in the library for a donation of 50p each, paper poppies are 20p. Pin badges are available to buy from the school office @ £2.00. Exact change required for all the items as no change can be given.

Class Masses – Year 6 class Mass will be on Tuesday 6th November 9:00am and Year R will have their class mass the following week on Tuesday 13th November. Year 3's class assembly is on Friday 9th November. Year 4 class assembly is on Friday 23rd November, Parents and Grandparents welcome from 2:45pm.

Infection control – 48-hour rule – for some time school has adhered to the Health Protection guidance of where best practice is for children to remain at home for 48 hours following an episode of sickness or diarrhoea. We have now been advised that a child in our school is at high risk of severe complications should they contract a sickness and/or diarrhoea virus. I am sure you appreciate that it is now vitally important that all parents keep their children away from school following a sickness and/or diarrhoea virus. Of course, on occasions children can be sick through eating too much or an inability to manage an excess of catarrh or even food poisoning. Parents are best placed to identify the cause of the sickness, but school will need to be confident that children are well enough to return to school.

Peanut allergy – we also have a child in school with an allergy to peanuts. Please could I remind all parents not to send anything containing nuts into school.

Parent Governor – please would any nominations be return to school by Monday 5th November.

Senior Cleaner – we have a vacancy for a Senior Cleaner in school. Please see website or school office for more details.

High School Application – The deadline for the High School online application is **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. Please ensure that all applications are submitted by this date.

Admission to school September 2019– letters will be posted out today. 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 2019**. 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.

Halloween Disco - PTA fund raising event will take place on Thursday 25th 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.
Please note that children should not bring mobile phones to this event.

School Dinner Money – School dinner money for next term will be £76.50 (34 meals). Alternatively, you can pay weekly £11.25 payable to School. 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.schoolmoney.co.uk a text will be sent week commencing 5th November.

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.schoolmoney.co.uk The next instalment of £40.00 was due 19th October.

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

Operation Christmas Child (shoebox collection) – Due to the high cost of making a shoebox we have decided to ask each class to make 3 shoeboxes between them. This will need organising to avoid having 30 of the same gift. We would like each child to donate 50p to cover the cost of transport and then each child will receive a slip of paper with an item to provide. 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. We have sent out slips with children today. Please could the 50p donation and the items be returned to school for Monday 12th November.

Year N & Year R - 5 – 7 year old girl

Year 1 & Year 2 5 – 7 year old boy

Year 3 & Year 4 - 9 – 11 year old boy

Year 5 & Year 6 9 – 11 year old girl

Of course we are happy to collect any individual boxes that parents may wish to donate.

Afterschool clubs – Tennis, Terri, Football, Dance and Yoga club will commence week beginning 5th November. Permission letters for other clubs will be sent out week commencing 5th November. The after-school timetable will be sent out the same week.

Christmas Lunch - the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 19th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner please send £2.25 for each meal requested in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name and class. All orders must be received no later than **23rd November 2018**.

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

St. Peter’s Church - Christmas Fair - Saturday 24th November from 11:00am until 3:00pm in school. Please come along to what is always an enjoyable event. On **Thursday 22nd 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.

Community Events

Stalybridge Celtic – we have 10 free tickets for the Match Saturday 3rd November against Buxton FC. These will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Each ticket admits 1 adult and 1 child.

Tameside Libraries - There are lots of free events taking place in Tameside Libraries this half term. There’s **Giant Junk Modelling, Autumn craft activities** and workshops based on **Matilda the Musical** led by the team from Manchester Palace Theatre.

For more information please visit their website and Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/TamesideLibraries/> and https://twitter.com/tmbc_culture.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Thursday 25th October – school closes for half term holidays.

Thursday 25th October – PTA Halloween Disco 6-7pm N-Year 2 7.15-8.15pm Year 3-6.

Friday 26th October – INSET day.

Friday 16th November - Young Shakespeare Year 4, 5 and 6.

Saturday 24th November – Parish Christmas Fair 11am – 3pm.

Tuesday and Wednesday 27th and 28th November – parents evening Tues 3:30 - 7:00pm, Wed 3:30 – 5pm.

Tuesday 11th December – infant production 9:20am and 2:30pm.

Monday 17th December – junior production 2:30pm and 5:45pm.

3rd INSET day – Friday 11th January 2019

School closes today and re-opens on Monday 5th November

Kind regards and best wishes for a happy break

Mrs E. Summersgill
Headteacher