



7th November 2019

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back following our half-term holiday. I hope you enjoyed a restful and relaxing week, and can I take the opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful support last half-term. It's always a pleasure and a privilege to serve the families of St Peter's and this incredible community. This will no doubt be a busy half-term as usual, but it will also be an incredibly exciting one as we prepare for and share in the season of Advent. We hope to see you at many of the upcoming events throughout this half-term.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November – There will be a Remembrance parade that will assemble at Armentieres Square at 10:25am and will proceed at 10.30am through the town and there will be a Remembrance Service and wreath laying ceremony at 10:55am.

Stalybridge Old Band will lead the parade. At the conclusion the parade will return to Armentieres Square. Light refreshments will be served in the Civic Hall.

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

Royal British Legion – a few stationery items are still on sale 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 >

Class Mass and Assembly – Year 1 class Mass in school on Tuesday 12th November 9:00am parent, grandparents and parishioners welcome. Year 5 class assembly is on Friday 15th November, Parents and Grandparents welcome from 2:45pm.

Year 2's Wellbeing Wednesday– Year 2 had an exciting and rewarding start to their half-term of forest schools and outdoor Yoga. We hope they continue to enjoy it and aim for all classes to benefit from the experience as we continue through the school year.

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.

School Parents' Evening - Tuesday 19th November 3:30 – 7:00pm and Wednesday 20th November 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

Appointments are approximately 7 – 8 mins long. In fairness to all parents please be aware that teachers do not have unlimited time to spend on one appointment. Sign-up sheets will be available on classroom doors on Monday 11th November from 8:30 am. If you are unable to call into school to sign up for an appointment, then please **send in a letter to your child's class teacher stating date and preferred time and we will allocate a time slot nearest to your request.**

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

School Dinner Money –School dinner money for this 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 for this term 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 a text has been 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

Travelling book club – Thursday 14th November until Tuesday 19th November. Books will be on sale before and after school 8.30 to 8.50am and 3:20 to 3.45 pm. (Thursday and Monday mornings only)

Aldi Stickers – If you have any Aldi sports stickers, please would you pass them to Mrs Sibson by Monday 11th November in order that we can fill the chart which we have nearly completed.

PE kits for juniors – please ensure your child always has their indoor kit in school along with their outdoor kit especially with the autumnal weather conditions.

PTA – Halloween disco – thank you to all the volunteers who ensured the Halloween disco was a successful event and thank you to parents for supporting our PTA efforts. The total raised was £456!!! Thank you again for your continued support.

PTA Christmas Cards - Christmas card orders were sent home Tuesday 5th November. Completed order forms and payment need to be returned to school by **Monday 11th November**. Cheques made payable to St Peter's PTA.

School Library – before half term Tameside Library Service were 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. Each book will be priced at 20 pence. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase a book, please send them in with their money to purchase books at lunchtime throughout this week and next.

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. The organisers of the Christmas Fair are looking for volunteers to help set up on the Friday evening. If so, please contact the parish 0161 338 2575.

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.

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.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

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

Tuesday 12th November – Year 1 class mass. This will be held in the school hall.

Friday 15th November – Year 5 class assembly in school.

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.

Kind regards

Mr R. Gould
Acting Headteacher