



Matthew 16:21-26 22nd Sunday of the year. Sometimes it's hard to do what we know is right, but Jesus tells us that we should not take the easy way but follow his way.

7th September 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year and especially to all our new children and their families. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank parents and children for their kind words and gifts at the end of term in July. These are always very much appreciated.

It was a lovely long summer break and the children have returned with lots of exciting news. Mrs Russell had a little girl, Evie May at the end of July, after a long wait! Mrs Russell will call into school so we can all meet Evie May as soon as she can.

Mass & Assembly - There will be no class assembly this week. Our first whole school Mass will be on Monday 11th September at 9:15am all welcome. The mass and assembly rota will be sent out as soon as dates can be arranged with Fr Philip.

School Dinner Money/School fund – Just a reminder of price increase to £2.18 from the 1st September. The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for the autumn term will be 38 days, totalling £82.84. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope clearly marked with the pupils name and class. Dinner money is collected every MONDAY. Payment can also be made 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 - School fund for this term is £8.00. This voluntary fund is vital for subsidising resources, costumes for productions and helps towards extra chargeable curriculum enhancements.

Nursery Fund – fund amounts will vary due to the staggered intake. Snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement as explained in the Nursery Prospectus and is available to view on the website under the Admissions section. Please make cheques made payable to: St. Peter's Catholic Primary School alternatively payments can be made via School Money Scheme, a text will be sent out next week.

After School Clubs – All clubs will start week commencing 18th September with the exception of Tameside Sports Services with Teri our school coach. From Thursday 14th it will be Tag Rugby for Year 5 and 6 flyers to be sent out Friday. The after school club timetables and permission slips will be sent home next week. Also we can also offer a tennis club for Year 3 – 6. There will be 12 places available if there are more children than places then we will spread them out over the year.

Cross country - After school club will start on Wednesday 13th September for Year 3-6 from 3.20 – 4.00pm. Letters have already been given to those children who expressed an interest. The competition races will be on Wed 20th Sep, Wed 27th Sep and Wed 4th Oct. More details will be given about these next week.

Year 6 trip to Llandudno - Year 6 will be visiting Llandudno on Tuesday 12th September as part of their geography topic. A letter has been sent by Mrs Barber with full details of the trip. Please ensure that any outstanding monies and permission slips are returned to school by Monday 11th September. Just a reminder that this trip leaves at 7.00am in the morning, so children need to be at school at 6.45am. An early alarm call!

Wednesday 20th September Year 6 Parents' meeting 5.45pm – 6.15pm - This meeting is to discuss the expectations of Year 6 children, along with suggestions of how you can support your child in their final and very important year in Primary school.

Parent's Drop-in - Tuesday 26th September 3.30pm – 5.00pm - this is an opportunity for parents to discuss any concerns with their child's teacher. Children's work will not be on show and progress will not be discussed at this early stage. We generally find that few parents don't need to see teachers at this point, but if you do, please feel free to drop-in.

School photographs – Tuesday 26th September - every child will have an individual photograph during the morning. Anyone wishing to have their **babies** and **pre-nursery/school aged children** photographed, with older siblings, need to go to the school hall from 8.30 a.m. Children with siblings in school will be taken out of class throughout the morning for the photo shoot (including nursery children with siblings in school.)

Holiday lists – these are available on the website for 2017/2018 or a copy is available from the school office. Please note that requests for 'leave of absence' in term time must be in writing and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Our Attendance policy is available on the website but please contact the office if you require a hard copy. Please note that 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) will trigger a penalty notice per parent per child.

Swimming Lessons - swimming for Year 3 will start on Monday afternoon, 11th September and will continue swimming until the end of December. The children will need swimming trunks – **not** sports shorts, a swimsuit – **not** a bikini, a towel in a plastic bag or swimming bag. If children have been prescribed an inhaler, they must have their inhaler with them. Copley Baths will not allow children to wear goggles unless it is for medical reasons, which needs to be in writing. Parent volunteers are also required. If you are able to help, please contact Miss Keane, who will be taking the children swimming.

Uniform and PE kits – please can all uniform and PE kit be clearly named. Name tapes are better than biro as biro washes out. Please ensure that PE kits are brought into school and are left on the child's peg for the term. For any uniform queries please check school website list.

Nail varnish – please can I ask that all nail varnish is removed before school. Thank you!

Book Bags - All nursery and infant children require a school book bag for September. Please don't send in rucksacks as the classrooms do not have the storage space. Book bags are available to buy from our uniform suppliers JFC Sports Ltd, Unit 8a Redfern Industrial Estate, Hyde and MCS Uniforms or alternatively order through school and the items are available to collect within a couple of days. Please send payment with your order. Orders forms can be downloaded from the school website Parents Information > Uniform. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Productions – after much thought and discussion we have decided to have morning and afternoon infant & Nursery performances only. These will be on Thursday 7th Dec at 9:20am and 2:40pm. The junior production will be on Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm and 5:45pm. I hope that 3 months is sufficient notice for any parent who needs to make arrangements with employers.

Achievements Assembly Awards - at the end of each school year we award 2 special certificates and badges per class for effort, achievement and/or progress. For outstanding 100% attendance and punctuality a certificate, badge and gift voucher are awarded. We also have school shields and trophies for outstanding effort, achievement or progress. Children's names are engraved on these and are then placed in our trophy cabinet. The following trophies were awarded to Year 6 children:

Phoebe Ryan – Shaun O'Brien Memorial Shield – for outstanding contribution in RE

Jacob Edge - Harry Garside Memorial Shield – for outstanding contribution to football

Mitchell Batty - Alphonsos Ormsby Memorial Cup – for outstanding achievement in English

McKenzie Batty- Bernadette O'Brien Memorial Shield – for outstanding achievement in Maths

Ryan Whittaker & Finley Hughes- Fr. Bernard Forshaw Memorial Shield – for commitment for Catholic life in school and parish

Please note - all junior children are asked to go down to the school office should adults not be on the playground at home time to collect them.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Monday 11th September – Whole school mass 9:15 am all welcome

Tuesday 12th September - Year 6 Llandudno. Please be at school for 6.45 a.m. Coach will **depart at 7:00 prompt.**

Wednesday 20th September – Year 6 Parents' meeting with Mrs Barber & Mrs Summersgill 5:45 – 6:15

Tuesday 26th September – School photographs

Tuesday 26th September 3.30pm – 5pm – Parents' drop in.

Friday 6th October - Young Shakespeare (Y4-Y6)

Tues & Wed 21st & 22nd November – parents evening

Parish and Community event

Tameside Soccer coaching club - week commencing 11th September 2017. For more information pick up a leaflet from the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs E. Summersgill
Headteacher