



8th November 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our very busy half term leading up to Christmas, with much to do and look forward to.

Remembrance - school will have a minutes' silence at 11.00am tomorrow, Friday 9th November in respect and remembrance. **Remembrance Sunday 11th November** - would any parent and pupils like to volunteer to present a wreath on behalf of the school at the Remembrance service, if so please contact the school office. The wreath will need to be collected from the office tomorrow. The parade leaves Armentieres Square at 10:30am

Class Masses – Year R class Mass will be on Tuesday 13th November 9:00am. Year 3 class assembly is on Friday 9th November, Parents and Grandparents welcome from 2:45pm.

Poetry and Poppies Workshop – Year R – 6 will be having a workshop about life during the first world war on Monday 12th November. School will be funding this event.

Young Shakespeare – Friday 16th November Year 4, 5 & 6 – this excellent theatre company will be performing Twelfth Night. The cost per child is £3.00; school also contributes to the cost of this workshop. Please send this in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class, alternatively Payments can be made using the online payment scheme. www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Admission to school September 2019– letters have been posted out. 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.

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 last instalment of £40.00 was due 19th October.

Parent Governor – we have had 3 nominations for Parent Governor and parents will now be asked to vote. Ballot papers have been sent out today one per family to the eldest child. Please would any votes be return to school by Thursday 15th November.

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.

Senior Cleaner – we have a vacancy for a Senior Cleaner in school, closing date Friday 9th November. Please see website or school office for more details.

School Parents' Evening - Tuesday 27th November 3:30 – 7:00pm and Wednesday 28th 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 12th 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.

Nursery Parents' Evening - will take place on **Tuesday 27th November 3:30pm – 7.00pm in the Hall** and then on **Wednesday 28th November 3:30pm – 5:00pm in the Hall.**

Children in Need – we will be having a 'ramble' to Cheetham's Park on Thursday 15th November to raise funds (50p suggested minimum donation). Children may wear any 'Pudsey' related items they wish on this day. This will be postponed to another day should the weather prevent us from going. **Please send any donation in an envelope.**

Free on-line parenting course - Tameside Council have invested in 3 award winning, quality marked, online courses by the Solihull Approach (a national NHS organisation for parenting approaches). These courses are for ALL parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period to age 18 years. This course is relevant to parents of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc.

We would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. These courses are normally £19-£39 per person but are **FREE** with the access codes below to all residents of Tameside.

Once you have accessed the courses using this code you will have non-expiring access even after the code expires.

Go to www.inourplace.co.uk and apply the relevant access code:

- Understanding your child – Access code: **SUNFLOWER**
- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby – Access code: **SUNFLOWER**
- Understanding your baby – Access code: **SUNFLOWER**

You will be asked to create an account so that you can resume the course where you last left off. You will also be asked to verify that you are legitimately entitled to use the access code by entering your postcode. Personal information supplied by you remains private. Your responses to the monitoring questions are anonymised. You will not receive any marketing emails. You will receive congratulatory emails when you complete a module. The Solihull Approach may very occasionally email you to tell you about updates to the course.

For technical queries email solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk or ring 0121 296 4448, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

Travelling book club – Thursday 15th November until Tuesday 20th November. Books will be on sale before and after school 8.30 to 8.50am and 3:20 to 3.45 pm. (Friday and Monday evening only)

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. We have bought a range of new toys and storage boxes to be used at playtimes. Total raised £543!!! Thank you again for your continued support.

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

Basketball – Longendale High School Ages 5-10 Tuesdays and 11-16 Wednesdays. For more information please collect a leaflet from the office or visit website www.facebook.com/tamesidevikings/

Please find below some dates for your diary:

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

Kind regards

Mrs E. Summersgill
Headteacher