




32nd Sunday Year A Matthew 25:1-13. Be ready! Jesus tells us we should be prepared for the coming of God's kingdom.

9th November 2017

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 10th November in respect and remembrance

Class Masses – Year 4 class Mass will be on Tuesday 14th November 9:00am. There is no class assembly this week. Year 5 class assembly is on Friday 17th November, Parents and Grandparents welcome from 2:45pm.

48 hour rule for sickness (vomiting) in school - From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting exclusion - Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. Any child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away from school and Nursery until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. **(NHS- Is my child too ill for school and public health guidance).**

If your child is sick at school we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours to the school premises. We appreciate that this is inconvenient and you may not believe your child is ill or your child is showing no symptoms following an episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases to reduce the risk of infection for all children in school. As an example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Driving/Parking – once again we have received a complaint about parents parking on Hough Hill road and blocking a neighbour's drive. Please would parents show due care and consideration for the residents around school. Thank you.

Parking Cones – unfortunately some more of our parking cones have been damaged. These cones are placed on the double yellow lines as a traffic calming measure, which is in place for the safety of both our children and pedestrians around this junction. Please take care when driving and dropping off around the Church and Parish Centre. **Please remember to drive slowly on the approach to Castle Hall Close at all times.** If you do witness any vehicle causing damage please would you contact the school office. Thank you.

School Dinner Money –School dinner money for next term will be £71.94 (33 meals). Alternatively you can pay weekly £10.90 payable to Tameside MBC. 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 £21.00 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School; alternatively you can use the School Money on-line system www.schoolmoney.co.uk.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trips – last month’s instalments are now overdue and the next instalments for Kingswood of £26.00 is due on the 17th November and for Robinwood of £36.00 is due on 20th November. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Shoe box donations – so far we have about 17 shoeboxes. If you are willing to fill a shoebox then please send in your filled box by Monday 13th November.

Admission to school September 2018 – 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 **Monday 15th January 2018**. 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 21st November 3:30 – 7:00pm** and **Wednesday 22nd 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 are now available on classroom doors. on Wednesday 9th November from 8:30 am. If you are unable to call into school to sign up for an appointment then

Nursery Parents’ Evening - will take place on **Tuesday 21st November 3:30pm – 5:30pm in the Hall** and then on **Wed 22nd November 3:30pm – 5:00pm in the Hall**.

Children’s work will be available to look at in the classroom. The meetings will take place in the hall as usual and the bell will ring every 15 minutes as a time reminder. Please be considerate to others who are waiting. We will also be asking parents’ to complete a questionnaire about school. There will be a crèche available for school children as appointments are for parents only.

Guitar lessons –there are currently vacancies for anyone wishing to have guitar lessons with Tameside Music Service, if any pupil is interested please call into the school office for a letter.

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 £518!!! Thank you again for your continued support.

Afterschool clubs –Multi Skills, Lincoln Delve, First Aid Skills and Gymnastics are to start week commencing 13th November. Yoga afterschool starts this coming Friday. The after school timetable has been handed out today.

Christmas Lunch - the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner please send £2.18 for each meal requested in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name and class. All orders must be received no later than **24th November 2017**.

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

Christmas productions – please could I remind parents that infants will not be allowed to attend the junior production due to managing hall capacity. In the past couple of years some parents have turned up with infant children and to enable the parents to watch the production we have allowed infant children to stay in a classroom. Last year the number of children needing supervising was beyond what was manageable so this year we will be unable to supervise any infants. Parents must make prior arrangements to have infant children supervised at home.

Christmas Productions:

KS1 & Nursery - Thursday 7th December at 9:20am

KS1 only - Thursday 7th December at 2:40pm.

KS2 - Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm and 5:45pm.

St. Peter’s Church - Christmas Fair - Saturday 25th November from 11:00am until 3:00pm in school. Please come along to what is always an enjoyable event. On **Friday 24th November** children will be able to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a gift for the tombola stall – colour theme red and green.

Kind regards

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Headteacher