



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well. It is a pleasure to share with you the wonderful news that Mrs Cooke's baby has arrived. Mrs and Mrs Cooke have had a beautiful son, weighing 8lbs 8oz. (No name just yet)! Everyone is well, and we send them our prayers and congratulations.

As I write this newsletter, school is continuing to open for the children of keyworkers each day. For the staff and children in school, this has been a most unusual, yet quite special time. The small group of children have taken part in wonderful activities for Easter, VE day and May as the month of Mary. The Senior Leadership Team and governors are now making plans and preparations in order to determine how we may be able to welcome back some children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on the **8th June 2020**. The safety of everyone is our number one concern. We will be following the Local Authority risk assessment, as well as the guidance from the Department for Education.

Please note that school will NOT be open to any children other than the children of keyworkers until 8th June. Although the Prime Minister has spoken of schools welcoming back children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on 1st June, St. Peter's will NOT be open to these groups of children, as 1st June falls within our Whit half term holiday.

I will write to you again next week with further details of how we plan to manage day-to-day operations in school, in order to minimise risk to children and staff.

Surveys

Two electronic surveys have been sent out to parents today. School simply need to ask parents which children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 would need provision. The second survey asks about any children of keyworkers requiring provision. We are asking parents to please complete these surveys and send them back to school as soon as possible. This is so that we can undertake a full risk assessment and plan staffing. The Department for Education has clearly stated that parents will not be fined for non-attendance of children at this time.

New Teacher

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss K Cooper as our new Reception class teacher from September 2020. Miss Cooper joins our school from Hey with Zion Primary School in Oldham. We congratulate her and wish her every success as she joins our team at St. Peter's.

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School Nurses

The School Nurses now have a Facebook page which will bring the latest advice and support to parents and give them easy access to their contact details.

The links for this page are:

@schoolnursesTGH

<https://www.facebook.com/schoolnursesTGH>

Meal Planners

Please see the attachments from the Children's Nutrition team at Tameside and Glossop NHS. There are some lovely meal planners for lunches and evening meals.

Wednesday Word

An electronic version of the Wednesday Word is attached to this newsletter.

Ascension Thursday

This date falls next Thursday, 21st May. We plan to carry out our traditional walk in Cheetham's Park to release balloons, and as we are such a small group, we are able to do this with social distancing! The following passage from Matthew's gospel recounts Jesus' words to His disciples as He ascended into heaven, and you may wish to share it with your children on Thursday:

Jesus told the eleven disciples to go to a hill in Galilee where He would meet them. When they arrived there, Jesus appeared to them and said, "I want you to go to all people living far and wide, and make them disciples of mine; baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to keep the commandments I have given to you. Whatever you do, and wherever you go, I will always be with you, until the end of time.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Please take care.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ryan