



16th October 2020

Dear Parents

Inset Friday 25th October School closes Thursday 22nd October at 3.20pm and re-opens on Monday 2nd November after the half term holiday.

Nursery Phonics and Reading Workshops.

These will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2020.

Parents have received a letter from Mrs Walker, inviting them to book a slot on the day or evening of these dates. We are able to carry out these workshops in groups of less than 6 people, in line with government guidance.

Please find below some changes in arrangements to planned events in school

Parents' Evenings These will now not take place in person. Next week you will receive an e-mail invitation to a Microsoft Teams appointment with your child's class teacher. The invitation will state the date and time of your appointment. If the time is unsuitable, please e-mail the teacher using the class Email address (see end of letter for the Email address of each class). Your child's class teacher will then get in touch with you to re-arrange an appointment, but this will not be until after Christmas. We are offering appointments on Microsoft Teams so that parents have the opportunity to hold a face to face conversation with the teacher. However, if you would prefer a telephone appointment, please Email the teacher. A telephone appointment will then be arranged for the same allocated time. *In order to fit in an appointment for all parents, please understand that teachers must stick steadfastly to a duration of 5 minutes for each appointment.*

Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 Christmas Nativity Play: Thursday 3rd December

This will now take place on the school field. We will NOT be able to hold our usual lovely Nativity play, but we strongly feel it is important that we mark the celebration of the Nativity with the children in a different way. We plan to use the field so that parents can gather together outdoors with social distancing to enjoy watching their children singing some Christmas carols and songs. The children will need a pair of wellingtons, a warm coat, hat and scarf. We invite Nursery and Reception parents to join us at **9:20am**, and parents from Year 1 and 2 at **2:30pm** that day.

Junior Christmas Production: The children are going to perform 'Aladdin.' Clearly, we will be unable to perform this to an audience in the school hall, which saddens us greatly. After much deliberation, we have decided that the children will perform the play on the stage as usual, and a DVD will be filmed. This way, children still have the experience of the performance, and parents can still share in it in some way. We appreciate the disappointment that parents may feel about the arrangements for the two events above, but we have made what we feel is the best decision in the current circumstances.

First Holy Communion Recently I attended a meeting with Father Philip and the headteachers of St Raphael's and St James' Catholic Primary Schools. Father Philip is parish priest to these two schools, as well as our own. After a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to celebrate the First Holy Communion of the current Year 4 children on Saturday, 12th June 2021. We made this decision in the hope that, by this date, we would be able to hold a celebration of the sacrament most similar to the celebration which we are used to experiencing. If we were to celebrate the sacrament now, the children would be unable to take part in the mass in the same way (with prayers, readings, etc) and we would be unable to sing the special hymns. We would also need to restrict the number of people who could accompany each child to the Holy Communion mass.

The current Year 3 children will celebrate their First Forgiveness on Wednesday, 22nd September 2021, and their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 9th October 2021.

Parent Governor Election

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Claire Jackson has been elected as our new Parent Governor. Sincere thanks go to both candidates who put themselves forward for election, as well as to the many parents who voted. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Jackson to our governing body at St. Peter's.

Cancelled trip to Cockfields Farm – Nursery and Reception, Easter 2020 We are in the process of refunding all payments. The cash payments have been returned this week; the online payments will be refunded this month.

Year 6 transfer from Primary to Year 7 (High School) – September 2020 The online admission process is now open. Parents will need to log on to Tameside MBC school admissions and register to submit an application and access the 'Moving On' booklet www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date is **Saturday 31st October 2020**. Admissions submitted after this date will be treated as late and if your application is not submitted on time you are less likely to receive the school of your choice

Moving On / Starting Out - A message from Tameside Admissions for Year 6 and Nursery/Reception parents

We have been notified that Microsoft has blocked the Tameside MBC domain from their system.

This means that parents using Hotmail/live/outlook email addresses will encounter problems with the Tameside online applications system. This means that you will not receive the confirmation email when you register or submit your applications for new reception and new year 7 and this error will prevent you from completing the application.

Parents using these email providers are asked to set up an alternative account using another provider (Gmail for example).

We have taken steps to address this problem with Microsoft, but it is at present unclear if / when this will be resolved.

Year 6 Residential Trip Robinwood July 2021 a text has been sent out 14th October regarding outstanding payments for the residential trip which was originally for April 2020. Please bring all outstanding payments up to date.

Year 5 Residential Trip Robinwood April 2021 the next instalment of £40 is due on the 18th October 2020. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems www.eduspot.co.uk

Nursery Snack 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 payable to: St. Peter's Catholic Primary School alternatively payments can be made via School Money Scheme, a text has now been sent out. Thank you to parents who have already sent in their snack fund.

Nursery Wraparound Provision From 3rd September we are pleased to offer wraparound care in our nursery unit. The sessions are from 11:55 am until 15:15. The charge is £10.00 per afternoon session.

30-hour funding Please would you contact the school office if your circumstances change, as this may affect your eligibility. This needs to be in writing within 5 working days. Please contact the school office for more information.

School Meals Please would you bring any outstanding payments up to date; reminders have been sent out this week. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope clearly marked with the pupil's 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.

If your circumstances change you may be eligible to apply for free school meals. More information is available on the school website under school meals where there is a link to a website www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside where you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible. If it is undecided, then proof of benefits will be required to be shown at school.

School menu The school menu is now available to view on the website under Parents information > School meals > Menus.

School meal enquiries School has introduced an e-mail address schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk where you can contact school regarding any aspect of school meals i.e. payments or changes to packed lunch or school meals.

Bonfire Lunch The children are invited to have a School Dinner on Thursday 5th November. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner please send £2.32 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 October 2020**.

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

Nasal Flu Vaccination Year R to Year 6 The Department of Health have announced that all children in year R - 6 are going to be offered a flu immunisation every year. The immunisation will take place in school on Tuesday 20th October for those children who returned the signed parental consent. If you wish to withdraw consent, a form is available from the school office. This form can also be downloaded from the school website under Newsletter.

Community events **Tameside Soccer Coaching Club Astley Sports Village Dukinfield.** In light of the recent Government announcement regarding children's sport, courses can now be held indoors. For more information please see the school website under Newsletter.

Kind regards

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Class Email addresses

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