



22nd October 2020



"Father in heaven, I give you today all that I think and do and say. I give you the good times as well as the bad, the times when I'm happy, the times when I'm sad. Fill me with grace and make me strong. With you by my side, I won't go wrong."

Dear Parents

All staff in school would like to begin this newsletter by saying a sincere thank you to you all. Your patience, support and understanding since the children have returned to school has been immeasurable. We wish all of our families a restful and happy half term break.

**Inset Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** School closes Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3.20pm and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November after the half term holiday.

Over the holiday period if you need to report a positive result for either your child or family member, please contact the Headteacher at [head@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk) Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

#### **Nursery Phonics and Reading Workshop**

This is available to view on our school website, under 'Parent Information' – 'New Nursery Parents 2020.' Thank you for your understanding about the cancellation of the in-person workshop.

#### **Year 2 Parent Workshop**

On 11<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Russell will place a video on the school website for parents of children in Year 2. This video will share details of how parents can help support their child at home with their reading, writing and maths as they approach their special 'quizzes' at the end of Year 2.

**Parents' Evenings** This will take place on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November. Parents 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. 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.*

#### **First Holy Communion**

The current Year 4 children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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

**Year 6 Residential Trip Robinwood July 2021** a text has been sent out 14<sup>th</sup> 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 was due on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk)

**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](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date is **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**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. Next term's snack fund will be £24.50. Thank you to parents who have already sent in their snack fund for this term.

**Nursery Wraparound Provision** From 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Dinner Money** –School dinner money for next term will be £81.20 (35 meals). Alternatively, you can pay weekly £11.60 payable to School or via the Tameside MBC website [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://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](http://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 meal enquiries** School has introduced an e-mail address [schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto: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.

School fund for 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.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk) a text will be sent week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Community events** Please see below a message from Tameside Cultural Services, detailing offers of half term holiday activities:

The '**Spellbound**' trail is a short 1km circular family trail along surfaced paths in Stamford Park and tracks in the woodland. All are suitable for small children and buggies, with just a few very shallow steps. You will be asked to follow the spell master's instructions as he directs you on a family friendly trail around the park, gathering everything you need for your perfect Halloween potion.

Further to this we will also be hosting a super spooky zoom performance with performance poet '**Dommy B**' of '**Spark – The Goblin Wizard**'. It is FREE to register.

To download the audio trail, the craft activities or register for Dommy B's please visit: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/culturecrafts>

I would also like to highlight that if you are wanting to get out and about, we are thrilled that **Portland Basin Museum is now open!** There will be a Halloween themed trail available when visiting. You need to book your FREE entry in advance via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/portland-basin-museum-30868385663>

Kind regards

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**Acting Headteacher**