



11th March 2021



"Jesus, you are the light of the world. You promised that if we stay close to you, we will never be lost in the darkness."

Dear Parents

We are so pleased to welcome back all our children to school.

Easter Reflections – as usual the last week of term before Easter is devoted to Holy Week activities. Sadly, we will not be able to hold our Easter reflections for families to join us, but we will mark the season with an 'RE in Art' morning, where children in each bubble will contribute to a collaborative piece of artwork, based on the Word of God.

Big Yellow Friday – On Friday 12th March we will be supporting Big Yellow Friday. This is held each year at St. Peter's in support of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Children can wear something yellow with their school uniform for a small donation of £1 to support this deserving charity. One of our Year 5 children, Sofia Golovatenco, uses the services of this charity as part of her life with a medical condition, and we always like to support charities who work with 'one of our own!'

Spring Reports – Our usual Spring reports will be given out in the week commencing 26th April, rather than just before the Easter holidays.

Tennis After School Club Year 3 – School is pleased to offer this club to children in the Year 3 bubble each Wednesday from 28th April onwards. No previous experience of tennis is required! There is no charge to parents for their child to attend this club. Staff in school walk to Stalybridge Tennis Club with the children after school each Wednesday. Parents then collect their child from the club at 4:45pm. A letter has been sent out to all pupils' week commencing 8th March 2021.

Stations of the Cross – Due to restrictions around visitors in school, we are unable to hold our usual Lenten prayers and reflections around Stations of the Cross before the start of the school day. Each class in school will be invited to join a reflection on Stations of the Cross during the school day.

Lent fundraising – Please send in any sponsor money for the Lent Quest. This year we are fundraising for the Mission Together charity. Please also send in your photographs for 'Lent Through a Lens.'

We will be selling breadsticks to the Infant children each Friday. The cost of breadsticks is £1 for the whole of Lent. Please send this money into class in a labelled envelope if you wish your child to have breadsticks.

PE Kit – Please could we ask parents to check the size and fit of their child's PE uniform and pumps. We are aware that these may not have been used since before Christmas, and we have had several children today with pumps that no longer fit!

Parking around school – We are aware that access and egress around our school site can be difficult. However, we MUST ask that parents do not park in the bays allocated for residents on Castle Hall Close. This morning an ambulance had to visit one of the residents. The ambulance could not access a parking bay, and this resulted in the ambulance blocking the road, causing further disruption for parents, and a delay in the paramedics getting to their patient. Please use the surrounding streets or the parish hall car park.

Control measures to ensure the maximum safety of our children – Families of school-aged children can now access rapid regular tests for Coronavirus. Tests can be collected from the testing sites at Darnton Road, Ashton, and at Beeley Street, Hyde. A link to click to order testing kits online can be accessed [here](#). Please see the 'parental guidance' section of our school website for information relating to the return to school for all children.

Admission to school September 2021 – the application has now closed. If you have a late application, please contact Tameside Council School Admissions department by email schooladmissions@tameside.gov.uk or telephone 0161 342 4004.

Nursery admissions September 2021 – letters have been sent out offering places for September. We still have vacancies in the nursery, please make an enquiry at the school office or alternatively complete an on-line application through the following link <http://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/admissions/nursery-admissions/>

Year 6 Residential Trip Robinwood July 2021 - a text was sent out 25th November regarding outstanding payments for this year's re-arranged residential trip. Please bring all outstanding payments up to date.

Year 5 Residential Trip Robinwood April 2021 – a text was sent out today chasing up outstanding payments for this year's trip. The next instalment of £43.00 is due on Friday 26th March 2021. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable.

Payments can be made using the online payment systems www.eduspot.co.uk please bring all outstanding payments up to date.

Robinwood Year 5 Residential trip – We will notify parents of Year 5 children as soon as we are aware of arrangements for this trip. *At this moment in time, indications are that the Robinwood trip booked for the Year 6 children in July WILL go ahead.*

School Dinner Money - please would you bring any outstanding payments up to date. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope clearly marked with the pupil's name and class and handed to their class teacher, alternatively you can pay through the Tameside website www.tameside.gov.uk school & education > school meals.

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.

Nursery Snack Fund/School Fund - Nursery snack fund for this term will be £20.30 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School alternatively, you can use the School Money on-line system www.eduspot.co.uk 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.

School fund for this term will be £6.00 per family for the term payable to: St. Peter's Catholic Primary School.

Nursery Wraparound Provision - from 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 If there have been any changes in circumstances, please contact the school office regarding the completion of an Addendum form. For further information on your entitlement click on the government website link <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Kind regards

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