



19th March 2021



Jesus, I know you will never let go of my hand – you will always stand beside me. Gently, you will guide me, and with your help, I will make your ways my own.

Dear Parents

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.

We will also be holding a virtual Easter liturgy in school, which will be led by the children.

All children will take part in Stations of the Cross and in a Lent prayer trail outdoors.

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

Swimming – after the Easter holidays, Year 4 will attend a swimming lesson at Active Tameside (Copley) each week until the Whit holidays. Arrangements for after the Whit holidays will be confirmed.

Fidget toys – please note that any equipment such as fidget toys, teddies or cushions must only be brought into school if an agreement has been made between parents and the class teacher. These items may facilitate the learning and wellbeing of certain individual children, but we are seeing an increasing number of children who are upset because they have brought such items out on to the playground, where they have become broken or lost.

Breakfast Club – please note that children cannot be dropped off at breakfast club after 8.30am. The school day begins at either 8.35am or 8.50am, and staff in the breakfast club are busy from 8.30am onwards, directing children to their bubbles and taking care of those who are with them until 8.50am.

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.*

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.

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.'

Shortly, each class will be issued with sponsor forms and the children will take part in the Lent Quest during Holy Week at school.

If you have already sent in sponsor money during lockdown 3, because you completed the Lent Quest at home as a family, please do not feel that you must send in any further money for the Mission Together charity.

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.

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. Last week 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/>

Please note for parents who have received a Nursery offer letter, just to clarify that the Parents meeting is **Monday 5th July** not the 7th as stated in the letter.

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 11th March 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.

Year 6 June trips – more information to follow next week.

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>

Uniform Suppliers

MCS Stores - the 2021 School Uniform Pricelist is now available to view on the school website > Parents information > Uniform. There is an early bird voucher and code on the bottom of the pricelist.

Community events

Denton Artistic Swimming Club - Please see attached flyer for more information about this activity based at Tameside Wellness Centre. ***Please note this is subject to the lifting of current covid restrictions.***

Kind regards

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