



26th March 2021



When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he was welcomed as a king, but he came as a king of peace, not of power.

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.

Robinwood Year 5 Residential trip

THE YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO ROBINWOOD HAS NEEDED TO BE POSTPONED. The trip will now take place on 18th, 19th and 20th July 2022. All money paid will be carried forward. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

At this moment in time, indications are that the Robinwood trip booked for the current Year 6 children in July 2021 WILL go ahead.

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.

Big Yellow Friday - Children's Liver Foundation – the amount raised for the charity used by Sofia in Year 5 was a fantastic £209.34. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.

Control measures to ensure the maximum safety of our children – We are hearing more and more reports from both adults and children about families from our school mixing outside of school at play dates, sleepovers, etc. Please be mindful that this is contrary to current government guidance. From Monday, 29th March, groups of up to 6 people can meet, but this is only outdoors. Before this date, people from different households and support bubbles should not be mixing, according to the current lockdown restrictions. Please see the attached letter from Dr. Jeanelle de Gruchy, which clearly sets out the expectations of the population health team at our local council.

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.

Staff Leaving Dates - Thursday, 1st April will be the last working day for Mrs Edge, our much-loved teaching assistant. It will also be the day that we say goodbye to Mrs Townsend, who has been working on a 'Covid catch-up' project for us. We are very sad to see both of these members of staff leave, but we wish them the very best of luck for the future.

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 now July 2022 – 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. All monies already received will be carried forward to next year's date. Instalments can still be made using the www.eduspot.co.uk

Year 6 June trips – a trip letter is being sent home today with all the relevant information for the forthcoming trips.

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. Uniform can also be purchased from our other approved supplier JFC Sports, Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est, Hyde, SK14 1RD 0161 367 7700. A copy of all the uniform lists are available on the school website or by clicking on the link: <http://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/parents-information/school-uniform-information/>

Digital Storytelling – please follow the link to access digital storytelling from Tameside Cultural Services:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tutti-frutti-story-time-tickets-140071661109?aff=Leicestershire>

Terri's After school Club - Terri's after school club will resume on Thursday 22nd April until 20th May for Year 6. This term it will be Cricket. A leaflet will be sent out next week.

Community events

Tameside Soccer School – Astley Sports Village, Monday 19th April for 12 weeks. Please see attached leaflet for more information.

Kind regards

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