



31st March 2021



Jesus is alive! Alleluia, alleluia!

Dear Parents

Easter Reflections – Thank you to all the staff for the efforts they have made to make Holy Week a special and memorable time for the children – even if the children are learning from home. Please see our website to view all the lovely photos the children sent in for ‘Lent Through a Lens.’ You can view these whilst listening to our Year 4 choir singing a beautiful song about new life.

Easter holidays – School will finish for the Easter holidays at the following times tomorrow:
2.25pm for Y1, Y4, Y5 and Y6.
2.35pm for Nursery and Reception.

Contact tracing through the holidays – Please do continue to let school know of any positive tests for St. Peter’s children if these occur during the holiday period. Please Email head@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk with any positive test results. This will enable us to track and trace any close contacts of children testing positive.

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. Mrs Sibson has sent out a letter with details. We are always in need of volunteers to accompany Year 4 to Active Copley. 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.

The children have taken 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.

Covid Testing – 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 was 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 has been sent out with all the relevant information. A copy is also available on the school website under the Class section page <http://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/classes/year-6/>

School Dinner Money - school dinner money for next term will be £55.68 (24 meals). Alternatively, you can pay weekly £11.60 payable to School or 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.

Nursery Snack Fund/School Fund - Nursery snack fund for next term will be £16.80 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School alternatively, you can use the School Money on-line system www.eduspot.co.uk a text will be sent week commencing 19th April. 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.

School fund for this term will be £5.00 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>

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 on Monday 19th April.

Community events

Tameside Cultural Services have asked us to pass on the following information about activities for families during the Easter holidays: On Tuesday 13 April between 11am – 3pm, families will be able to join the self-led 'Dino Egg trail' around Cheetham Park looking for all the hidden pebble dinosaurs and their eggs. You can even bring your own painted pebble to add to the trail. Don't worry if you can't make it because the same fun continues in Hyde Park on 15 April.

Museums and Galleries have added to the programme by putting together some great crafts and activities including making a pop-up hatching Dinosaur linked to the wonderful 'Natures Wonders' exhibition and the fossils the museum holds. They will be showing you how to create dragon stick puppets and give you all the information you need to make your own moving beastly Thaumatrope!

To continue the theme, book your family for the funny, charming, and heart-warming theatre show "When Another Dragon Roars" between Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th April. This live recorded, time limited digital stream is suitable for children aged five and over and their grown-ups. For further information please visit: [Theatre Productions in Tameside](#)

For all the activities and resources please visit www.tameside.gov.uk/culturecrafts
www.tameside.gov.uk/outdooractivities

I wish you and your families a happy, blessed Easter.
Take good care,

Mrs K Ryan
Acting Headteacher