



15th July 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The good shepherd takes care of all my needs. He guides and protects me, and I grow strong in his care. I am not afraid, for He is always beside me to protect me from harm. I know His love for me will last forever.

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all keeping well in spite of the enormous challenges that everyone has faced this academic year. I thank the children especially for the resilience that they have displayed.

Leavers' Assembly – This will take place tomorrow at 9:15am and 1:15pm. Families should view their tickets to see which of the two times they have been allocated. The same risk assessment procedures will take place as at the 'Aladdin' production, and families will be brought into the hall from the front of the school. Please do not enter through the main office doors – Mrs Ryan will open the appropriate gate at 9:00am and 1:00pm.

Leavers' Mass – This will take place on Friday, 23rd July at 9:15am. We are just awaiting confirmation from the bishop about changes to restrictions on numbers of people permitted to gather in church. We will have this information by tomorrow and will be in touch with our Year 6 families to let them know about arrangements for this mass.

2:00pm finish – School will close for the summer holidays at 2.00pm on Friday, 23rd July.

Water Safety – At the end of prayer and liturgy on Monday, I will be speaking with the children about staying safe around canals, rivers, and lakes. Children in school will then bring home a booklet about this. Monday's prayer and liturgy will be recorded for those children who are isolating.

Mrs Warran – Our Year 3 teacher, Mrs Warran, will be leaving St. Peter's at the end of this term. We wish her well as she moves on to pastures new.

Hairstyles – Please could I ask parents to ensure that children do not return to school in September with hairstyles that do not meet our policy. Please see below – changes have been highlighted.

Please note that children should not have extreme or bizarre hairstyles for school. To try and clarify a potentially subjective judgement for parents the following would deem to be unacceptable: shaved sides, shaved all over, tramlines, hair art, dyed hair, hair extensions, hair pieces and hair gel. This also includes incorporated shapes. In other words, hair should be a similar length all over, avoiding extreme differences of length of hair. Should school deem any hair style unacceptable then staff will speak to parents of younger children and ask them to amend hair style if possible and avoid this in the future. Staff will talk to older children first and then inform parents. If parents are unwilling to adhere to school policy, then children will be taught in isolation until the issue is resolved.

Coronavirus - If you receive a positive test for your child in the evening, over a weekend or during a school holiday, please e-mail: covid@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk to let us know as soon as possible. This enables us to take any necessary action following a positive test as soon as possible (especially if this involves the closure of a bubble in school). If you or your child have symptoms, you MUST book a PCR test online, or by calling 111. The lateral flow tests, which can be collected from pharmacies/ testing sites and carried out at home, are NOT sufficient. A PCR test is necessary should you have a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell. This applies even if you have carried out a lateral flow test, and it is negative

New Nursery and Reception starters September 2021 - letters have been sent out confirming the September start date. Throughout the summer holidays please would you check your e-mails, as due to the pandemic situation we may need to contact you to change dates, if Government advice guides us to do so.

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>

There are still a few nursery places available starting from September. Please contact the school office for more information.

Coats - if your child is in school, please send them with a coat every day. The weather is very changeable at the moment!

Sun hats and sun cream - please make sure children have a sun hat during the warm weather. Sun cream should be applied before children come to school.

School Uniform Suppliers

JFC Supplies – www.jfcsports.co.uk Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700

MCS Stores - www.mcsstores.co.uk 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

Nursery Snack Fund/School Fund – please would you bring any outstanding payments up to date. Nursery snack fund for this term is £24.50 payable to St Peter’s Catholic Primary School alternatively, you can use the School Money on-line system www.eduspot.co.uk 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 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.

Please note there is a slight school meal increase to £2.40 per day from the 1st September 2021.

Year 6 dinner money - please check with school office before making any payments in advance as any overpayments at the end of the academic year cannot be refunded.

From September 2021 any pupils moving up to year 3 will not be entitled to the Universal Free School Meals therefore any meals taken will have to be paid for. Please see above with ways regarding making payment. If you wish your child to change to a packed lunch, please would you let the office know no later than Friday 16th July.

Year 3 transition

Current Year 2 – from September your child will require a school tie to go with the junior uniform. Ties are available from the school office priced £3.00 each or can be purchased online from our suppliers. The junior uniform list is available to download from the school website www.stpeterstalybridge.co.uk

Attendance - School has introduced an e-mail address attendance@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk where you can notify school of a daily absence. This can be used in conjunction with telephoning the school office. ***School must be notified of any absence by 10am.***

School fund – the school fund for this term is £7.00 per family for the term payable to: St. Peter’s Catholic Primary School.

Holiday list 2021 – 2022 the holiday list that was distributed in December 2020 and is available on the school website under the heading *Parents information>Holiday list.*

Please note that, in line with our attendance policy, holidays during term time are not authorised absences. This is because we aim for high progress and high achievement for all our children.

Community Events

Holiday Sports Camp - please see this message from the ‘Inspire’ sports coaches, who attend our school each lunchtime to offer sports provision to Years 5 and 6:

Summer Holiday Active Camp Booking

We are excited to announce our Inspire Active Camps are now open for booking!

We will be offering a range of sports, fun games, activities, treasure hunts, cheerleading and much more. We will also be involving activities that support your child’s wellbeing through activity, we will incorporate this into our yoga and relaxation sessions.

Our fun filled camps will help keep your children active through the summer holidays, support emotional wellbeing and keep children connected socially as well as being a place to meet new friends.

Places are strictly limited due to ongoing covid restrictions, so please book now, using the link below, to avoid disappointment:

<https://inspire-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk>

We do accept childcare vouchers, if you wish to pay this way, please contact us before you book, so we can direct you on how to proceed with your booking.

e-mail us on: info@inspire-sc.co.uk or message us on Facebook.

Wild World Heroes - Tameside Libraries Summer Reading Challenge – The Summer Reading Challenge has now started. For more information, please visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Meet the Author – please see poster on the school website under Parents' information>newsletter for more information.

Dates for your Diary

19th, 20th, and 21st July – Year 6 residential – Robinwood (postponed from 2020)

Class teachers from September 2021 will be as follows:

Nursery – Mrs K Walker

Reception – Miss Southall

Year 1 – Mrs Cooke (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Kirkpatrick (Thurs-Fri)

Year 2 – Mrs Russell

Year 3 – Miss Cooper

Year 4 – Mrs Barber

Year 5 – Mr Gould

Year 6 – Mrs Sibson

Kind regards

Mrs Ryan

Headteacher