



23rd September 2021



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Anyone who loves Jesus and acts in his name, is filled with the goodness of God.

Dear Parents

Our St. Peter's children are doing a wonderful job of settling into their new classes and striving " ... to be the best that they can be." It is particularly lovely to see our Year 5 and 6 children acting as play leaders with our new Reception children, and our Year 6 children welcoming boys and girls from all junior classes into their sports games at lunchtimes.

Transfer from Primary to Secondary School – September 2022

As our Year 6 children are due to transfer to high school in September, letters from Tameside Metropolitan Borough were sent home with the children on Wednesday. An application should be made using the online application form via the Citizens Portal, which is available on the 'School Admissions' pages on Tameside's website www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions. Under the section How to Apply for a Secondary School Place, you are advised to read the 'Moving On' booklet before you complete your online form. The closing date for application forms is **Sunday 31st October 2021.**

Secondary School Open Evenings – These will be held online. Our secondary partner, All Saints Catholic College, have set up their website with all of their open evening information.

All Saints are offering tours of the school. A letter with more information and instructions for booking a small group tour is attached electronically to this newsletter. Also attached is a letter from Tameside MBC to all Year 6 parents.

E-Safety – Please see the e-safety page of our school website for links to:

- [Internet Matters](#) – guidance on setting up parental controls for everything from devices to apps (particularly useful if you want that games console online-safe and ready on Christmas day)
- [Lego for 'Build and Talk'](#) - activities to help parents talk to their children about online safety
- [Vodafone digital parenting magazine](#) - a guide for a safe digital life.

In this newsletter we will endeavour to let you know about updates to our E-safety page each fortnight. This is in the light of the understanding that many, many of our children have access to the Internet and to technology, and the increased responsibility we have to safeguard our children in the government document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education.'

Access and egress around school – as obvious as it may sound, we ask that parents and carers are aware that many young children are around the outside of the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up times. Please take extra care when driving, and we ask that you consciously lower your speed as you drive along Hough Hill Road and Castle Hall Close. We also ask that adults are aware of the language and tone of voice they are using with other adults whilst within earshot of our children.

Name Labels – several items of PE uniform are currently unlabelled. We are aware that PE kits will not be sent home until the half term break. We ask that parents check PE kits over the half term break, and stitch/ iron any labels on to each item. In the meantime, please understand that staff will need to write your child's initials on the wash label of PE items of clothing.

Tameside Appeal – thank you most sincerely for your contributions to the appeal for those people from Afghanistan who are seeking refuge in our local community. These donations will be collected from our school next week and will be sent to support those in need.

After School Clubs – the after-school timetable was sent out last week. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

First Holy Communion - our Year 5 children will make their First Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church on Saturday 25th September at 10.30am. Very unfortunately, numbers are limited, and we have had to ask that only immediate household members (parents/carers and siblings) attend. Tickets for the ceremony have been sent home with each Year 5 child. Please do not attend without a ticket, to avoid the embarrassment of us needing to ask family members not to attend mass on this day. We ask that our whole community remembers our Year 5 families in their prayers this Saturday.

Thanksgiving mass, 5th October at 9.15am - could any parent who has not returned their slip to say how many places they would like (1, 2 or 3) please Email FHC@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk with your requirements.

Class Assemblies – a timetable has been sent out to parents with the dates of assemblies for each class. At the present time, we ask that only ONE adult per child attends these assemblies on Fridays at 2.45pm. This is because, as a school, we must make every effort to reduce the possibility of Covid transmission at school events. Year 6 will perform their class assembly next Friday at 2.45pm. We understand that pre-school children may need to attend with the one adult.

Year 2 Information Evening – this will take place on Wednesday, 6th October at 5.30pm. We hope that one adult from each Year 2 family will be able to attend. Mrs Russell will be sharing information about the Year 2 curriculum and speaking with families about how they can best support their child at home.

Nursery and Reception – ‘5 Minute Meetings’ – these will take place on Wednesday, 6th October. Miss Southall and Mrs Walker have placed sign-up sheets on their classroom windows. Parents are invited to sign up for a 5-minute slot where they will be able to speak with their child's class teacher about how their child has settled into their new class. Please note that this is NOT a full parents' evening meeting – these will take place in November. The 6th October is simply an opportunity for parents to discuss general social, emotional, and personal development with their child's teacher.

Robinwood residential current Year 5 April 2022 - next year's residential trip to Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden www.robinwood.co.uk will be on Wednesday 27th until Friday 29th April 2022. A letter has been sent home regarding the deposit payment of £20.00 to secure a place. The slip is to be returned to school no later than 24th September 2021.

School Fund - School fund for this term is £7.00. This voluntary fund helps towards extra chargeable curriculum enhancements and is vital for subsidising resources. We are always especially grateful for contributions.

Nursery Snack Fund - 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. Cheques to be made payable to: St. Peter's Catholic Primary School alternatively payments can be made via School Money Scheme. Thank you to parents who have already sent in their snack fund.

Nursery Wraparound Provision – 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 each afternoon session. Please speak with Mrs Walker or Mrs Evans to arrange any additional afternoons.

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

The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for the autumn term will be 36 days, totalling £86.40. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope clearly marked with the pupil's name and class. Alternately monies can be paid online via the Tameside MBC website.

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 here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

Nut allergies

Please could I ask parents not to include nuts in their child's packed lunch as we have children with nut allergies in school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We also ask that, in accordance with our packed lunch policy, children do not bring sweets or fruit winders into school as part of their packed lunch. The policy may be viewed in full on our website.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Year Reception to Year 6 – the Department of Health have announced that all children in Year R - 6 are going to be offered a flu immunisation every year. The immunisation will take place in school on Tuesday 9th November for those children who returned the signed parental consent. Forms have been sent out last week. Please return the completed forms by next week.

Diocesan Schools Building Fund – the leaflet explaining how you can help to support the Diocese Schools Building by making a donation to the fund has been sent out previously. Building works for voluntary aided / Catholic schools are granted 90% of the costs by the Local Authority, therefore school has to find an additional 10% of the building cost. This fund is of great importance to our school and helps to maintain the building and major repair projects.

Community events

'Lights...Camera...Action! Film Classes Start in September

Message from Sparks filmmaking classes - start up for a new year in September. Join in with a brand-new theme and boost film knowledge this autumn. This term, crew members are set to explore 'The Art of Perception' in a series of filmmaking classes all about playing with perspective and sharing stories within stories.

We'll explore how to create different effects using different perspectives, including camera techniques, narrative techniques, visual effects, and Point-of-View. We'll look at story structures, how to use themes creatively and artistic styles including French Impressionism to help inspire some fantastic new productions. Crew members will choose their favourite techniques and then apply them to an extended film project, as they create their movie masterpieces for the term!

Location- West Hill School

Dates- Every Saturday from the 25th September

Times- 10am-12pm

Website- <https://www.sparksarts.co.uk/sparks-class-finder/>

Gandey's Circus – Friday 1st – Monday 4th October 2021 Ashton-U-Lyne RFC St. Albans Avenue Ashton-U-Lyne. Discount vouchers are available from the school office on a first come first served basis.

Kind regards

Mrs Ryan (Headteacher)