



14th October 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Jesus, guide me along your path, and never let me lose my way.”

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. It is wonderful to work in a school community with families who constantly work together with school staff in order to achieve the very best for our children.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary - we will pray the Holy Rosary as a school each Thursday in October at 3: 05pm. We are unable to invite parents into school to join us as planned. Please see the ‘latest news’ section of our school website and our Twitter feed for a voice recording and images of the Holy Rosary that was prayed in school today.

School Risk Assessment – due to a recent rise in the number of cases of Coronavirus in Tameside, we have been guided as a school to restrict ‘large gatherings’ where many parents are invited into school. We will keep you updated as this situation changes, but at the present time, class assemblies with parents watching have been postponed.

Reception Class – Fancy Dress Day - Reception class children are invited to wear fancy dress/ Halloween costumes to school on Thursday, 21st October. This is to celebrate their learning about the book ‘Spookyrumpus’ which will take place next week. Please understand that, as usual, we will have materials such as glue and paint available in Reception class next Thursday, so please do not send your child to school in clothes which are too precious!

End of the School Day- please could we ask that families vacate the playground as quickly as possible. Grow Happy childcare pay rent to school, which includes the use of the playground, for the children in after school club. **Please do not allow your children to use the adventure trail on the junior playground at the end of the school day, the equipment is unsupervised at this time. In the past a child using the trail at the end of the school day had a serious accident because the equipment was unsupervised. We would appreciate your co-operation with this matter to prevent any further incidents.**

We also politely ask that, should there be any issues of falling out or upset between children during the school day, then parents approach school to discuss these, rather than approaching the parent of the child concerned. We ask this so that issues can be discussed and resolved in a professional manner, with the involvement of all parents and school, rather than between parents alone. School very much understands that parents wish the best for their children, but there have been several incidents since September where parents have been left upset after conversations with other parents on the playground. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Parents’ Evenings – Tuesday, 16th November and Wednesday, 17th November

These will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. Arrangements for appointments and for viewing your child’s schoolbooks will be communicated in next week’s newsletter.

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 previously. 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.

National Space Week – To mark this special week, we will be enjoying a visit from the 'Wonder Dome.' Children can enter the dome and view a wonderful representation of the sky at night.

INSET Day – School will be closed to children on Friday, 22nd October for staff in-service training. This is the school day before the half term holiday begins.

Year 2 Information Evening – unfortunately this has been postponed. Mrs Russell will place a video of her presentation to parents on our school website, as we are currently unclear about when we will be in a position to invite parents into school to take part in this evening in person. Mrs Russell will be in touch with parents of Year 2 children to let them know a time when she will be available for questions following the viewing of this video.

Reading and Phonics – Reception and Year 1 – Parents of children in our Reception and Year 1 classes will shortly be able to view a video on the school website which gives more information about the teaching of reading and phonics in these classes. Following the viewing of this video, please feel free to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any further queries.

Stalybridge Tennis Club – half term holiday camp – The tennis club have been in touch to let us know that there are places available for their holiday camp during the October half-term holiday. The places are available for those children who are in receipt of free school meals. Please contact school if you would like to take up one of these places for your child.

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. Please return the slip if you have not already done so. The next instalment of £43.00 is due on the 21st October.

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.*

Please would you bring any arrears up to date. 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.

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. Please return any completed forms as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Mrs Ryan (Headteacher)