



1st October 2021



“Let the children come to me.”

Dear Parents

We thank you for your ongoing support during this time as we recover from the pandemic. As we begin this return to normality, I must let you know that we have some staff members in school who are currently unwell and are therefore not in school. I understand that it may be of concern if your child is not currently being taught by their usual teacher or teaching assistant. However, we have put measures in place to ensure that continuity for the children is the prime concern at this time. This is a temporary situation which we must work through, and we thank you for your understanding at this time.

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 4 will perform their class assembly on Friday 15th October at 2.45pm. We understand that pre-school children may need to attend with the one adult.

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 last week. 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.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

We will pray the Holy Rosary as a school each Thursday in October at 3.05pm.

Each of the following classes would like to invite one adult per child to join them in the hall to pray the Rosary together on the following dates:

Thursday, 7th October: Year 6

Thursday, 14th October: Year 3

Thursday, 21st October: Year 4

Please arrive at the main office door at 3.00pm if you would like to join your child’s class on one of the above dates.

In May, the month of Our Lady, other classes will be able to invite parents to join them for the Rosary.

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.

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.’

First Holy Communion - our Year 5 children made their First Holy Communion at St. Peter’s Church last Saturday 25th September. Thank you to all of our Year 5 families for taking part in this lovely mass.

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 e-mail FHC@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk with your requirements. After the mass, the children will gather together in the school hall for a Communion breakfast, which will be provided by school.

Year 2 Information Evening – Unfortunately this has been postponed. We will let you know the new date once it has been confirmed.

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. Please return the slip if you have not already done so.

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.

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.

Community events

Gandeys Circus – Friday 1st – Monday 4th October 2021 Ashton-U-Lyne RFC St. Albans Avenue Ashton-U-Lyne. Discount vouchers are still available from the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Ryan (Headteacher)