



16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whatever our gifts or talents may be, teach us to use them wisely, and for the good of others."

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking the children for their beautiful, respectful behaviour as we marked Remembrance Sunday in school last week. It was also wonderful to meet so many of our children and families at the Remembrance Sunday parade in Stalybridge last Sunday. Lots of our children represented uniformed groups, such as Squirrels, Beavers or Rainbows, and it was lovely to see them taking part in such an important event in our local community. Thank you very much to the two brothers who laid the wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of St. Peter's.

This is a busy half term in relation to festivals and celebrations! At the beginning of this half term children learned about Diwali – the festival of light celebrated by people of the Hindu faith. We will be looking at Hannukah towards the end of the half term, as well as marking Advent, the season of joyful hope. It is a pleasure to be a leader of a school at times such as this, and a reminder that at St. Peter's we strive to have an awareness and a respect for the faiths, beliefs and cultures of all our brothers and sisters, as we are all members of the one family of God.

**Young Shakespeare** – Our children in Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a wonderful performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' this morning.

**Own Clothes Day** – Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November – in exchange for a gift for the tombola at the Christmas Fair the following weekend! The St. Peter's Church and Parish fair will be held in school on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00am-3.00pm. Please do come down and join us. Members of school staff will be attending the fair in support of the Church and Parish.

**Class Assemblies at 2.45pm** – all welcome

17<sup>th</sup> November: Y5 (tomorrow)

1<sup>st</sup> December: Y3

**Class masses at 9.05am** – the dates of all class masses and class assemblies for this year can be found on our website at: [Mass and Assembly Rota 2023 - 2024](#)

6<sup>th</sup> December: whole school mass at 9.15am to celebrate 50 years of our building and the beginning of Advent (Tea and coffee in school afterwards)

20<sup>th</sup> December: whole school mass at 9.15am to celebrate the end of Advent.

**Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Tomorrow, children will wear their full school uniform as usual, but may add yellow items, spots, or Pudsey merchandise in support of Children in Need. We are happy to collect any donations you may wish to make. We ask that anything the children wear is small, e.g. a wristband or hair accessory – no onesies, please!

**Hattersley Brass Band** is a wonderful band who welcome children from Year 4 upwards who are learning to play a brass instrument. It is completely free to join, and children and adults of all abilities are most welcome – including beginners. Hattersley Brass brings together lots of families from Catholic schools in Tameside, and those who participate have the opportunity to join the Whit Friday band contest as well as many other performances. Please see the attached flyer for details of weekly meetings.

**Christmas Lunch** - the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner please could a payment of £2.95 be paid via the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals> All orders must be received no later than **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**.

**If your order is placed after this date your child will not be eligible for a Christmas dinner.**

***\*Children who normally have a school dinner will automatically be included in this special meal\**** Children are also invited to wear party clothes on this day.

**Admission to school September 2024** – letters have either been posted or handed out directly. If your child is registered at our school and you have not received a copy of the application process, then contact the school office. Closing date for online applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. More detailed information is available on the school website under the School Admissions section.

**Wednesday Word** – at present the Wednesday Word is not always being sent via email. The weekly newsletter is still available to view on our website - <https://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/catholic-life/wednesday-word/>

**Attendance** – Well done to Reception, who had the highest attendance figure last week – almost 100%!

<b><u>Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November</u></b>									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	83.4%	96.5%	94%	90.7%	92.7%	91.7%	93.6%	90.3%	92%
Number of late marks	0	5	3	3	2	1	0	4	18

**Science Assembly** – A member of the Ogden Trust visited school this week to offer a science assembly to some of our children. It was most entertaining to view Mrs Cooke on a bed of nails, and to see the effect of a van de Graaff generator on the hairstyles of Miss Cavanagh and Miss Cooper!

**Dodgeball Club** – Inspire Sports are offering a dodgeball club on Wednesdays after school. Please complete and return the online form which was Emailed by the school office last week.

**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. At our school, the immunisation will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**NHS Guidance on keeping children well this winter** - Tameside Public Health have produced the attached leaflet with advice to help keep children well this winter. This includes information about ways to reduce the chance of catching and passing on infections, some of the more common winter illnesses and how to manage them, as well as information on vaccinations. For more information, please visit the NHS guidance link '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' for more help.

**PE Kit** - please ensure that you child has their full PE kit in school. Details of the PE uniform can be found under the 'Parent Information' tab on our school website. Please ensure junior children have their full outdoor kit – navy or black sweater and navy or black tracksuit/jogging bottoms. Thank you very much for your support with this.

**First Holy Communion and First Sacraments** – First Forgiveness for the Year 3 children will take place at 6:00pm in St. Peter's Church on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Year 4 children will make their First Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a whole school thanksgiving mass to celebrate the journey of our Year 4 children on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.15am, to which all families in school and parishioners are invited.

**Robinwood Residential Year 5 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024** – a chase up text has been sent showing outstanding deposits and payments to date. Please bring all payments up to date as the 4<sup>th</sup> instalment of £62.00 due 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**School Fund** – the amount for the Academic year is £38.00, payment can be made online via the School Money Scheme. This has been set up so you may choose the amount you would like to pay as this is a voluntary donation. We are most grateful for any contributions you are able to make all monies donated are spent on wider curriculum opportunities for the children.

**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. Payments are made via School Money Scheme. Nursery snack fund for this term will be £26.60. A reminder text has been sent out this week.

**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 £15.00 per each afternoon session. Please speak with Mrs Walker or Mrs Evans to arrange any additional afternoons.

**Eligibility funding for 15 hours extended (pm session)** - please ensure that you apply for spring term (4<sup>th</sup> January until 28<sup>th</sup> March) as advised by the e-mail / text you will receive from the Government inviting you to reapply. **You must reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you will have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account in order to keep your code valid.**

**School Meals** - Please note we have been notified by Tameside MBC that the price of school meals is now £2.95 per day. The new weekly total will be £14.75. The total amount for this terms meals will be £112.10 (38 meals)

Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

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](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside) Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

**Coconut, Prawns, Avocado and Nut allergies** - please could I ask parents not to include any of these items in their child's packed lunch as we have children in school with severe allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Community Events**

**Tameside Music Service** – Tameside Music Services rehearse every week during term time at Birch Lane Centre, Birch Lane, Dukinfield and perform in regular concerts around Greater Manchester. For more information on performing in a choir or learning to play a musical instrument, please see the attached poster on how to join.

**MCS Schoolwear** – Black Friday Sale - 12% off online orders for school uniform, ends Saturday. Please see attached poster.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Own clothes day (in exchange for a tombola prize for our Christmas fair)!

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November:** St. Peter's Parish Christmas Fair (in school)

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Nursery, Reception, and Infant Christmas Play, 9.20am and 2.15pm.

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Junior Christmas Play, 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas dinner and party day. Children are also invited to wear party clothes on this day.

Kind regards

Mrs Ryan (Headteacher)

**BANDS  
CHOIRS  
ENSEMBLES**

Come and join one of our groups at our designated Music Centre in Dukinfield. We meet weekly during term time and perform throughout the year. We also run events, workshops and open evenings.

**WHAT'S ON**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4:30pm Junior Strings	4:00pm Junior Wind Band	5:00pm Band Skills	4:30pm Infant Singing
5:00pm Senior Strings	5:00pm Brass Band	6:00pm Bands Skills	4:30pm Theory Lessons
6:45pm Chamber Strings	6:00pm Wind Band	7:00pm Band Skills	5:15pm Junior Choir
			5:45pm Jazz Band
			6:00pm Senior Choir

For more information or to sign up visit our website: [www.tamesidemusicservice.com](http://www.tamesidemusicservice.com)

**BAND SKILLS INFANT CHOIR WIND BAND  
JUNIOR STRINGS JUNIOR CHOIR SENIOR CHOIR  
BRASS BAND JAZZ BAND JUNIOR WIND BAND  
SENIOR STRING THEORY LESSONS CHAMBER STRINGS**

**WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO PLAY A  
MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENT?**

You can learn to sing or play at school or at our dedicated Music Centre in Dukinfield with one of our professional music tutors.

For more information or to sign up visit our website:  
[www.tamesidemusicservice.com](http://www.tamesidemusicservice.com)  
Tel: 0161 342 3132  
Email: [musicservice@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:musicservice@tameside.gov.uk)

Logos at the bottom include: Tameside Metropolitan Borough, Arts Council England, and Tameside Music Service.





Restarts on  
Thursday 22nd September 2022



Beginners Band - 3.45pm-4.30pm  
Main Band - 4.45pm - 5.45pm  
The Ark, St James' Catholic Primary School, Hattersley

Beginners band is open to anyone from Year 4 upwards who would like to learn how to read music.  
Main band is open to anyone from Year 4 upwards who is confident in reading music.  
Adults are more than welcome at both sessions.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1585593411714987>



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Monday 13th to Saturday 18th November at Midnight