



23rd November 2023

The Feast of Christ the King - "This is our God, the servant king."



In this Sunday's gospel we are reminded that we are called to serve, others, too – to feed the hungry, to comfort those who are sad and to welcome the stranger. We remember the words of Jesus, "When you do this to others, you do it to me."

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fair –the St. Peter's Church and Parish fair will be held in school on Saturday, 25th 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.

Christmas Productions – please return your ticket request form as soon as possible or by the latest by 1st December. Please also ensure that your child has a pair of black PE pumps for their Christmas play – and please check that these pumps still fit them! We only have a limited stock of spare pumps in school.

Junior children will need to return to school for 5.30pm on the evening of 13th December; ready for the production to begin at 6.00pm.

We greatly look forward to welcoming you all to share in 'Prickly Hay' and 'Snow White.'

Class Assemblies at 2.45pm – all welcome

1st 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](#)

6th 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)

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

Children in Need – Friday 17th November – thank you very much for your support in fundraising for Children in Need. Year 5 led us in a very informative assembly, and as a school, we raised £156.97.

Parents' Evenings – it was lovely to welcome parents and carers into school to discuss the progress and development of each individual child. Our thanks go to all parents who came to meet with their child's class teacher. Here at St. Peter's, we very much value the supportive partnership we have with all of our families.

Thank you also for the wonderful positive feedback on the parental questionnaires. As a senior leadership team in school, we will meet to discuss next steps arising from any constructive feedback that parents and carers have given. If anyone did not receive a questionnaire to complete at parents' evening, and would like one, please obtain one of these from the school office. They can then be returned to your child's class teacher.

School drop-off – we politely ask parents to vacate the playground once they have dropped children at school in the mornings. It is getting a little bit crowded at the top of the steps to the Infant playground! Please understand that the first priority of the staff on duty is to keep the children on the playground safe. Staff need visual access to the gate on Hough Hill Road, and our junior children need access to the steps so that they can walk into school.

Class Novels – we wished to share with you the novels that children in Years 1-6 are enjoying at the moment.

Year 1 – *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton

Year 2 – *The Twits* by Roald Dahl

Year 3 – *The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover* by Stephen Davies

Year 4 – *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* by Roald Dahl

Year 5 – *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman

Year 6 – *Can You See Me?* by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott

Christmas Lunch - the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December. If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6 and 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 1st December 2023**. Children in Reception to Year 2 who normally have a packed lunch can apply to have a Christmas Dinner and payment is not required. Please note – Christmas Dinner is for children in Reception to Year 6.

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 **15th January 2024**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. **Even if proof of residency was submitted for a Nursery application a further 2 proof of residency is required for the 2024 admission process.** 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 Year 2 - 100% attendance last week!

<u>Week commencing 13th November</u>									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	96.5%	90%	98.3%	100%	96.3%	94.1%	97.6%	95.5%	96%
Number of late marks	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	5	20

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 7th 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 your 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, 8th February 2024. Year 4 children will make their First Holy Communion at St. Peter’s Church on Saturday, 18th May. There will be a whole school thanksgiving mass to celebrate the journey of our Year 4 children on Wednesday, 22nd May at 9.15am, to which all families in school and parishioners are invited.

Robinwood Residential Year 5 1st – 3rd 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 4th instalment of £62.00 is due tomorrow. The 5th instalment of £62.00 is due 30th January 2024.

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 (4th January until 28th 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 term's 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 Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

Community Events

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.

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.

Stalybridge Street Fest and Christmas Lights Switch-On – the Stalybridge Christmas Light Switch On is returning for 2023 and will be part of Street Fest. You can expect amazing food stalls from pizza to ice cream, lots of festive fun and of course the light switch on. The event will take place on Saturday 25th November 5.00pm to 9.00pm in Armentieres Square.

Stalybridge Celtic FC vs Prescot Cables - Stalybridge Celtic are running a special offer for families to enjoy their home match with Prescot Cables at Bower Fold this Saturday for FREE. An adult will enter for FREE with a child U16. Please contact the school office for a letter to be sent home with your child.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday, 25th November: St. Peter's Parish Christmas Fair (in school)

Tuesday, 5th December: Nursery, Reception, and Infant Christmas Play, 9.20am and 2.15pm.

Wednesday, 13th December: Junior Christmas Play, 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

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

Wednesday 20th December: Whole school mass 9:15am in church.

Wednesday 20th December: School finishes for Christmas 2:30pm.

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

**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**

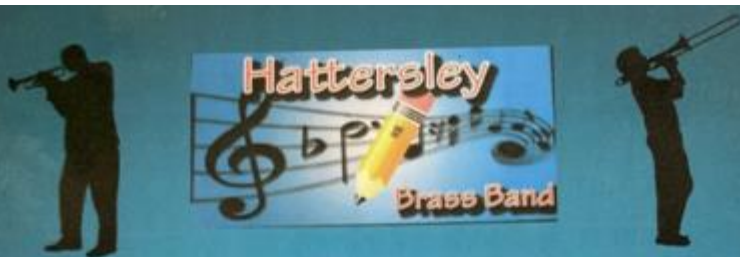
**WOULD YOU LIKE
TO PLAY A
MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT?**

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

Tel: 0161 342 3132
Email: musicservice@tameside.gov.uk

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



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.

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