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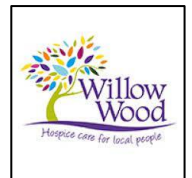


Jesus, King of the world, we pray that your peace will spread throughout the world today and touch the lives of everyone.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the great number of family members who joined us for the Palm Sunday reflection in school this morning, led by our younger children. It was lovely to have such a crowd in school to mark the beginning of Holy Week. We would like to invite all parents and parishioners to our Junior Easter reflection on Monday at 2.15pm in church – it does not matter if you do not have a child in the juniors; all are welcome.

Lent Fundraising – We are delighted to announce that over £800 has been raised for Willow Wood Hospice by our school community. Thank you for all the sponsor money you have generously donated. Our choir visited Willow Wood Hospice today to sing and to chat with the residents. These young people were a credit to their families and to St. Peter’s. They brought joy and pleasure with their singing, but it was their polite, mature socialising with the residents of the hospice that made Mrs Walker and myself so proud of them. We have been invited back to the hospice at Christmas in order to take part in a similar event.



Please join us for a **whole school mass** to mark Holy Week on 27 March (9.15am in the main church).

Lenten Preparations – Children in Year groups 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation in church next Tuesday.

As part of our Lenten fundraising junior children will be able to purchase toast and infant children will be able to purchase breadsticks every Thursday for 4 weeks from 7th March. Total cost is £1.00 donated to CAFOD. If you would like your child to receive toast or breadsticks, please send in £1.00 in a clearly marked envelope.

Spring Reports will be available for collection from your child’s classroom on Monday, 25 March at the end of the school day. Please do pop into the classroom, where you will be able to view your child’s books and collect their report. This is not a parents’ evening; rather, it is a chance for you to view your child’s progress within their books and to collect a brief overview of your child’s attainment.

PSHE and RSHE – Please see the attached document prepared by Mrs Barber. It gives links for parents to access the PSHE topics that their children have been learning about this half term. The document can also be accessed on our school website: [PSHE & RSHE – St Peter's Stalybridge \(stpetersstalybridge.co.uk\)](http://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk)

Our Father Pope Francis has asked us all to focus on the ‘Our Father’ prayer this year, as we prepare for the jubilee year of the Church. In school, we will be working in our family groups during Holy Week to produce some collaborative artwork, with each group focussing on a different line of this prayer that Jesus taught us.



Attendance - week beginning 11 March 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	94	95.8	98.6	98.7	96.4	98.3	96.7	94.2

Robinwood Residential Year 5 1st – 3rd May 2024 – the last instalment of £62.00 was due 28th February. Please bring all payments up to date, payment is to be made in full prior to the trip taking place. Please contact the school office or your child's teacher as soon as possible if you have any concerns over the outstanding amount.

School Fund – the amount for this 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.

Diocesan Building Fund - If anyone would like to make a donation to this fund, please do so via School Money www.edsp.co/sm-login The fund is used to meet the cost of building repairs in our Catholic schools. There is a letter on the schools website on which Bishop Mark gives more information. We are very grateful for any donations received, no matter how small.

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 half term will be £20.30.

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 summer term (1st April – 18th July) as advised by the e-mail / text you will receive from the Government inviting you to reapply, by the 28th March. **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 - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term will be 29 days, totalling £85.55. 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.

Also, if you think you may be eligible and you have a child in the infants - including Nursery, although Infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meal scheme, you should still apply for this, as school receives extra funding to support your child in school. Please contact Mrs Murray in the school office for more information.

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.

Menu – the Spring and Summer menu is now available to view on the school [website](#)

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/>

Community Events: please see messages below that have been sent to us from organisations in the local community

Football Fun Factory - The Football Fun Factory was created to provide incredible childhood football experiences for boys and girls of all ages and ability levels. Our mission is to use the nation's passion for football as a vehicle for child development. We believe that the focus should not be simply on development or progression... **we should be focusing on having fun!** Our ethos is all about creating an incredible environment where children can express themselves, play, make friends and have fun.

Upcoming we have a 4-day camp running at West Hill School in the Easter holidays and we continue to go from strength to strength with new children joining us weekly at all of our weekly sessions for more information on the football camp, please visit <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/1817>

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April 2024

West Hill School, SK15 1LX

Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm (just after our famous blue card presentation!)

£20 per day or £64 for the full 4-day camp! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!

Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

Weekly Session:

● West Hill School - Football Fun & Development - Monday's 5.00pm-6.00pm (4 to 12 years) - <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/724>

● West Hill High School - Tots Football Fun - Saturday's 08.45am-09.30am (18 months to 5 years) - <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/727>

● West Hill High School - Tots Football Fun - Saturday's 09.30am-10.15am (2 years to 5 years) - <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/728>

Even better the first 3 weeks are free, the above links enable parents to register for a 3-week free trial of our sessions to ensure it is a great fit for them.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan

Headteacher