



16 May, 2024

The Feast of Pentecost: In the gospel reading this Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of The Church, and we hear how Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to His disciples, just as he had promised to do.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow we will gather together as a whole school to pray to Mary during this month of May. Mr White from St. Peter's parish has asked us to share some of the prayers from 'Mary's Meals' – the charity for which he works so tirelessly, and which is named after Mary. As we have lots of our children making their First Holy Communion this weekend, we felt the following prayer was wonderfully appropriate:

As we prepare to receive the Bread of Life in Holy Communion, we pray for all of the children around the world who are hungry today. May God look after them and inspire everyone to share with each other so that no one goes hungry.
Amen

Joshua and Liesja from our Nursery class will then crown our statue of Mary with flowers.

On Monday we will share the story of Pentecost with the children.

First Holy Communion – The mass to celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children will take place at 10.30am on Saturday, 18 May in St. Peter's Church. Although there is a chance that church may be quite full, we extend a warm invitation to our governors, parishioners, prayer sponsors and families – everyone is most welcome to join us in the mass. We keep our children and their families in our prayers, and we give great thanks that each and every one of us is invited to be so close to Jesus in this sacrament.

There will be a whole school mass of thanksgiving on Wednesday, 22 May at 9.15am. All families of children at school are welcome to attend this. After the mass we invite the families of children who have made their First Holy Communion to join us in the school hall for tea and coffee. The children will have some party snacks in celebration.

Special thanks to the children who have volunteered to be part of the choir on Saturday morning in support of those children making their First Holy Communion. We very much appreciate these children giving up part of their weekend in support of our school, and we are grateful to the families for transporting their children to and from school on a Saturday.

Congratulations to our Year 6 children for being the very best that they could be as they took their SATS tests this week. Everyone in school is extremely proud of the hard work and determination of our children. Thank you also to Mrs Sibson, Mrs Godsall and Mrs Barber for preparing our children so well.

Choir Concert – Family members of our school choir are invited to come to school at 9.00am tomorrow, when the choir will be performing a concert for our school.

PTFA Meeting – We invite parents, teachers, staff and friends of our school (including parishioners and governors) to a meeting of our PTFA in school at 3.30pm on Tuesday, 11 June. Everyone is most welcome. We need to begin preparations for our quiz night and our summer fair, both of which are great fundraisers. All money raised by the PTFA is used to directly benefit the children. We would be delighted to welcome new members to our PTFA – all help offered in much appreciated. If you have some time to spare to help us at the quiz night or at the fair, please come along to the meeting, or speak to Mrs K Broadbent in our Year 1 class.

Class Masses

Year 2 – Wednesday, 26 June at 9.15am

Nursery – Wednesday, 10 July at 9.15am

Attendance - week beginning 6 May 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	96.8	98.8	99.2	98.8	96.1	97.9	95.9	98.8
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	4	2	2	3	1	2	1

The attendance figures were fantastic last week, with every class having over 95% attendance! Thank you for your support with this.

Big Arts Week – The week beginning 17 June in school will be spent celebrating the arts: music, dance, drama and art and design. (A little bit of design and technology may also creep into the week)! Our theme is going to be ‘movies.’ Each class will base their arts learning around a film with a universal rating. You may wish to send in an old adult-sized shirt to cover your child’s school uniform that week. We are asking for donations of £3 per child for this week, in order to provide extra resources for the children. Payment for this can be made online via School Money - www.edsp.co/sm-login. Each child will receive a framed piece of art on the Friday of Big Arts Week which we hope you will enjoy keeping as a memento. These are the films each class has chosen:

Nursery	Jungle Book
Reception	Trolls
Year 1	Finding Nemo
Year 2	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Year 3	Wall-E
Year 4	Madagascar
Year 5	ET
Year 6	Yellow Submarine

SEND Friends Family members of children on our SEND register are invited to a coffee afternoon in school at 2.15pm on Thursday, 23 May. Please do consider coming along to this group – you will be made most welcome.

Opportunities at St. Peter’s Please see the ‘vacancies’ tab of our school website for two job opportunities. We are looking for a permanent member of our cleaning team, and we are looking for a teacher on a fixed term basis.

Stay and Play Sessions Parents of our Nursery and Reception children are invited to sign up to a stay and play session in the next few weeks. Please sign up on the sheets on the classroom windows.

CAFOD – Thank you for your generous donations at CAFOD Café, and for the Infant breadsticks and Junior toast. In total, we raised £382 for CAFOD.

Priory Tennis - Please see attached a flyer regarding a free after school session for children at the local Priory Tennis Club. We know that the Wednesday tennis club is well attended and much enjoyed by many of our children, and so thought that the offer of a similar club on Thursdays may be of interest to many of our families.

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 that you may choose the amount you would like to pay (as this is a voluntary donation). We are most grateful for any contributions that 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 at 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 our school website in which Bishop Mark gives more information. We are very grateful for any donations received, no matter how small.

Eligibility Forms – Nursery September 2024 – parental agreement and funding claim forms were sent out 10th May. Please can these be signed and returned to school by 24th May.

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 £22.40.

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.

School Meals - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £94.40 (32 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.

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.

Packed Lunches - If your child no longer requires school meals and wishes to go onto packed lunches, we require a minimum of **2 week notice period**. All requests need to be made in writing to the school meal email address – schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk

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/>

Twitter / X - We have re-launched our Twitter/X feed - @stpetersSB and are using this social media platform as a way of engaging with families so you are kept up to date with current news and events. Please take a moment to follow our page.

Dates for your diary

- 23 May – EYFS trip to Smithills Farm
- 24 May – Year 3 history-themed coffee morning, 9.00am.
- 10 June – Year 6 trip to Llandudno, 6.45am – an early alarm call!
- 11 June – Year 3 trip to Stockport air raid shelters
- 12 June – Reception and Year 6 height and weight measurements from school nurse service
- 14 June – Class photographs
- 18 June – Year 5 trip to Bridgewater Hall
- week beginning 24 June – 4+1 meetings in school for parents of children on our SEND register
- 25 June – Meeting for new Nursery parents, 5.00pm
- 26 June – Meeting for new Reception parents, 5.30pm
- 27 June – Year 2 trip to Manchester Airport
- 28 June – Quiz night in school, 6.30pm
- 1 July – Whole school mass to celebrate the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, 9.15am
- 3 July – Year 6 leavers' production
- 5 July – Meet the new teacher day
- 10 July – Own clothes day in exchange for tombola gift for the summer fair
- 11 July – Sports Day
- 12 July – Leavers' assembly, 9.15am – Year 6 families invited
- 12 July – Summer fair (in the evening after school)
- 15 July – Reports given out to families
- 16 July – Year 6 trip to the Crystal Maze
- 17 July – Parent drop-in for any particular questions about end of year reports
- 18 July – Leavers' mass, 9.15am. All families welcome
- 19 July – School closed to children – INSET Day


Community Events

Denton Netball Club are looking for new players from Nursery to Year 4 – please see the attached leaflet for more information. There are also sessions for adults – competition for our staff netball team!


Cricket Clubs – Please see attached posters regarding Denton St Lawrence Cricket Club and Dukinfield Cricket Club as they are looking for new members. Denton St Lawrence Cricket Club – All Stars and Dynamo sessions starting 13th May. Dukinfield Cricket Club – looking for new junior members.


Tameside – What's On - Please take a look at the activities that will be on offer over the holidays in Tameside - [Tameside - What's On \(intameside.co.uk\)](https://www.intameside.co.uk). Please see attached posters for more information.

Football Fun Factory - At the end of the current term, we have our May half-term camp which will take place this time around for 4 days at West Hill School in Stalybridge, I have added the key details below and also attached a flyer too...


 Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May 2024

 West Hill School, SK15 1LX

 Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm

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


 Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

 <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/1819>

Also, for the remainder of May, we have our weekly evening sessions which will be running right the way up until the children finish for the holidays and will start up again in the 2nd week of the holidays when the High Schools return a little earlier than the Primary Schools.

 West Hill School - Football Fun & Development - Monday's 5.00pm-6.00pm (5 to 12 years) -

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/724>

 Active Medlock - Football Fun & Development - Wednesday's 5.30pm-6.30pm (5 to 12 years) -

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/725>

 Alder Community High School - Football Fun & Development - Thursday's 5.00pm-6.00pm (5 to 12 years) -

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/1710>

Kind regards,

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Headteacher