



20 June, 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – The Calming of the Storm

“Do not be afraid. Trust in me.”



Dear Parents and Carers,

Family Quiz Night - This will be hosted by the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) on Friday, 28th June at 6.30pm in the school hall. It is a lovely evening and is great fun – there are questions for adults and children, a stand up bingo game and table puzzles. Our cook, Zoe, very kindly gives us her time to serve a hot supper. If you have not attended a quiz night before, please feel welcome to join us on the evening. Please complete and return the attached slip as soon as possible alternatively please respond to this email with your ticket choice. Please note – cash is required for purchasing tickets and during the evening. For families that have already purchased tickets these will be transferred over to the new date.

We would love to welcome as many people as possible to this event. As well as being a fun evening, it really helps to generate funds for our school. Please consider coming along to support us.

Our PTFA is very much at the heart of our school community and without the help and support they give these events would not be able to go ahead. Our PTFA brings together family and friends to help raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is spent on extra special activities and provides items the school budget does not cover. There are many reasons why you should join our PTFA, these range from making new friends and getting to know the school environment, through to helping raise much needed funds and making a difference to your children and St Peter's School.

Come along and join in the fun, you could be the winning team!

Big Arts Week - At 3.30pm on Friday, 21 June, please come into school and Nursery to view all of our children's work from Big Arts Week. Nursery parents who collect their children at 11.55am are welcome to view their children's artwork in Nursery at this time.

Oliver Twist – Our Y6 leavers' production – will be performed in school at 2.00pm and 6.00pm on Wednesday, 3 July. Children in Year groups 3, 4 and 5 will need to be back at school (in uniform) to form our wonderful choir at 5.30pm on this day, please. We are extremely grateful to these children for their singing support – the show simply would not be the same without them.

Class Masses – Family members are welcome to attend

Year 2 – Wednesday, 26 June at 9.15am

Whole School Mass for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul – Monday, 1 July at 9.15am

Nursery – Wednesday, 10 July at 9.15am

Adventure Track – Please could we politely request that parents of our Nursery children do not let their children play on the adventure track before school in the mornings. The adventure track has been designed for junior-aged children, and our children are only permitted to access it during the school day if an adult is in close proximity to supervise them. Similarly, our schoolchildren are not permitted to go on to the grassed slope in front of the Nursery building. This is because the slope is so steep. Please therefore do not allow Nursery children to play on this slope before school. Thank you for your understanding.

SEND Local Offer – Just a reminder that there is a link on our school website to the local offer for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

Attendance - week beginning 20 May 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	94	96.8	91.6	94.7	94.8	95	95.8	98.3
Punctuality (number of late marks)	2	5	3	4	1	2	0	3

Attendance overall was a little lower in this week, partly due to the fact that some children went on holiday. Just a gentle reminder that school is not able to authorise any absence during term time for holidays.

End of Year Reports – Reports will be given out in-person to all children at the end of the school day on Monday, 15 July. Please let Mrs Murray know if you are a parent or carer who will require an additional copy of your child’s report so that we can make arrangements for one to be sent to you, or for you to collect one from the school office.

Reports this year will have a slightly different format, which we hope will make them more useful and accessible.

Mary’s Meals – On Wednesday, 17 July, Mr White from our parish will be in the school hall to offer toast, tea and coffee to our families from 8.15am. All money raised will be donated to ‘Mary’s Meals’ and will be used to give children around the world a school dinner.

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. If these forms have not yet been returned to the school office, please can these be signed and returned to school by 17th June.

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.

School Meals - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £85.55 (29 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.

Year 6 dinner money - please check with school office before making any payments in advance as any overpayments at the end of the academic year cannot be refunded.

Any pupils moving up to year 3 will not be entitled to the Universal Free School Meals therefore any meals taken will have to be paid for. Please see above with ways regarding making payment. If you wish your child to change to a packed lunch, please would you let the office know no later than Friday 5th July.

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

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 – Toast morning in the hall from 8.15am

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

Footlights Tameside – Please see attached posters regarding an award-winning theatre school for children aged 3 – 18 years. Footlights are holding a summer holiday camp which includes a full week of acting, singing and dancing along to various films.

Hyde Festival Theatre – Please see attached poster for more information on seeing the wonderful production of Charlie and the chocolate factory.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan

Headteacher