



15 July, 2024

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how Jesus sent his apostles out to spread His Word far and wide.

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Whole School Mass for our Year 6 leavers:** 18<sup>th</sup> July (Thursday) at 9.15am. Please could Year 6 children attend school in their full school uniform on this day (i.e. shirt and tie). We hope that family members from all our Year 6 families are able to attend this very special mass, which offers our Y6 leavers a final blessing as they leave St. Peter's. Of course, as with all school masses, family members of children in all year groups are most welcome to attend this mass, as are parishioners. Tea and coffee will be served in the school hall after mass for family members of Y6 children.

**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.

**PTFA Summer Fair – Friday 12 July** – Thank you very much indeed to everyone who visited our Summer Fair in the cloud and drizzle! We hope your family had a lovely time. Thank you for helping us to raise funds for our Computing provision (Chromebooks and I-Pads). We will let you know the final amount raised as soon as we can.

An enormous thank you must go to those members of our PTFA who gave up their time to manage stalls. Thank you to the staff members who gave up their Friday evening to help out at the fair. Thank you to Zoe, who stays behind after school to cook for us every year. The biggest thank you simply must go to Mrs K Broadbent, who tirelessly co-ordinates the fair for us every year whilst never failing to have a smile or an answer for everyone involved. Thank you so much, Mrs Broadbent. Without you there may be no Summer Fair at all.

**Sports Day** – thank you to Terri, our sports coach, who facilitated a great 'scaled down' version of sports day for us last Thursday! Thank you to the many family members who came along to cheer on the children.

**End of Year Reports** – Reports will be given out in-person to all children at the end of the school day TODAY (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.

If you have any questions about your child's report, please come along to a 'drop in' in your child's usual classroom between 3.30pm and 5.00pm on Wednesday, 17 July.

**Entrance to school each morning** From the beginning of the new academic year in September, children will enter the school grounds when the gates are opened at 8.40am, and will then enter the school building straight away. Staff will be on duty on the junior playground, and on each set of steps (near Percy's Park and outside the Infant corridor entrance). Children can enter class and complete corrections from the previous day's work, do handwriting practice, prepare liturgical prayer or carry out phonics or arithmetic exercises until the register is taken at 8.50am. At 8.50am the playground gates will be locked. We have made this decision as we feel this will facilitate a safer, calmer start to the day for our children. Please understand that there is no obligation to drop your child at school before 8.50am. The start of the school day remains the same – 8.50am. We are merely providing supervision indoors, rather than outdoors, between 8.40 and 8.50am.

If you wish to speak in-person to your child's class teacher, please do this before 8.40am or at the end of the school day. Alternatively, please telephone or Email [admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk) to arrange an appointment. Please understand that teachers will be supervising children and will therefore be unavailable between 8.40am and 8.50am.

**Miss Walker (teaching assistant in Year 5)** – Please join me in sending a fond farewell to Miss Clara Walker, who is leaving St. Peter's to begin another position as a teaching assistant in Catholic education. Thank you, Miss Walker, for helping to get our forest school provision up and running, and for the tireless work you have done across our school with all year groups. We will miss you!

**Uniform Year 3 transition - Current Year 2** – from September your child will require a school tie to go with the junior uniform. Ties can be purchased online from our suppliers. The junior uniform list is available to download from the school website [School Uniform](#)

### **School Uniform Suppliers**

**JFC Supplies** – [www.jfcsports.co.uk](http://www.jfcsports.co.uk) Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700

**MCS Stores** - [www.mcsstores.co.uk](http://www.mcsstores.co.uk) 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

**Uniform** – It is great to have visitors in school who comment on our high standards of behaviour and uniform. I am very grateful to all our families for supporting us in this. May I just politely remind parents that, if they will be purchasing new school shoes over the holidays, these must be shoes rather than trainers. *Also, anyone having their ears pierced should wait until the summer holidays, as earrings are not permitted in school. We need children to return to school without earrings in September, so please plan for the time period when earrings should not be removed after piercing. In order to accommodate this, it would be necessary for any ear-piercing to be done at the very beginning of the school summer holidays.*

**Pre-loved uniform has been placed under the gazebo on the junior playground. It will be removed after the end of the school day today – please just take whatever you can make use of.**

**DVD/USB orders** - late orders are still being taken for the Year 6 Summer Production. Cost £7.50/£9.50 each. Please send this into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and correct money by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please note - orders will be taken after this date.

**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](http://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** – please ensure that if your eligibility code is due for renewal, it is done so before 31<sup>st</sup> August. This will ensure your child will be entitled to 30 hours funding.

**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, please could you ensure all payments are up to date on the approach to the end of the school year.

**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> . Please could you ensure all payments are up to date by 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please note - we will notify yourselves in September of any price increase, and the amount payable for the term.

**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.**

***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 ensure all arrears are settled before 18<sup>th</sup> July.**

**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 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

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. Please note - 2:30pm finish for Summer.  
19 July – School closed to children – INSET Day

### **Community Events**

**Summer Reading Challenge 2024** - This year's challenge is called Marvellous Makers. Children taking part in the Challenge will meet the Marvellous Makers, a creative club who are making amazing things for a (fictional) festival at their local library. They will discover that Tails (a cheeky squirrel) has been spotted at the creative club recently, and some objects have mysteriously gone missing from the club's creative toolbox... As they move through their Challenge, children will collect stickers to reveal the missing objects, find out what Tails has been up to, and save the festival!

**BushKids Multi Activity Camp** - At BushKids holiday camp we believe in creating unforgettable experiences for young adventurers, and we're thrilled to announce our much-anticipated Multi Activities Camp for children aged 5 to 12 years. Why Choose BushKids Holiday Camp? Engaging and age-appropriate activities, Trained and friendly camp instructors, Safe and secure environment, Ofsted register holiday camp – 2793669 and opportunities for building lasting friendships.

BushKids Holiday Camp Details:

Week 1: Tuesday 30th July to Friday 2nd August - Week 2: Monday 5th August to Friday 9th August

● Location: 3rd Newton Scout Hut, Cartwright Street, Hyde.

Week 3: Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd August

● Location: Werneth Low Country Park

Discount available to BLUELIGHT, ARMED FORCES and TEACHING staff! If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to us at [info@naturebeanzadventures.co.uk](mailto:info@naturebeanzadventures.co.uk)

**Tameside Soccer Coaching** - Summer Fun Camp 2024 – please see attached poster

**Football Fun Factory - Our Summer Holiday Camps** – for more information please see attached poster

**Tameside Music Service Holiday Clubs** - Young people age 7 to 11 are invited to come and play well known music and create their own. They will work with professional musicians who are also trained tutors. Beginners will learn basic instrument skills on band instruments (drumkit, keyboards, microphones, guitars, ukuleles, etc.) and those who are intermediate/advanced will have the option to develop more advanced instrumental / vocal skills. Everyone will have access to both outdoor and indoor breakout spaces should they need it. There will also be alternative activities offered to the young people when they need a break, a change of pace or as an intervention should they feel overwhelmed at any point. These will take the form of arts, crafts, reading and den building (weather dependent). The centre is fully accessible and staff have a trauma-informed, nurture based approach in order to ensure that all children remain safe and included. All young people will also learn core-skills such as listening, respect and turn taking along with gaining self-esteem and confidence through their music making and forming new, positive relationships. Lunch will be provided at each session along with drinks and healthy snacks.

Here is the link to sign up: [Tameside Music Service Holiday Club at Tameside Music Service, Birch Lane Centre event tickets from TicketSource](#)

**Trans Pennine Trail** - The long summer holiday is almost upon us, and we've been busy at TPT HQ, producing our latest Kids holiday activity pack that is now available free to download from our website. The pack contains lots of fun activities for the holidays that include making a bug hotel for the garden, making yummy ice lollies, celebrating the forthcoming Olympics with ideas for Woodland Olympic activities and designing a poster to help us celebrate the Trans Pennine Trail's 35th Birthday. The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We're also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF. All they need to do is email us their address and we will post it out to them.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/> or by clicking the image below.

**The Little Mermaid – Tameside Youth Drama Group** - **\*\*THIS IS A YOUTH PRODUCTION\*\*** Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR., adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture (featuring the enormously popular Academy Award-winning music and delightfully charming book and lyrics). Thursday 18th July 2024 - 7.15pm Friday 19th July 2024 - 7.15pm Saturday 20th July 2024 - 2pm & 7.15pm at Hyde Festival Theatre. Please see attached poster for more information.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan  
**Headteacher**