



5 July, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Colossians:

“Always be ready to care for others, and to be kind and gentle. Be patient and calm, and never boast or feel proud of yourselves. Just as God always forgives you, so you must always forgive others. Fill your heart with love, and whatever you do, do it for God.”



Dear Parents and Carers,

Big Arts Week – Please click the following link to our school website to view some great images of the week - [Big Arts Week 2024 – St Peter's Stalybridge \(stpetersstalybridge.co.uk\)](#) Nursery images have now been added to the site!

Oliver Twist – WOW! What an amazing, fun performance! Thank you very much indeed to those families in Year groups 3, 4 and 5 who brought their children back to school for the evening performance. The children formed a magnificent choir and were an integral part of the show. We were all so proud of our Year 6 actors, dancers and singers and we hope that, as the audience, you enjoyed the show as much as we did!

Nursery Mass – Family members are welcome to attend this very special mass with our Nursery children on Wednesday, 10 July at 9.15am in St. Peter's Church.

Wednesday 10 July – Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school next Wednesday in exchange for a gift for the tombola at the summer fair.

PTFA Summer Fair – Friday 12 July – Please join us at school between 6.00pm and 8.00pm for a lovely celebration to end our school year. There will be pony rides, an inflatable obstacle course and stalls, as well as food from our cook, Zoe. The Summer Fair is one of our main fundraising event.

We are seeking donations for our raffle, if you know of any local businesses who would be willing to contribute a prize please contact the school office. All your generous donations play a significant role in helping us reach our goal. Everyone is more than welcome, please come along and support. This is a lovely evening where our past, present and future families gather together to enjoy spending time at St. Peter's. Parishioners are warmly invited, too.

Sports Day will be held on Thursday, 11 July. Children in our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will take part in sports on the school field between 9.15am and 11.15am. Junior children will have their sports between 1.15pm and 3.00pm. Please note that these times are approximate!

Family members are welcome to attend but we MUST ask, please, that you do not photograph or film any part of sports day due to child protection and safeguarding reasons. Please spectate from the designated areas. It can make some of our children a little bit upset if parents come over to speak to children, but then need to leave whilst the children are racing. Of course, we also have children whose family members are working and therefore cannot attend. These children can also get upset if their friends' parents are coming over to say hello, but their own are not able to be here.

Please join me in hoping for a dry day! If the weather is wet or if the grass is slippery, school will send a text message before 8.00am on Thursday to inform you of any change of plan.

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.

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.

September 2024 – Class teachers from September will be as follows:

Nursery – Mrs K Walker	Year 3 – Miss Cooper
Reception – Miss Southall and Mrs Kirkpatrick	Year 4 – Mrs Barber
Year 1 – Mrs Billance	Year 5 – Mr Hartney
Year 2 – Miss Cavanagh	Year 6 – Mrs Sibson

We are extremely sorry to have to say goodbye to Miss Finan, who has taught Year 1 for us so well this year. Miss Finan has secured a permanent contract at St. Christopher’s School in Ashton. We sincerely wish we had a permanent position at St. Peter’s to offer to her, and I am sure that all of our Year 1 parents will join me in thanking Miss Finan for teaching the children so beautifully this year.

In September, we welcome Mrs Billance as our Year 1 class teacher. Mrs Billance will teach Year 1 until the return of Mrs Cooke from her maternity leave. Upon Mrs Cooke’s return, Miss Southall will take up the teaching of Year 1. Some of you will be familiar with Mrs Billance as she has carried out some supply teaching for us in the recent past. Mrs Billance joins us from Holden Clough School in Ashton.

Mrs S Walker will return from her maternity leave in time for the beginning of the new school year. Mrs Walker will be teaching for two afternoons each week in Year 4 so that Mrs Barber may have her time out of class as Deputy Headteacher.

Attendance - week beginning 24 June 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	91.9	97.1	94.5	100	95.2	96	95.8	96
Punctuality (number of late marks)	1	1	4	2	6	3	0	1

Great attendance last week – most of our classes gaining over 95% attendance. Thank you to our families for supporting us in our drive to be on time for school each day, so that we do not have a high number of late marks.

SEND Friends Family members of children on our SEND register are invited to a coffee morning in school at 9:00am on Wednesday 10th July. Please do consider coming along to this group – you will be made most welcome.

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.

DVD/USB orders - 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 Friday 12th July. Any later orders will be dealt with in September.

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.

Uniform – It is wonderful 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.

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 Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700

MCS Stores - www.mcsstores.co.uk 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

Eligibility Forms – Nursery September 2024 – please ensure that if your eligibility code is due for renewal, it is done so before 31st 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 on the approach to the end of the school year.

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

8 July – Y4 trip to Castleton

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

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!

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan

Headteacher