



St. Peter's C.E. Primary School

Parent Newsletter

Spring term 2019

9th January 2019

Dear parents,

A **Happy New Year** to all our parents and children from the governors and staff here at St. Peter's.

Our thought for this half term is;

“The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power. Do something today that your future self will thank you for.”

Proverbs 3:6

“Let God direct your steps!”

Diary Dates

Cinderella – Monday 7th January

As a treat for the children a visiting theatre group will be performing Cinderella.

Attendance Evaluation – Wednesday 9th January

At the end of each month we have an attendance evaluation. Every child that has 100% attendance for the month will be entered into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher.

Reception Class Reading meeting – Thursday 10th January 9:00am

A meeting for parents of children in Reception class to talk about reading.

Vicar Carol's final service at St. John's – Sunday 13th January 3:00pm

Vicar Carol's last service as Vicar of St. John's. This will be a family friendly service followed by a party tea. All families are very welcome.

After School Clubs – week commencing 14th January

After school clubs will start this week. Please remember that all clubs are on a first come first served basis. More details to follow.

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Farnworth Training Brass Band – Monday 14th January

The training band will start again at Queensbridge School.

Chess Club – Tuesday 15th January

The Y5 / Y6 Chess Club will be held at St. Peter's for this half term.

Y1 Trip to Manchester Science & Industry Museum – Thursday 17th January

As part of their curriculum work Year 1 will be visiting the Science & Industry Museum in Manchester. You should have already received a letter but if not please see your child's class teacher.

Netball Competition – Thursday 17th January

Children from Year 5/6 will be taking part in a Netball competition at St. Gregory. Children involved will receive more details.

Sunday Service – Sunday 20th January

The first of our Sunday Services and takes place between 2:00pm and 2:45pm. Everyone welcome.

Reception class “Stay and Learn”

Thursday 24th January YRB 9-10am

Thursday 31st January YRG 9-10am

This is the first of the “Stay and Learn” sessions in Reception class, in which parents are invited to stay at school for a while after dropping their child off and learn about the fun ways children learn whilst playing - parents can play along too! If you would like further information please see Mrs Quarmby or Mrs Cowell.

Botcha competition – Thursday 24th January

Children from Y3/4 will be taking part in a Botcha competition at The Orchards School. Children involved will receive further information.

Grow your Mind assembly – Tuesday 29th January

A special assembly in the morning followed by a Parent Workshop 2pm – 3pm. More details to follow

Hearing Tests – Wednesday 30th January

The school nurses will be coming into school to check the hearing of all children in Year 1.

Science project for parents – Wednesday 30th January

More details to follow.

Healthy Minds UK – 30th and 31st January

Healthy Minds (the company who have the Brain Dome!) will be in school for two days working with the children throughout school.

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Dodgeball Competition – Wednesday 6th February

A Dodgeball competition will take place at St. Peter's for children in Years 3 & 4. Children involved will receive more details.

Sunday Service – Sunday 10th February

The next Sunday Services will take place between 2:00pm and 2:45pm. Everyone welcome.

Reception Class Heights, Weights and Vision checks – Monday 11th February

The school nurses will be checking the heights, weights and vision of all children in Reception class.

Half-Term – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February.

Attendance – Monday 25th February

We will be evaluating the attendance of all children for the month of January.

Science WOW Week! – week commencing 4th March

More details to follow.

Y5 ICT Day – Monday 4th March

Healthy Minds UK – 6th and 7th March

Healthy Minds will be in school for two days working with the children throughout school.

Sunday Service – Sunday 10th March

The next Sunday Services will take place between 2:00pm and 2:45pm. Everyone welcome.

Reception class “Stay and Learn”

Thursday 14th March YRB 9-10am

Thursday 21st March YRG 9-10am

This is the second of the “Stay and Learn” sessions in Reception class.

Assessment Week – week commencing Monday 18th March

All children will be undertaking assessment tests during this week. Please make sure that they have plenty of early nights and are in school ready to do their very best!

Multiskills Competition – Wednesday 20th March

Children in Years 1 & 2 will be taking part in a multiskills competition at Highfield School. Children involved will be notified separately.

Spelling and Mega Measures Statutory Tests – week commencing 25th March

The children will be taking part in these statutory tests during the week.

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The Little Princess – Tuesday 26th March

As a treat for the children a visiting theatre group will be performing The Little Princess.

Y5G Experience Easter – Tuesday 26th March

Year 5G children will be visiting St. John's Church as part of the Experience Easter project.

Y5B Experience Easter – Wednesday 27th March

Year 5B children will be visiting St. John's Church as part of the Experience Easter project

Tag Rugby Competition – Wednesday 27th March

Children in Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a Tag Rugby competition at St. Johns School. Children involved will be notified separately.

Non-uniform day – Friday 29th March

The children can come to school on this day in their favourite clothes or sportswear for a donation of an Easter egg! These will then be used for our Easter Bingo.

Easter Bingo – Wednesday / Thursday 3rd and 4th April

Following our very popular Christmas Bingo we will be holding our Easter Bingo on two evenings.

For the chocoholics amongst us this is a great way to win chocolate hampers and Easter Eggs!

Tickets will be on sale on a first come, first serviced basis nearer the time.

Starlights Clothing Collection – Thursday 4th April

We will be holding another Starlights Clothing Collection. A chance to have a clear-out of any old clothes and at the same time raise some money for the school and to help severely and terminally ill children.

Easter Service – Friday 5th April 9.00am

This service will be led by Year 3 and parents, family and friends of these children are invited to the service which will be held in the school hall.

Class Assembly Dates (all assemblies will take place at 9.00am)

Remember, parents and family members are warmly invited to these assemblies. In general they only last 20 minutes; it gives the children the chance to perform and tell you about the exciting things they have been doing in class.

Y1B Friday 1st February

Y1G Friday 15th February

YRG Friday 8th March

YRB Friday 22nd March

Sunday Services in School (2:00pm – 2:45pm) - Parents, children, families and friends are invited to come to a Sunday worship time in school. These are led by different members of

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the school and church community, have a theme and are child-friendly acts of worship. If you would like to know more do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sunday 20th January
Sunday 10th February
Sunday 10th March

School closes Friday 5th April at 3.15pm
Summer term commences Tuesday 23rd April at 8.50am

N.B Parents evening will be held the first week back after the holidays – More details later.

Matters of interest

PE kits

A number of children are regularly forgetting their PE kit thus needing to borrow a kit from the spare stock in school. We would ask that you ensure that your child brings his/her PE kit into school at the beginning of each half term. They can then remain in school until the end of the half term.

Safety Notice

Once again can I raise the issue of parking outside school? Please do not stop on the zig zag lines and furthermore please do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off or collect your children. These actions are illegal and also put all our children in great danger. Anyone breaking the law can, **and will be**, booked by the traffic wardens. This is a regular notice and one which we cannot over stress the importance of. Thank you.

Uniform

We wish to remind you about the school uniform requirements, particularly footwear! Please support us in trying to ensure that children wear sensible, black shoes. Trainers and other footwear are not suitable for school, as they tend to tread dirt in to the building – and we are really trying to keep it as clean as possible.

As the weather turns colder it is also important that children bring a coat to school every day.

Boys

Light blue shirt or polo shirt. (For Reception Classes Polo Shirt is recommended).
Bottle green pullovers/sweatshirt.
Grey trousers.
Black shoes

Girls

Light blue blouse or polo shirt. (For Reception Classes Polo Shirt is recommended).

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Bottle green cardigan/pullover/sweatshirt
Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers
Black shoes

PE kit is dark shorts and white shirt – pumps are optional for indoor PE.

As always your support in helping us to maintain the standards you expect of us is appreciated. We are an outstanding school, and we know many parents choose us because of the high standards we achieve and insist upon – your help with ensuring uniform standards are maintained is very much appreciated.

School dinners

May I remind you that children cannot swop from school dinners to packed lunches without at least the notice of one week. Dinner numbers and food orders are difficult to keep track of and if children swop between dinners and packed lunches the numbers are often wrong, leading to wasted food and therefore wasted money. Children can go on to school dinners at any time, but must give notice if they wish to stop taking a dinner. Dinners are very reasonably priced at £1.40 per day (£7.00 per week) and we urge as many children as possible to take up this hot meal during these cold winter months.

For those children who choose to bring a packed lunch please be aware that this must be a HEALTHY option and also must be in a SEALED container to avoid contamination. Packed lunches must not be brought in plastic bags, as the children tend to leave these lying around with half eaten sandwiches left in them. By ensuring children bring home their lunch box each day, you can ensure that it is washed and germ free ready for the lunch the next day.

School Trips

In the coming weeks we will be arranging trips for each class. These are based on the curriculum work your child is doing in class. We will be asking for a contribution towards the cost of trips and hope you understand that whilst school does subsidise any curriculum based out of school activity, costs are escalating quite rapidly, (especially coach travel which usually costs between £250 for shorter trips up to £600 for the longer ones). If you have any problems with paying for any trip or would like more information about the costings please speak to your child's class teacher or the headteacher.

Class information

You will shortly be receiving a **curriculum fact sheet**, giving you an overview of what your child will be learning about in school this term. Don't forget you can support this learning by talking with your child about what they have been doing, or visiting the library to research topics. The fact sheets are also available on the website.

Class information

Please remember if you have any problems or issues, to get in touch with any member of staff. We are always here to help and support our children and families

If you often wonder what your child has done at school a good place to look would be

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the school website; www.st-peters-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk. The class blog area is jam packed with photographs of the children extending and enriching their learning through trips, visits and visitors. Photographs of the children's art work are also displayed on there. It is well worth a visit to see all the exciting things we get up to.

Mrs L.M. Williams
Head teacher

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Encompass Parents Awareness Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Bolton Encompass

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run in partnership with Bolton Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police.

The project, Bolton Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At *St. Peter's C E Primary, Farnworth* our Key Adults are *Mrs S Percival and Mrs L Williams*. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Bolton Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned children and families

Some information about Encompass is included in this letter but if you would like more information about this new initiative you can contact our Key Adult at school.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr P. Masters
Chair of Governors

Mrs L.M. Williams
Head Teacher

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Holiday List - 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

School re-opens after Summer break
Half Term (one week and one day)
Term Ends

Tues 4th September
Fri 19th October – Fri 26th October
Fri 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Term Begins
Half Term (one week)
Term Ends

Mon 7th January
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd February
Fri 5th April

Summer Term 2019

Term Begins
Local Election Day
Bank Holiday
Half Term (one week)
Term Ends

Tues 23rd April
Thurs 2nd May
Mon 6th May
Mon 27th May – Friday 31st May
Fri 19th July

*****Please note that Y2 and Y6 children will be sitting their SAT's during the month of May. Important tests for the rest of the school generally take place at the same time. It is important that all children attend school during the tests. As you know we are are unable to authorise any holidays during term time.**

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