

# **ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL**

## **NEWS UPDATE – December 2017**

### **Easyfundraising**

As Christmas is approaching and presents are being purchased on-line, one really simple but very effective way to help raise money for school is to register with Easyfundraising, and then selecting the link each time you make a purchase on-line. This automatically creates a donation to school, without costing you anything. So far over £2400 has been raised from just a relatively small number of parents. It is really that simple! This could generate a substantial amount of much-needed funds for the school with very little effort, allowing us to purchase more resources and equipment to further enrich our pupils' experiences at school. Please click on the link below to find out how easy it is and to register. Thank you for supporting this venture.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/videos/>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersheswall/>

### **Friends' Gift Afternoon**

Friends' Gift Afternoon takes place on Thursday 7th December and is a chance for children to purchase gifts for family and friends. All gifts are £2 each and pupils should bring their money in a sealed envelope with their name, class and amount on the front. There will be the opportunity to purchase two gifts initially and then if there are gifts left at the end of the afternoon additional purchases may be made. Thank you to the team of parent helpers who have coordinated and purchased the gifts for this year's event.

### **Christmas Services**

Our Christmas Services start next week, parents and family are welcome to join us for this very special time of the year.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Foundation Stage Nativity for F2 parents**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y1/2 Nativity for Y1 parents**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y1/2 Nativity for Y2 parents**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y3/4 Christingle for Y3 parents**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – Y3/4 Christingle for Y4 parents**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, St. Peter's Church – Y5/6 Carol Service, all welcome**

### **Christmas Gifts**

Each year at Christmas we think of other children in our local area who are less fortunate than our own here at St Peter's. The children are invited to donate a brand-new toy or present that is wrapped with a label indicating whether it is for a boy or girl and an approximate age group. The presents will be placed under our Christmas tree in the hall. Once again we are supporting the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead and the Children's Centre in Seacombe. Representatives from the two groups will collect the gifts during the last week of term and the presents will be given out to children and families in these two areas during the week of Christmas. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause. The last date to donate a gift will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Dinner

Our traditional Christmas dinner will be served on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. This will be free for pupils in Foundation and KS1 and £2.30 for pupils in KS2 – please ensure that you **pay in advance** on ParentPay.

## St. Peter's Concordia Choir singing at The Floral Pavillion

The Concordia Choir led by our Music Leader, Mrs Chetwood, will be singing at the Floral Pavilion with the Wirral Symphony Orchestra on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December for their Christmas Concert. This was a very popular and festive event last year and tickets can be purchased directly from the Floral Pavilion Box Office.

## Website Updates

We have made some changes to our website in order to keep you up to date with the latest information at St. Peter's. The 'Curriculum' tab now contains brand-new information about every subject area for each year group across the school. It also contains current information about extra-curricular provision, our Growth Mindset initiative and ways to support your child at home, including information from our recent Phonics & Spelling Workshop.

## Eco-Team Christmas Raffle

Mrs Macklin and the school Eco team have once again organised a raffle to raise money for their eco planting project later in the school year. The prize is one of two Christmas hampers made up of Fair-Trade and Organic goods. Raffle tickets will be available to buy after each of our Christmas services in school at £1 each and also from our school office. The draw will be made in the last week of term.

## Eco-Team Bug Hotel

Inspired by their recent trip to Ness Gardens, the Eco Team are planning to create their own Bug Hotel. One of the things that would be very useful are old terracotta pots (not too large) and we would be very grateful if anyone can donate any spare ones - even if they are broken - garden canes would very much be appreciated too, preferably the canes with hollow centres.

## Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties are scheduled for the last week of term. The pupils in FS2 and Years 1&2 should come to school dressed in their party clothes, while pupils in KS2 should bring their clothes to change into after lunch. A small plate of party food will be provided by school for each child. The dates of this year's parties are:-

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December      FS2 and Years 1&2

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December      Years 3&4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December      Years 5&6

### Whole School Christmas Service

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our whole school Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church. The children will be walking down to church after registration and it would be helpful to have some parent volunteers who can walk down with them. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help with this.

### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Charity Day

We will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Charity Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (one week later than the official date). Staff and pupils are invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper and making a donation to the charity event. The suggested donation is £1 with the money raised going to Save the Children.

### End of Term – Break up for Christmas

The last day of term is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and we will be breaking up for Christmas at 2:30pm. The new school term starts for staff on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, which is a training day. **Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term as we prepare to welcome a new headteacher and to wish you and your family and very special and happy Christmas this year. We look forward to seeing you at many of our Christmas services and events over the next few weeks.



**Kate Ball**  
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