



# St. Peter's News September 2020



## Diary Dates



- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Individual Photographs
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Teacher Meetings
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Parent Teacher Meetings
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - School Closes (Half Term)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - INSET Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - School Re-Opens
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu Immunisation (F2 - Year 6)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Closes (End of Term)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - School Re-Opens

## Welcome

We are now in our fourth full week and I am really pleased as to how well the children have settled back into school. The children enter school each day with smiles on their faces and an eagerness to learn. They are all coping extremely well to the changes we have had to make with the running of the school day.

I would also like to thank you for your support at drop off and pick up times in adhering to the one way system we have in place. It is important that once you have collected your child/ren you leave the playground as soon as possible. This is to try and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support.

## School Attendance



Please be aware that the law around compulsory school attendance is now back in force since the start of the Autumn Term. This includes the regulations around leave of absence during term time. There continues to be **no entitlement** for parents to take their child out of school during term-time, unless this is completely unavoidable. Children have already lost so much teaching and learning time due to the coronavirus, and the priority now is for us to work together in the best interests of all children's education.

All schools within Wirral work closely with the Council on school attendance matters. The Council is fully committed to making sure that all children attend school and make the best possible progress. Unauthorised holidays taken during term time can result in Penalty Notices being issued by the Council. As a school, this is something that we would wish to avoid and ask that any holidays be planned for school holiday periods. Thank you for your understanding.

## School Uniform



Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. The children have returned to school looking very smart. May we please request that **ALL** school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name as sometimes school uniform is mislaid. When such items are clearly named, it enables them to be quickly reunited with their owner. Unfortunately, far too often, items are not named or the name has faded making it impossible to return them.

## School Parking



As it is the beginning of a new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents, especially our new parents, of the importance of parking safely and with care. Please do not park on the zig zag lines, the single and double yellow lines, on kerbs and on corners. Also, when parking around school at the beginning and the end of the day, can we please be mindful of our neighbours. Our careful and considerate parking will help to keep all our children safe and our neighbours happy.

Thank you for your co-operation!

## Contact Details



If you have recently moved or changed your contact details, please inform the school office of your new information. This includes any medical needs or conditions your child may have. It is important that our school records reflect this and are both accurate and up to date.

## Harvest Festival Contributions

Although we are not able to celebrate Harvest Festival in school with our usual Assembly this year, we are still asking for **TINNED** food donations please. They are to be given to your child's teacher to be kept in the classroom until collected after school on Friday by St Peters' Church. There will be a Harvest Festival service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at St Peter's Church – please book a place online (information emailed from school 29<sup>th</sup> September). Your generosity is very much appreciated and items will be distributed among the needy in the area.



## Parent and Teacher Meetings

Our Parent Meetings are taking place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** from 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, these meetings are unable to take place in

school. Therefore, we have decided parents will have the opportunity to choose if they prefer to have their meeting with their child's class teacher via Zoom or a telephone conversation.

Further information regarding Parent Meetings will be sent out shortly.

## Snacks and Treats



We have a number of pupils who have severe, potentially life-threatening, allergies to ingestion of, or contact with, even a small amount of wheat, nuts and some vegetables. At lunch times we are able to properly control and clean the areas in which these pupils eat. To further minimise the risk for these pupils, we ask that pupils bring fruit only as their break time snack.

We also kindly request that children do not bring in sweets or cakes for the class to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for supporting us in keeping all the children at St. Peter's as safe as possible.

## School Website and Calendar



The school website continues to include information and news about what is happening and what is coming up at our school. It is the best place to find information about events and school news. We will be continuing to send daily e-mail alerts with important links, letters and information.

The calendar for the term can be found on the website and includes all the key dates, which hopefully enables you to plan ahead. Please refer to this both at the start and during the term to keep a note of what is happening and all the different events coming up.



## School Photographs

The school photographer is visiting school on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual pupil photographs. Due to the current situation, family/sibling photographs will not be allowed unless siblings are in the same class/bubble. We request that all children **wear smart winter uniform** for their photographs and any hair bands or clips to be in school colours or neutral.

## INSET Days



Please see below dates for the four remaining INSET Days that have been allocated for this academic school year.

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **A Prayer For The Coming Month Of October**



Thank you for your continued support!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Darren Jones".

Darren Jones  
Headteacher