

ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL

NEWS UPDATE – January 2017

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to you and your family and welcome back to the start of the spring term. A special welcome to the Kirk family and their son Oliver, who joins our school this term having relocated from London. We hope you settle in quickly and have a long and happy association at St. Peter's.

Thank you for your generous gifts

Once again, thanks to your kindness and generosity, we had a wonderful response to this year's appeal for donations of Christmas presents. A total of 272 gifts were donated and these were gratefully received by the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead and the Seacombe Children's Centre. The representatives from both organisations were overwhelmed by the kindness shown by our pupils in thinking of other children at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to donate a gift this year.

Sponsor a Chicken!

Thank you to all those parents and staff who kindly sponsored a chicken before Christmas to raise funds for our link school, the Rock of Joy School in Uganda. 44 chickens have been sponsored, raising £220 (plus Gift Aid)! We still have a number of chickens waiting to be sponsored so if you would like to help in this project, please send a request into School Office (£5 per chicken) and we will forward an acknowledgement card to you.

Christmas Carol Wagon

Thank you to the parents who turned out in December to support the Heswall Round Table Carol Wagon. During the month of December, Heswall Round Table, with the help of local schools, raised a total of £8,864. Thanks to your help on the night, we managed to raise funds for local charities, as well as £604 for the school.

Staffing Update

The new term sees some changes to our lunchtime supervisory team with Miss Siobhan Charles joining the team, whilst at the same time we are saying goodbye to Mrs Horsfield, our Senior Supervisor. Mrs Horsfield has taken up a new post in the school office at Woodfall Primary School, Cheshire. I would like to thank Mrs Horsfield for her enthusiasm and commitment to the school in looking after our pupils during the lunch hour and for leading the lunchtime team so effectively. We plan to appoint her

successor in due course. If any parent knows of anyone who would be interested in joining our lunchtime supervisory team, please contact the School Office.

We also wish to pass on our congratulations to Mr Quinn who became a grandfather for the first time during the Christmas holidays.

Spring Term Calendar and Year-band curriculum

The website calendar has been updated to include the dates for all events for the rest of the school year, as well as the term dates for 2017/18. An overview of the curriculum and the topics that will be covered this term in each year-band will be signposted in the curriculum section of the website in the first few weeks of term.

Punctuality

I am encouraging all of our pupils to make punctuality one of their 'New Year Resolutions'. Please can you ensure that your child arrives in school for 8.50am so that they have sufficient time to get to their classroom and be ready to start the day for 9.00am. Last term there were a number of children arriving at school for 9am, which inevitably made them late and miss registration. It can be really unsettling for children to miss the very start of the day and this can easily be resolved by arriving for 8.50am.

Jewellery Policy

Please can I remind parents of the school's policy relating to jewellery as stated in the school uniform policy. This states that we do not allow children to wear jewellery whilst in school, except for a wrist watch. There appears to be an increasing number of pupils wearing earrings to school recently and so can I kindly request that these are removed before coming to school.

Class Assemblies

This half term sees a number of our classes leading a whole school worship and are detailed below. Parents and families of children from those classes are welcome to join us for these.

Mrs Hesketh's Class 1/2H at 9.15am on Wednesday 18th January

Miss Harris's Class 3/4H at 9.15am on Wednesday 1st February

Mrs Clayton's Class 1/2C at 9.15am on Wednesday 8th February

Miss Ball's Class 5/6B at 9.15am on Wednesday 15th February

Meetings for Parents – Dates for Your Diary

A number of meetings have been scheduled for this term to provide parents with important information. Further information will follow for each meeting nearer the time but it is worth keeping the dates that are relevant free. The meetings include:-

Y5 Parents	Secondary School Selection & 11+	6pm on Thursday 2 nd February
Y2 Parents	KS1 SATs information & Barnstondale	6pm on Thursday 9 th February
Y5/6 Parents	Y6 Residential to Manor Adventure	6pm on Thursday 2 nd March
All Parents	Parent & Teacher Meetings	Monday 13 th & Wednesday 15 th March

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