

ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL

NEWS UPDATE – November 2017

Staffing Update

Mr Darren Jones, new Headteacher from January, will be in school each Friday until the end of the Autumn term. He will use the time to get to know pupils, staff and parents in preparation for taking up his post in the Spring Term.

Bonfire & Firework Display

This year's Bonfire and Firework Display took place on Saturday 4th November, the event was a huge success – many thanks to all those who supported the occasion and also to the Friends of St Peter's who organised such a fantastic event! Thanks also go to Miss Williams and 3/4MW for making this year's Guy Fawkes for the bonfire.

Parent Workshop – Spelling and Phonics

As previously highlighted, we are running a workshop for parents on **Wednesday 22nd November from 6.30pm to 7.30pm**. This year the focus will be on the teaching of Spelling and Phonics across the school and how we have adapted the curriculum to ensure a more consistent approach; this is one of our key school priorities for this academic year.

The format of the evening will provide a chance to listen to one of two twenty-minute presentations in the school hall on the approach to the teaching of Phonics and Spelling across the school, as well as the chance to visit year-band classrooms on a 'drop-in' basis to explore some of the resources and methods used to teach Spelling and Phonics and to talk with members of the teaching team. **A crèche service will be available for parents who pre-book a place.**

Flu Programme for Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 Pupils

The Flu Programme is being rolled out across the country for children in F2 & KS1 and, as of last year, has been extended to pupils in Years 3 and 4. The vaccinations, which are in the form of a nasal spray, will be administered by Health Professionals in school on Thursday 9th November. Parents have received information on this and have been asked to give their consent or non-consent by returning the appropriately completed form.

Class Assemblies

This month two of our classes will be leading Collective Worship. Parents and family from 1/2LB and 3/4MW class are welcome to join us at 9.15am.

Thursday 23rd November – Mrs Bass' Class, 1/2LB

Thursday 30th November – Mrs Monks' and Miss Williams' class, 3/4MW

Hair Accessories and Jewellery

An email was sent to parents on 6th November requesting that children wear small, blue, white, yellow or black hair accessories for school from now on, saving their large and brightly coloured bows for use at home.

Please also ensure that, if your child does need to wear earrings in school for a short period after they are pierced, they are properly taped before school each morning in accordance with our uniform and Health and Safety policy.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Keeping our Children Safe

As we move closer to the winter months, the mornings and late afternoons will be darker and so it is a good opportunity for us to remind the children about road safety, both walking to and from school.

The week beginning Monday 20th November will be Road Safety Awareness Week in school during which pupils will take part in age-appropriate workshops. There will also be an afternoon assembly on Monday 13th November from the Fire Service on the theme of road safety.

Please can I also ask for your help with this by:-

- Avoiding parking in the school car park (except by prior arrangement) at any time, including when collecting or dropping off from before or after school activities.
- Using the pedestrian crossing point at the top of the school car park and avoid crossing through the car park or at the main entrance at the school gates.
- Leaving the school grounds promptly at the end of the day and discouraging pupils from playing on the playground, play equipment or in the garden area at the top gate.
- Avoiding parking on the zig-zag or single yellow lines outside the main entrance and parking considerately on School Hill and the surrounding area.

These arrangements help us to ensure all pupils have been collected and avoid unnecessary accidents from occurring. Thank you for your help in enforcing these requests.

Friends AGM

The Friends of St Peter's Annual General Meeting takes place at 7.30pm on Monday 27th November. All parents are welcome to attend and it's an opportunity to find out more about the work the Friends do and how the money raised throughout the year has been used to support the purchase of key resources for the benefit of our children. Further details about venue will be sent as part of the daily email updates.

Children in Need

Once again we will be supporting the BBC Children in Need charity. There will be a series of games and competitions, run by Year 5/6 pupils, for children to take part in during the week leading up to the event; wrist bands and key chains will be on sale during the same week.


Any donations will be gratefully received and pupils are invited to **come to school dressed in yellow, spots, pyjamas, onesies or fancy dress on Friday 17th November.**

The recommended **donation on the Friday is £2 per pupil**, with half of the money raised going towards Children in Need and the other half to our school charity the Rock of Joy

Trust, our partner school in Uganda. Further information about this will be sent out in a separate letter.

Looking Ahead to December

The dates for all of our Christmas services can be found on the calendar on the school website.

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Kate Ball
INTERIM HEADTEACHER