

ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL

NEWS UPDATE – October 2017

Staffing News

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Lara Bass and her husband are expecting their second child at the end of January. Mrs Bass plans to take up her maternity leave from the last week in January.

Mr John Quinn has recovered well from his recent hip operation and has asked me to thank all those who have sent him their best wishes. Mr Quinn hopes to return to work in the Spring Term.

Picking up and dropping off from school

We have received a number of complaints from local residents and parents about inconsiderate parking before and after school. In order to ensure the safety of our children, we request that parents observe the 'no stopping' sign outside the school gates on Thurstaston Road and refrain from parking or waiting on the single yellow line or zig zag lines. Should you have any queries regarding this, please speak to Miss Ball.

Spelling and Phonics - Parent Workshop

A date for your diary - We plan to run our annual workshop for parents on **Wednesday 22nd November from 6pm to 7pm**. 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 the chance to visit year-band classrooms, explore some of the resources and methods used to teach Spelling and Phonics and to talk with members of the teaching team. Further details will be sent out after half term. **A crèche service will be available for parents who pre-book a place.**

Winter Uniform

It has been lovely to have had such a warm and (relatively!) dry start to the school year. Now as we enter October, please could you ensure that pupils are wearing their winter uniform and that they have a waterproof coat with them each day for school.

Parent & Teacher Meetings

Our Parent Meetings take place this half term on Monday 16th October and Wednesday 18th October. We are able to offer a small number of appointments at the start of the school day as well as after school between 4pm and 7pm. Parents can select their appointment times using the on-line booking system. We would, however, request that **once appointments are made they are not changed or swapped** as this has caused some disruption and confusion previously.

Details of how to book your appointment have been sent out to families with siblings first, followed by parents with only one child in the school. Should you need any further information or support with booking, please contact the school office.

Lost Property

We strongly encourage the children to take responsibility for looking after their belongings, but from time to time items are mislaid and end up in 'Lost Property'. 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.

All named items are collected and stored in the 'cage' at the front of school (at the bottom of the main steps). **Please help us to help you by ensuring all of your child's belongings are clearly named** – Thank you.

Parent Helpers

We always really appreciate the additional help and support from parents and grandparents who are able to spare a few hours during the week to help in school, whether it be to hear readers, work with a small group or provide general support in the classroom. We welcome help for all year groups and so if you are free to help in school, please send a note in to the class teacher. It may be necessary to arrange a DBS clearance before you are able to work in school, but we will let you know this. Parents in F2 will be contacted after half term once the children have settled in.

Half Term

Just a reminder that pupils break up for half-term on Friday 20th October and return to school on Tuesday 31st October (**Monday 30th is a staff INSET day**).



Kate Ball
INTERIM HEADTEACHER