



St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 13

11th December 2020



Love, learn and grow together



Christmas Letter From The Headteacher

Since we returned in September, staff and children have worked so hard to make up for lost time and have achieved so much together. Many thanks to all the teachers and teaching assistants who have provided a recovery curriculum that has been exciting, rich, broad and balanced, and to the children who have tried hard to do their very best in every lesson.

A special thank you to our office and lunchtime staff, cleaners and caretaker who work so hard to keep our school running smoothly and looking so good. We have been cleaning from 6am to 6pm and our attendance has never been higher - not only have coronavirus cases been extremely low but also flu, chicken pox, colds and stomach bugs. Thank you to all our Fundraising Friends who organised the "12 days of Christmas" raffle. Over £600 has been raised for school funds. Thank you also to our school governors who are so committed to our school and the Parish Community. Governor meetings have been held virtually this term and we have all had to learn new ways of working. School assemblies have also been held virtually and every class has been able to join in whilst remaining in their own classrooms. This has been very popular! Thank you to the children in the assembly team, who have helped and supported me with the technology, badges, singing, prayers and birthday certificates!

We were all sad to lose our school church this year. So many of our families were baptised and married in St Peter and St Paul's. We have the church's nativity crib in school and will treasure this and photos of past celebrations there. We have not been officially told what will happen to the buildings and land, but the church has been emptied and trees behind the church have been cut down. We are happy that Father Kevan is still with us and, when it is possible, we will take the children to Holy Cross to visit him. Derwent Road pre-school is due to re-open in January in a brand new building and we look forward to working with Dawn and her team in the coming years.

In 2021 we will continue to provide the very best possible education with catch-up classes for those who need them and exciting opportunities for all. Our school council and Eco-warriors are full of ideas to make school even better and more sustainable, so look out for some changes ahead. We will start our Gold Arts Mark journey next term and work towards our Gold Sports Mark.

We are living in challenging times. If you or your family need support or help in anyway please contact our pastoral team who can signpost you to various organisations and charities. Also, if you know of a three or four year old looking for a Reception place in 2021, please remind them to apply to St Helens Council in the next few weeks.

I hope you are able to see some friends and family over the holidays, if only on Zoom! I believe there are brighter days ahead and I look forward to shaking hands, to dancing with friends and to chatting without visors and masks. That time will come. Until then we will continue to look after each other in word and in deed and I thank everyone of you for all you are doing to help us at school, your family at home and your friends and neighbours in our local community.

I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

Dolly Rigby



Friday 18th December

We will be open on our last day of term, as planned, despite government announcements this week.

Term finishes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays. Parents are asked to stagger collection from 1.15pm - 1.30pm.

Parents should let school know if they choose to keep a child at home on Friday, so that the absence can be recorded as self-isolation.

Christmas Covid Tests

Parents must email school immediately if a child has a positive test after we break up on Friday 18th December: debby.rigby@sthelens.org.uk

We would then track and trace children and staff who would need to self-isolate. Coronavirus does not recognise Christmas and so all rules regarding positive cases and self-isolation must still apply.

Breakfast with Santa

Wed 16th. Children should arrive between 8am and 8.15am at the main entrance. Tickets are £2.50 and limited, to allow for social distancing. Book for this special event using School Money.



Christmas Activity Camp

Mon 21st, Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd.

Sport4kids are open between 8-6pm at Corpus Christi Primary School in Rainford. Visit www.Sport4kids.biz



Happy Christmas Jake

Jake sent us all a Christmas card from Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, where he is now waiting for a heart transplant.

We all wish him and his family the best Christmas possible. His class will be sending an eCard and lots of virtual hugs next week.



	Star of the week	Good Manners	Reading	Gospel Values
Reception	Louie	Archie	David	
Year 1	Nicholas	Harriet	Jack	
Year 2	Louie	Katie	Keegan	
Year 3	Benjamin	Sophie-Rae	Riley	
Year 4	Arly	Logan	Ruby	
Year 5	Callan	Sinead	James	Grace
Year 6	Isabel H	Lyra	Jacob C	

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th December 2020

- Christmas art and crafts and decorations

Tuesday 15th December 2020

- Christmas cards and cookery

Wednesday 16th December 2020

- Breakfast with Father Christmas 8am
- Christmas Dinner Day followed by a movie!
- Christmas jumpers with uniform if desired

Thursday 17th December 2020

- Christmas Party Day wear party clothes
- December Birthday Parties on same day!

Friday 18th December 2020

- Mass live streamed to all classrooms

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- Autumn Term ends 1.30pm

Friday 25th December 2020



Monday 4th January 2021

- Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th January 2021

- Children return

Comings and Goings

We say goodbye to Mrs Janet Talbot on 18th December after 30 years at St Peter and St Pauls. We will also be waving cheerio to the lovely Ms Aimee Hooton who has been with us for four terms, covering Mrs Chippendale's maternity leave and then supporting our special educational needs team. We wish them both every happiness on their next adventures.

We welcome two new teaching assistants and two new lunch supervisors in January.

Mrs Janet Bluck has announced her retirement in February 2021. She has provided dedicated and committed financial stability to the school for many years. Staff and governors are very grateful to her for all her hard work. Interviews for our new Business Manager will be held next week.

House points	previous total for this half-term	points this week	new half-term total
Matthew	1032	289	1321
Mark	1043	277	1320
Luke	1071	288	1359
John	1089	281	1370