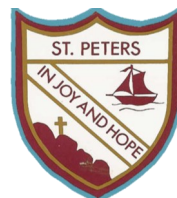


# ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# October 2018

# NEWSLETTER



## New Beginnings

Our term has had a very successful start this year. The children have come back to school looking very smart. It is wonderful to see them so focussed and ready to learn.

A big thank you must go to you the parents for sending the children back to school in our new 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Uniform. Your patience and effort is much appreciated as I realise many of you had initial problems with our supplier and had to wait for skirt and pinafore orders. I am sure you will agree that the children look very smart. The new uniform has really helped us to develop a unique school identity. This is important as we are very proud of our children and want the wider community to recognise us both within and outside of school. I am pleased to say that the children tell me that they really like the new uniform.

We are delighted to welcome a number of new children this term both in Foundation Stage and across the school. They are settling well into life at St Peter's; making friends, working hard and enjoying being part of our school family. We are particularly delighted to have been able to welcome 2 year old children for the first time. These children amaze us every day. They are making friends, working hard and making us very proud.



## Halloween and Bonfire Night

As Halloween and Bonfire night approaches, we are asked to remind you of the following:

Parents are asked to make their children aware of the dangers and consequences associated with fire setting and fireworks misuse. Parents are urged to take extra care if children are wearing fancy dress costumes over Halloween or the bonfire period. Fancy dress costumes should be kept away from lit pumpkins, lanterns and fires. People can also opt for LED battery-operated tea lights, which do not have a naked flame.

At a time when there is heightened awareness of "stranger danger" can I add to this and ask you also to remind your children of ways to stay safe if they take part in "trick or treat" visiting in their local neighbourhood. For instance, by visiting unknown adults only when accompanied by a responsible, known adult.



## Harvest Festival

We are overwhelmed by your generosity in making so many donations of non-perishable food for our Harvest Festival. The food, which will be displayed in church over half term, will be taken to the Wirral Food Bank after half term. I know that the organisers are very



grateful for this food which can be given to local families in need. We hope that you will be able to join us in our Harvest celebration on Friday at 2.30 pm.

## Preparing for First Holy Communion

As part of their preparation for First Holy Communion, some of our Year 2 and 3 children have been baptised by Father John this month. It was a real privilege for our staff and class members to join our children and their families for this sacramental celebration. They made us very proud.

Anyone else wishing to be baptised can contact school or Father John directly to make arrangements.

Our first parent's First Holy Communion Meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm.

## Inclusion Quality Mark

I am delighted to be able to tell you that St Peter's has recently had a review of our Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) award. This much esteemed award is a reflection of the excellent inclusive practice which continues to develop in school. The review summary of findings included the following:

In St Peter's "Superb care, nurture and support is the very foundation on which the school builds its educational practice. Inclusion is at the heart of everything that happens on a daily basis at the school and is seen in all interactions, occurring naturally as a matter of course. There is a calm, yet happy, stimulating, vibrant learning environment throughout the school with a focus on helping pupils to develop the skills they need to be active participants in their community and in society."

This award and recognition would not be possible without the ongoing support of all members of our school family and so a big thank you should go to you the parents, children, staff and governors for your continuing loyalty and support.

## School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Friday 2nd November (1st Friday back).

We will be taking individual, sibling and a class photograph as we have done in previously.



## School Facebook and Website



Our children are very excited to be included on our Facebook business page. If you have not yet had a look, our account can be accessed from our Website. Our school website can be accessed by visiting: [stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk](http://stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk). If you no longer wish pictures of your children to be included on these sites, please let us know.

19.10.18	Harvest celebration in church	2:30pm
	School closes for half term	3:15pm
29.10.18	Staff inset day (school closed to children)	
30.10.18	School opens to children	8:50am
	Infant disco	5:30pm-6:30pm
	Junior disco	6:45pm-8pm
02.11.18	School photographs	9am
05.11.18	Parent communion meeting	2:45pm
08.11.18	NSPCC parents workshop	2:15pm
09.11.18	Bonkers Bingo (Parents only)	7pm
12.12.18	Christmas Fair	3:15pm-5pm
18.12.18	Christmas Carols	2:15pm
19.12.18	Infant Matinee performance	2:15pm
20.12.18	Infant evening performance	6pm
21.12.18	End of term mass	9:30am
	Childrens Christmas party	2:15pm
	School closes to children	3:15pm

## Attendance and House League

Congratulations to our children, especially those in our Foundation Stage Classes for their appearances in our Attendance League top places this half term. A big thank you must go to all of our children this term as they are working hard to have good punctuality and attendance. .

Could I take this opportunity to remind all parents of the DFE's legislation that any holidays taken during term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances and may lead to prosecution by the Local Authority.

Date W/E	1st Place	2nd Place	Winning house
14.09.18	Foundation 2	Year 6	St Andrew
21.09.18	Foundation 2	Foundation 1	St George
28.09.18	Foundation 2	Year 6	St David
05.10.18	Foundation 2	Year 2/3	St Patrick
12.10.18	Foundation 1	Year 2/3	St David

**Everyone at St Peter's hope you have an amazing  
half term!**