



**St. Peter's C.E. Primary School**  
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**Dear Parents / Carers**

## **Safeguarding and Welfare**

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of Love Learn Shine. Safeguarding covers a range of areas including the safe management of staff, volunteers and visitors, the safe management of all school activities, strong and secure child protection procedures and developing children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe in the modern world.

We will use this section of the newsletter to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

### **Safeguarding and Welfare Key Staff**

Safeguarding and welfare is the responsibility of all staff, governors, visitors, volunteers and families. Staff volunteers and visitors all receive training and regular briefings and updates to support them in contributing to keeping children safe. As well as this support and training for all and in line with national expectations we have a team of trained designated senior leaders who support and oversee a strong safeguarding culture.

### **Designated Trained Safeguarding Leaders**



**Mr Paul Griffiths**  
**Headteacher &**  
**Designated Safeguarding**  
**Lead (DSL)**



**Miss Helena Fishburn**  
**Deputy Headteacher &**  
**Deputy Designated**  
**Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)**



**Mrs Alice Jones**  
**Special Education Needs Co-**  
**ordinator (SENCO) &**  
**Deputy Designated**  
**Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)**

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of children or adults please contact the school office who will direct you to one of the designated safeguarding leaders.

## **Whole School News**

### **Happy New Year**

On behalf of the whole team I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

It has been lovely to welcome children back to school this week and we look forward to continuing working with everyone throughout the term ahead.



## COVID Update

If you have not yet already done so please see the letter sent at the start of the week in relation to current measures and potential contingencies.

As with many other schools and sectors we are experiencing a much higher than usual level of staff absence. Please be reassured we are and will continue to do everything possible to protect in person education for all children.

We understand the potential for families to find themselves facing different challenges over the coming weeks and months. We would like to reassure families we are here help.

Whether it is clarifying actions needed or supporting where children or family members have tested positive please do keep in touch by emailing [admin@steoter's.ycway.uk](mailto:admin@steoter's.ycway.uk) or calling 01423 569684.



## Getting to School Contingency Plans

We appreciate that getting children to school if one or more parents or family members has COVID can be difficult. It is important however that families consider contingencies of how they will enable their children to continue to attend school if the person who usually brings them to school is ill or having to isolate.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped another family with taking and collecting another child. We know many families already help each other through existing support and friendship networks.

We are keen to play our part to ensure everyone feels supported. To do this we have created this very short [Helping Hands Form](#) where families can offer their support. This is entirely optional and all information will be treated in confidence. It will not be shared without contacting volunteers first. If you feel you may be able to help please do complete this form. Thank you.



## Start of Day Punctuality & Access

The school day starts at 8.45 with the gates open from 8.35. The gate will be staffed till 8.50 and remain unlocked till 9.10 recognising that occasionally in exceptional circumstances families may run late. If children arrive after 8.50 and the side gate is locked please enter school via the main front door.



## Attendance

Despite the many challenges of COVID and the usual autumn bugs we are pleased to report the following.

- 55 children achieved 100% attendance for the whole of the autumn term
- 94 children achieved 98%+ attendance for the whole of the autumn term
- 140 children achieved 96%+ attendance for the whole of the autumn term.

In the autumn term school attendance was 94.6% with a national expectation of 98%. We acknowledge the impact of COVID cases in the second half of the autumn term on this overall figure. Thank you to everyone for supporting their children to attend well.



## Behaviour Merits

A huge well done to all the children for working together over the autumn term to achieve an enormous 9214 merits.

Congratulations also to the 59 children who achieved their '50-Merit Certificate' during last term.

We look forward to continuing to award merits and milestone certificates throughout the Spring term to everyone living out of vision of Love, Learn, Shine and showing they are being READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.



## Snow and Ice Access Contingency

It may not always be possible to clear and grit the full one-way system of paths around the whole school throughout the winter. If this is the case we may apply the following contingency plan.

Paths to the main front door and the double doors at the front of school will be cleared and gritted. A path across the front the playground to the gate leading to the car park exit will also be cleared and gritted.

Children in Year 5&6 will enter school through the main front door. All other year groups would access through the double doors leading into the hall. Parents can then exit via the gate into the car park. Staff will be in classrooms to greet children and there will also be staff on hand in the hall and corridors to help guide and supervise children to their classrooms.

We will endeavour to alert families via text as to if these arrangements are needed.



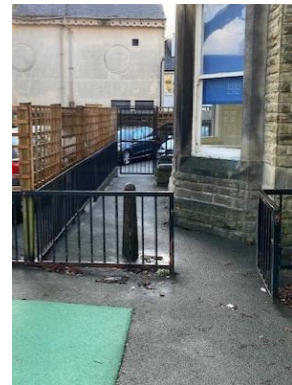
Year 5&6 to enter via these doors



All other classes enter via these doors



A path across the front playground will be cleared and gritted



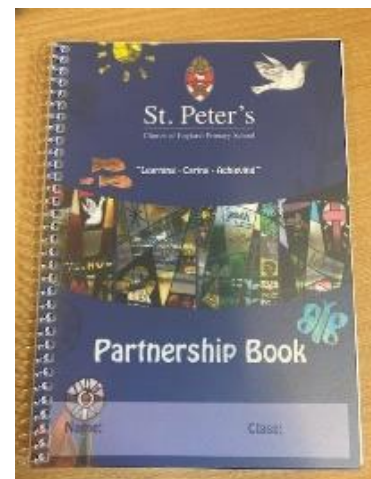
Adults can exit through these gates after drop off.

## Partnership Book Reminder

Please can children bring their partnership book to school every day.

There is a page for each week including a daily space for recording reading notes at home and school. There is a space for homework to be recorded also. In the space for parent/teacher comment we encourage parents where they have time to record words of positive encouragement for your child.

Books will typically be checked by staff when hearing children read and setting homework. As such they will not check them daily. If you need to get a message to your child's class teacher please do this by speaking to them at the start or end of the day (for brief messages) or email the school office to arrange a time to speak to them in more detail. Please do not use the partnership book for messages to staff as they may not be seen in time.





## Snack Trolley & Snacks from Home Reminders

Our daily snack trolley contains;

Monday - Thursday. Whole pieces of fresh fruit e.g. apples, bananas, fresh fruit pots/fruit kebabs, raisins, breadsticks, vegetable sticks, milk.

Friday (Treat Friday) - As per Monday-Thursday but also fruit juice, milkshake and one sweeter treat such as flapjack/blueberry muffin.

We respectfully ask that snacks from home mirror what is available in school. Children may have crisps as part of their packed lunch but are respectfully asked they eat these at lunchtime and not snack time. Crisps should not be brought as snack any children having a school lunch.

Children in Early Years and Key Stage One will continue to receive free school fruit.



## New Menu

Please see attached the new menu for this term. Monday 10 January will be the start of Week 1.

## Free School Meal Funding

Free school meals are available to all key stage one pupils through Universal free school meals and also to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits.

To qualify, a parent/guardian must fulfil one of the following criteria

- Universal Credit, (provided they have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you may qualify for free school meals, and the other benefits this may offer, please complete the appropriate application form attached.

## Lower KS2, KS1 & EYFS

Magpies – swimming

A slip of paper with their record of achievement will be sent home with Magpie children and this slip can be taken to the Hydro to purchase a certificate.

## Special Mentions

Well done to everyone this week who has earned a special mention this week!

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> All of Wrens <b>Kingfishers</b> Hugo Y and Leon <b>Sparrows</b> Henry and Phoebe <b>Finches</b> Ava and Sienna	<b>Owls</b> Isaac and Violet <b>Magpies</b> Kyran and Molly <b>Starlings</b> Aleesha and Elliot	<b>Eagles</b> Jemima and Renai <b>Hérons</b> Gracie O and Oliver P <b>Ravens</b> Marian and Rose

## *Dates for your Diary*

11 January	Owls class to start swimming lessons at the Hydro
14 January	Finches Cake Stall
15 January	Deadline to apply for Reception September 2022
21 January	Wrens Cake Stall
28 January	Whole School Cake Stall
	Closing date for The Rotary Club competition
4 February	Herons Cake Stall
11 February	Eagles Cake Stall
18 February	Ravens Cake Stall
	School closes for Half Term
28 February	School re-opens after Half Term

Best wishes  
Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher