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NEWSLETTER

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NEW FOR 2020

Great news! We are purchasing around £10,000 worth of IT equipment now, for use in September. This includes 20 new laptops – as some of the ones we own are as old as the school building (Jan 2012) and some new iPads – replacing some damaged ones, bringing the number in the iPad trolley back up to 32. As you can imagine that when 214 little people use equipment it doesn't last forever. We also have the cost of getting the new equipment set up. We are able to purchase these because of your contributions to the Voluntary Contribution Fund and the gift aid. Thank you so much for this, we currently get in around £600 per month. After this purchase, we will have just over £30,000 in the VCF account. I do think in the next couple of years carpets will need replacing, so some of this money will go towards that. When I first came to Ss Peter and Paul in 2011 we did not have the £33,000 that we needed to contribute to the diocese for our new building (1% of the total cost – with the diocese contributing 9% and Leeds City Council 90%). We quickly raised this in my first couple of years – and I felt as though I spent my first five years always asking for contributions. However, when I think of what we have been able to buy for the children it has all been worth it! The contributions from the PTA have also been extremely significant. You only have to look at the playground and see all the play equipment out there, and in the classrooms we were able to replace the whiteboards that were coming to the end of their seven-year life span and now each classroom has an up-to-date interactive screen. I think we should all be very proud of the position we are in now in terms of the VCF. I am pleased that the new Headteacher will not have to spend too much time on raising the profile of voluntary contributions. The vast majority of families do contribute and in a school like Ss Peter and Paul, that does not get the generous funding of an inner city school, this help is greatly appreciated. We are blessed with dedicated and generous parents at Ss Peter and Paul and I am sure that over the years I have not said thank you enough – so THANK YOU!

Mrs Todd

STAFFING 2020-2021

Here is the list of teachers and TA's for next year. There are a number of staff changing year groups. Mrs Longstaff is due back in February 2021. Mrs Prowse, a qualified teacher, will teach Year 1 on a Monday and Year 2 on a Tuesday until Mrs Longstaff returns from maternity.

Miss Brown, Mrs Baines and Mrs Prowse will take small groups of pupils for intervention either one to one or in small groups at different times throughout the week and year. I am delighted to welcome back Miss Cooper who was with us on a placement in 2018/19. She will be teaching the Year 3 class. These children already know Miss Cooper from when they were in Year 1. Do watch Miss Cooper reading a story during lockdown at her current school, Holy Name in Cookridge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfoOOZ6f2S4>

Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Ms Bennett	Ms Campbell
Year 1	Ms Heckman	Ms McDougall
Year 2	Ms Ripley	Ms Nuttall
Year 3	Ms Cooper	Ms Husband
Year 4	Ms Machell	Ms Mifsud/ Mrs Tomlinson/ Ms Midgley
Year 5	Mr Costa	Ms Palfreyman
Year 6	Ms Filarowski	Ms Meikle

CHANGE IN UNIFORM FOR 2020/21

At Ss Peter and Paul, we have certain rules and expectations. These are always for the pupils benefit. For example, we do not want our children worrying about how they look; we just wish them to be healthy, clean and comfortable. On a number of occasions, pupils come to school with painted nails or hairstyles at the height of fashion. We do not want this for our children. Please read the expectations on appearance that I have taken from the prospectus. When you applied for a place at Ss Peter and Paul this is what you signed up to. It is not fair on staff if they have to 'police' the children's appearance. Obviously, the vast majority of parents for the vast majority of time do comply with these rules.

Please note the highlighted sentence below. We have decided due to the current circumstances and as a 'time saver', we no longer require children to change into black pumps for indoor wear. However, we still want the children to have black outdoor shoes. I would suggest you look for black trainers for both boys and girls – these will be comfortable for sitting on the carpet with (for younger pupils) and will be robust enough for running around the playground and PE. However, if you cannot find black trainers (or as close to this as possible) then please buy smart black school shoes. No bright trainers for PE (as again this can become an unnecessary expense where children are comparing with one another). If a child does wear boots to school, they will need a pair of more comfortable shoes to change into – as sitting on the carpet or in the hall is uncomfortable in big boots.

Extract from the school Prospectus.

School Uniform

We believe smart children have a more positive attitude to learning. Here are some simple rules closely linked to uniform.

- School uniform should be worn at all times.
- Children are expected to change into black pumps for indoor wear.
- PE kit (white Ss. P&P t-shirt and black shorts) should be worn for all PE lessons.
- Trainers must be worn for all outside PE lessons.
- Black Ss. P&P sports tops are for outdoor wear only.
- No jewellery other than watches or stud earrings should be worn (to be removed during PE).
- Hair accessories should be plain and hairstyles smart and appropriate.
- Nail varnish is not allowed.
- No chewing/bubble gum allowed.
- Wallets or book bags **only** should be used.

Pump bags (for PE kits) and book bags are purchased from the school office.

Reading Books/100 Reads Books/ Library books

Please can **all** books be returned to school by Monday 13th July at the latest. If you could bring them to the front door and place them in the large box outside (if the weather is bad just inside the door). Thank you.

SCHOOL REPORTS 2020

Your child's report is now ready. The report details the achievement, behaviour and attendance up until school closed in March. Greyed out boxes mean that this part of the curriculum has not been covered, or there was not enough evidence to give a level, however the teacher has indicated where they 'think' the child would have. Children currently in school will take home their report this afternoon (Friday 3rd July). Parents of pupils not in school can pick up the report from the school office on Friday afternoon between 2:00pm and 4:00pm, or Monday – Thursday 10:00 am until 2:00 pm (6th – 9th July). We will post uncollected reports Friday 10th July. If you would rather your child's report emailed, please let the school office know. If you come to school for the report please ensure that you wait outside if, another parent is in the entrance area. If you have any queries about your child's report please email the school office. **Reception parents** are normally invited to have a meeting to discuss the end of Foundation Stage Profile, however, we are unable to do so – please email in if there is anything you do not understand. Fortunately, we did have a parents evening just before school closed so in terms of your child you are quite up to date with how they were doing.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

As you know, it is limited as to what we can do to say goodbye to our Year 6 children at the moment. We have therefore decided to give out their leaving present from school (a bible) alongside their reports. If your child is not currently in school, please do pick up their bible when you collect the report from the school office. Miss Meikle is also very busy collating things for a power point that we will email out to all Year 6 families. It has been lovely to see the emails of old photographs so far, keep those memories coming!

SCHOOL LUNCHES – SEPTEMBER 2020

We will shortly be sending out the new school lunch menus for September 2020 to your email. Due to the most recent guidance, we are continuing with the hot 'grab bag' option. The cost will remain £2.40.

As part of the Universal Free School Meals, dinners remain free to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Therefore, those moving into Year 3 will need to start paying for school lunches from September. **It is important that you email the school office if you would like your child to have a 'grab bag' lunch every day.**

Please also note – there is no jacket potato option at the moment. Therefore, children must remain on either grab bag lunches, or packed lunches each day. If children want to change, you must provide a half-terms notice. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

LEADER IN ME

Do have a look at our new Leader in Me page on the website. It is hard to keep focussed but the tips you will find on this page will help. Thank you to Mrs Filarowski for her PowerPoint that clearly links Habit 1 (Be Proactive) with school life. Some older children might like to do one for home. Unfortunately, we are unable to shake hands now but the idea of looking at someone and speaking clearly to show that you are a proactive person can still be something we teach our children. <https://www.sspeterandpauleyeadon.co.uk/curriculum-1/the-leader-in-me>

Covid 19 OPENING

This is going well but could I ask parents to check the picking up time for their child's group as the parking / queuing arrangements are feeling too busy and are not always complying with the Risk Assessments. Please do not park in the layby, if you are early please go to the church carpark – I do not want to have to go up to parents and ask them to move on.

Children should not be wearing face coverings to school – as they may not take them off hygienically. The guidance is as follows

Pupils must be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival (as is the case for all pupils), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom. Guidance on [safe working in education, childcare and children's social care](#) provides more advice.

Our current Risk Assessment does not allow us to 'police' the guidance above so we would ask that you remove face coverings for your child and take them home with you.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Year 6 Vegetables

Here is a photo of the vegetables that Year 6 planted and have now harvested! I'm sure you will agree how fantastic they look! Well done all of you. I do hope those that took them home enjoyed the taste.



Halle and Lacey (1) are very proud to have drawn our school logo! They are fantastic girls – well done!



Sam (4) has enjoyed his Greek topic and especially enjoyed making Baklava this week! This looks delicious Sam! Well done!



Dougie (3) has been brushing up on his life skills during lockdown! He has been helping to cut the hedges and learning how to utilise space in a garden bin! Good work Dougie!



Imogen (3) has been busy making Tutankhamun's tomb as part of her 'Egypt' topic! Fantastic jewels and sarcophagus Imogen!



Henry (5) and Esabella (1) have enjoyed watching their caterpillars transform into butterflies! How lovely!



Savannah (3) has also been raising butterflies! She has researched how to care for them, and even gathered food for them! Well done Savannah this is lovely to see!