

# St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

## Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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### Our Mission Statement

*Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.*

### Values

Believe  
Respect  
Love  
Trust

*If you have any questions about what your child is learning or how you can help your child at home, please arrange an appointment with the class teacher.*

## Headteacher's News

### Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the week enjoying chocolate cake on our Golden Table!

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Stars:



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Stars:



### Attendance

**Weekly attendance figures:**

Week beginning Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Year 4 achieved the best attendance overall with 99%.

**Half term attendance figures:**

28<sup>th</sup> Oct - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 4 achieved the best attendance overall with 96%. The class won the attendance trophy and have celebrated by sharing an exciting breakfast together and extra play. Well done year 4!

### Panto Trip

Whole School Panto visit to see Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had a lovely time!



### Contact Details

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*Fruit and vegetables are always the best choice, but if you're shopping for packaged snacks for your children, use this helpful tip: look for 100 calorie snacks, two a day max!*



### School dinner payments/orders

The dinner order deadline is on a Sunday at 23:59 for that following week. Please can you make sure that you complete the order by clicking CHECKOUT so that the order gets completed. Many parents are selecting the food but are not then completing the order by checking out.

### Parent Support Adviser

Hello, I am the new Parent Support Adviser for the school. I work every Thursday from 8.30 to 3.30pm. There are leaflets around the school to say a bit more about what I can offer, so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, worries or concerns or parenting issues you feel you would like more information about. I look forward to supporting you.

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### Dropping off in the mornings

Can parents please ensure the only place where children (& parents where applicable) ONLY get out of the cars is by Mr Lawrence the caretaker. A number of parents are letting out their children or getting out with the children just inside the school gates. This is creating traffic jams as other parents cannot enter the car park.

Please ensure parents do not park in the school car park. The car park is open for a drop off only.

### CENSUS DAY SCHOOL MEALS

Thursday 16th January 2020 is census day in schools. On this day school funding is allocated for Universal Free School meals for children in Years R, 1 & 2.

We ask that as many parents as possible book school meals for their children on this day to ensure we maximize this additional funding for our school.

On this day we will be running a raffle for all children in school who have meals and there will be prizes which will be awarded at Friday 17th January 2020 Praise assembly. Please ensure you book a meal by 23.59 on Sunday 12th January 2020 to be in the draw.

### WISEPAY ISSUES

We apologise for the issues parents experienced last week booking meals. The issue was a Wisepay issue and this has been resolved. Thank you for your patience with this.

### Parent readers needed

If anyone is able to give some of their time, to come into school and to support our pupils with some one-to-one reading, please let the school office know. Thanks

### Book Swap Area

We will be opening our School Library after school on a Friday 3 - 4pm in January 2020 - more details to come. We would like to have a book swap area available for children. If you have any books that you no longer need please can these be donated to the school.

**Uniform**

Please can I remind parents that ALL children must be wearing black school shoes. NOT boots or trainers.

Please ensure hair accessories are sensible and are RED to match school colours. Ribbons and bobbles should be simple. No Jo-Jo bows please.

**Uniform Shop - items needed!**

We would like to start up a second hand uniform shop at school, which will be open on selected days - details to come. If anyone has any good quality clothing that they no longer need, please donate to the school.

**PE kit**

Please make sure that your children have a change of clothes as their PE kit. We have started to see children arrive in school in leggings and then just take off their jumpers to do PE. They need to have their own separate PE kit. Thanks.

**Parent Governor**

We are pleased to announce that Simon Gilbert-Barnham has been reelected as parent governor, and also welcome our new parent governor Matthew Grimes.

**RSE Meeting**

Advanced date warning - we will be holding an RSE meeting for year 5 and 6 parents on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at 2:30. More information will follow.

**New School App**

We are currently trialling an app to send out messages and notifications to parents instead of text messages and letters.

1. You can search your app store for "Jigsaw School App" and then download it.
2. Select your school from the list of schools that you can see when the app first opens.

The app will remember this and you won't have to do this again.

If you choose the wrong school, simply click on the settings icon which will appear at the top of the page and select "Change Organisation".

**Absence from school**

When calling in to report your child's absence please indicate the exact issue, rather than just unwell or ill.

## This Week's Prayer



*St Mary and St  
Peter, Pray for  
us.*

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Lord and the conclusion of the Christmas season of the Church. We think about the importance of water to our lives and those of others as we pray: We pray for all people around the world: that they may have clean water to drink and not have to travel long distances to collect it. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the work of CAFOD: that it may continue to help people like Fabiano so that they do not have to travel so far to get water. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that the Holy Spirit may move us to do what we can to help others and to try to make the world a fairer place for all people. Lord, in your mercy...

God of life, help us to act so that no one goes thirsty and all people around the world have enough water for all their needs. Amen

**A possible big question you could discuss at home is:**

Why is water important to us as a family? How can we use the resource of water better as a family?



## Upcoming Events

<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Pupils and staff return
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	RSE Parent Consultation 2:30pm
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	End of term
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Start of term - pupils and staff return
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Bank Holiday/VE Day
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Pupils and staff return
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Summer Term

**Dates in bold are newly added dates**

Dates for  
the Diary: