

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

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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*

Headteacher's News

Christmas Events

Further to previous communication, we are still planning to hold our Christmas events below. These will **not** be ticketed events but we do ask that parents choose to attend only one of the available performances for each child. This is so we can keep numbers to a minimum ensuring that all our visitors feel safe in the current circumstances. **Parents trying to attend a second performance for their child will not be admitted.**

Tuesday 14th December

All parents of **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6** parents only will be welcome to join us on Tuesday 14th December from **1.30pm** at St Peter's Catholic Church on Lowestoft Road for a traditional Carol Service.

Wednesday 15th December

Nursery and Reception Classes are preparing a traditional Nativity play together to perform to parents on Wednesday 15th December. There will be 2 performances to reduce congestion with the first at **9.45am** (slightly later than previous planned) and the second at **11am**. Class teachers will share more information with parents.

Parents of **Y1 and Y2** are invited to hear your child sing a small selection of Christmas Carols on Wednesday 15th December at either **9am or 2.30pm** in the school hall. Numbers will be restricted for each performance to reduce congestion. Class teachers will share more information with parents.

For each of these events we will be collecting for the James Paget Hospital Charity. Our NHS workers continue to work so hard during the pandemic and we would like to support this local cause with your support. Donation buckets will be available after each event.

Thank you in advance for your support

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Keeping Children Safe: Discord app

Some of our older pupils have signed up to this app but essentially it appears to be a grooming app and very inappropriate for our primary aged pupils. Please check the apps your children are using and I would suggest that parents ensure that children cannot download apps without parental permission. The following links will support parents to manage the apps your children download: [Google Play](#) and [Apple](#).

Children in Need

We are so pleased to announce that we managed to raise a total of **£324.50** for Children in Need. Thank you to all our parents, staff and pupils for all your generosity.

Christmas Jumper Day

Just a reminder that next **Friday 10th December** is a non-uniform day for Christmas Jumper day as well as our Christmas lunch day. We look forward to getting into the Christmas spirit and seeing all our pupils and staff wearing their festive jumpers. We will not be collecting donations for this so that parents can give generously for our James Paget appeal during the Christmas Events (see above).

Parking

Thank you to all our parents who park considerately, your support is most appreciated.

Some of our parents are choosing to park in front of the school gates when collecting children from school or mounting the curb. These can pose a safety risk for all our young people and persistent offenders have and will be reported to the police. Please help to keep our children safe.

Staffing Arrangements

From January there will be a few changes to the staffing in Year 4 as we look forward to welcoming Miss Ellcome back from maternity leave. I cannot be specific about her return date yet but it should be during the spring term. Mrs Hardman will no longer be teaching Year 4 as she will be taking on the responsibility as Recovery Teacher across our school. Her role will support lots of children to catch up on lost learning. Miss Elinor Rampersaud will be joining our teaching team and will teach Year 4 from Monday to Thursday. Mrs Short will continue to teach the children but only on a Friday. The children have already met Miss Rampersaud and I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to our school.

Uniform

We are looking to use an online company to help us sell our donated school uniform. We are seeking a parent volunteer who would like to upload the images onto the website. If this is something you would be happy to do, please contact the school office.



Pudsey with Year 1

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.



This Week's Prayer

We are now in the season of Advent, a time of year that brings us closer to Christ. We are reminded that no one is beyond the reach of God's love.

God of Salvation, Wake us up Lord!

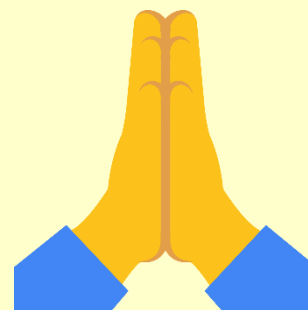
The night is nearly over. Let us begin our Advent journey.

Move us from our lives of greed and selfishness,

From our globalised world of inequality and exploitation, to your kingdom of righteousness and mercy. To a transformed world, where peace is built on understanding not weapons, the poor are empowered to live their lives to the full, businesses are built on need not greed and your Creation is nurtured not abused.

Wake us up Lord! Let us live as people of the light.

Amen.



St Mary and St Peter, Pray for us.

Upcoming Events (new dates in bold)

9 th December	Y5 Class Trip to Gressenhall	See separate letter
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes non-uniform
10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Bookings now closed
14 th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Peter's	1.30pm
15 th December	Y3 Class Trip to Time and Tide	See separate letter
15 th December	KS1 Christmas Carols	9am or 2.30pm
15 th December	EYFS Nativity Play	9.30am or 11am
16 th December	Whole School Trip to the Panto	Gorleston
17 th December	School finishes at 3pm for Christmas	

20th December to 3rd January Christmas Holidays

4 th January	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
5 th January	Pupils Return for the spring term	
7 th February	Parents Evening Day 1	Info to follow
9 th February	Parents Evening Day 2	Info to follow
	14th February to 18th February HALF TERM	
3 rd March	World Book Day	Dress up as a Character
18 th March	Red Nose Day	Info to follow
1 st April	School finishes at 3pm for Easter	
	4th April to 18th April Easter Holidays	
19 th April	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
20 th April	Pupils return for the summer term	
27 th to 29 th June	Y6 Residential	See separate letter
22 nd July	School finishes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays	

Dates for the Diary: