

NEWSLETTER



Together with God we challenge minds, recognise talents and build dreams.

DECEMBER 2016

HAPPY CHRISTMAS: As we are approaching Christmas there are lots of celebrations going on in school. We have changed some of them now we are on one site so please take a look at the diary dates on the back of the newsletter where there is more information.

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There is still a lot of money coming in through the main office. Please can **all** money be given to your child to hand to their classteacher. This must be in an envelope with their name on and amount in the envelope. Money **should not** be taken to the school office in the morning.



Thank you to all those who voted on the uniform consultation. I am meeting with Governors this week and will feedback when a decision is made. The change in uniform won't be until September 2017

We have recently asked another Headteacher to carry out a Teaching and Learning Review. We were very pleased with the findings as they were very positive about the behaviour of the children and commented on how polite they were. Presentation, handwriting and progress in books was a strength and they felt we were challenging our more able children well. These were all areas we have been working on since our last OFSTED and shows the work we have been doing has had a positive impact on our children. We are continuing to work on our marking and feedback so that rapid progress can be made.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire that was available at the parents evening. We had 85 completed questionnaires. 100% of parents feel their child is taught well in school and that we help their child with their learning. The vast majority of parents believe behaviour is good and that we respond well to their concerns. We are very pleased with the responses but will continue to work with you to make the school the best place for your child it can be.

We now have our own Facebook page @leighstpeters. We have put all our dates on as events and will continue to update them to keep you informed. Other information can be found on the school Information Blog.

We are still having a number of issues with cars on Faith Street and Leigh Street. We have had a number of parents concerned about children's safety as cars are driving too fast, parking on pavements or turning in the roads and not checking for pedestrians. We have asked the PCSOs and traffic wardens to do spot checks for us as our children's safety is a priority for us. **Please can I ask that you park elsewhere and walk the rest of the way.**

So that learning can start as quick as possible in the mornings senior staff are available to take messages when you arrive. If you need more time or to speak to us confidentially we can arrange meeting with you. Depending on your concern please speak to the member of staff below linked to your concern.

Ms Newton	SEN issues
Mrs Myers	Pastoral Manager (Safeguarding issues, behaviour and children's welfare).
Mrs Cathie	General issues about children's learning.
Mr Robinson	

INSET REMINDER:

School will be closed for a staff INSET day on Monday 9th January.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES	
Thursday 8 th December	KS1&KS2 Fencing - Sacred Heart Primary School (3.45pm – 4.45pm)
Friday 9 th December	Year 2 parent enrichment 9.30am
Friday 9 th December	Year 3 Recorder Concert 2.00pm
Saturday 10 th December	Messy Church Christmas Party – Tickets only.
Sunday 11 th December	St Peter’s Church Worship Together Service 9.00am
Tuesday 13 th December	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Carols 9.10am and 2.00pm School Hall – 2 tickets per family – letters out this week.
Wednesday 14 th December	Nursery Christmas songs 11.30am and 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 2 and 3 Christmas Nativity 4.00pm. Children will stay in school and will need to be picked up at 5.00pm after the performance. Letters will go out this week.
Thursday 15 th December	Year 2 and 3 Christmas Nativity 2.00pm
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day 50p donation for Save the Children Charity.
Friday 16 th December	School Christmas Dinner. If you haven’t already sent your money in please do so before Friday 9th December .
Monday 19 th December	Pantomime. Parents who are helping need to be at school for 1.00pm at the latest (you should have had a letter confirming this). Children who are not going will be kept in school and complete fun activities.
Tuesday 20 th December	10.00am and 6.30pm Drama club Christmas Play Tickets will be available nearer the time.
Tuesday 20 th December	Year 2 / 3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 21 st December	Nursery / Reception and Year 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 22 nd December	Year 4 / 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 22 nd December	Crib service 9.30am in church. All welcome.
Friday 23 rd December	Last day of autumn term.
Tuesday 10 th January	School Reopens

This year we need to review our Sex and Relationship Policy. It is important for us that we do this with in partnership with parents. We currently buy in a company called HH Kids to deliver some of our lessons and we have asked them to come and facilitate a parents workshop. This will be held in the Spring term. As soon as I have a confirmed date I will put an Event on the school Facebook page.

SCHOOL CROSSING INFORMATION:

Your local councillor has been working with the Local Authority to review the crossing provision for school. The other week we had a visitor who reviewed where people crossed and the number of families that needed to cross. We are hoping that we will get a decision soon about the school crossing I will keep you all informed. Thank you to all the parents who spent time speaking with them.