



LEIGH ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Autumn: September 2019

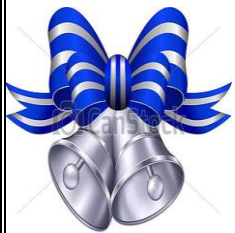
New Classes:

All children seem to have settled into their new classes well. If you have any messages for your child's class teacher please pass onto a member of staff who is on the playground or message the class teacher via Dojo. All teachers are in class and are unable to speak to parents at the beginning of the school day. However, we can arrange for you to speak to them when you pick your child up if necessary.



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Due to safeguarding our children, we must make sure the **school gates are shut at 8.55am**



Staff Changes:

Mrs Stones has been seconded to the Pastoral Team. Miss Shepherd and Mrs Kennedy both got married over the summer holiday; Miss Shepherd is now Mrs Cudworth and Mrs Kennedy is Mrs Balmer.

New Staff:

Miss Coventry - Year 5 Teacher; Miss Jones - SLC and Nurture support; Miss Cole - Reception Teaching Assistant; Miss Shanahan - Reception and Year 1 Teaching Assistant (small group support); Miss Garrity - Reception Teaching Assistant (small group support); Mrs Wright - 1:1 support.

School Physical Education:



We have achieved the Gold School Games Award, for the third year on the run. Our PE lessons vary to meet the needs of all our children. We have a variety of activities including yoga, archery, fencing and curling etc. We include sports like this so that all children have the chance to be successful, we don't all enjoy the more physical sports. Please make sure all PE kits are in school, this is part of your child's uniform.

Reception - Year 2: Black shorts, white t-shirt and black pumps

Year 3 - Year 6: Plain black jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, plain black hoodie/tracksuit top and plain black trainers.

Parent Yoga:

We offer parent yoga on Thursday mornings 9.00am - 10.00am. This is a very informal session, please come along if you are interested. Entry through the studio door.

School Parking:

A quick reminder about parking on Faith Street - this was a constant problem last term.

PLEASE can I ask that you don't bring your cars down Faith Street but look at parking further away and walking the rest of the way to school. It is everybody's responsibility to keep our children safe.



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

SCHOOL DIARY DATES (AUTUMN 1)

Tuesday 10 th September	Year 5 and Year 6 NSPCC Workshops
Wednesday 11 th September	Class Photographs. You will receive a letter with a reply slip this week. Please make sure you sign and send back into school if you want your children to be on their school class photograph.
Saturday 14 th September	Messy Church – 10.30am in the School Hall all families welcome.
Monday 23 rd September – Friday 27 th September	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play sessions. Letters will be sent out this week by the class teachers.
Wednesday 25 th Sept	Year 6 parent enrichment 2.15pm
Friday 27 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Sunday 29 th September	Year 6 Confirmation
Sunday 29 th September	Commemorative service at St Peter's Church 4pm recognizing 100 years since unveiling of the War Memorial. Tea/Coffee. All welcome.
Thursday 3 rd October	The Westleigh School Open Day – 6.00pm start.
Monday 7 th October	Harvest: We will be donating food to the local food bank. More information will be sent out at the end of September.
Thursday 10 th October	#Helloyellow on World Mental Health Day. Replace some of your uniform with a splash of yellow or wear yellow from head to foot! £1 donation to go to the Young Mind charity.
Thursday 10 th October	HHKids – Parent session for Year 5 and Year 6 - 2.30pm. This session will discuss what information is shared with our children during their puberty and relationship lessons. A letter will be sent out nearer the time.
Saturday 12 th October	Messy Church – 10.30am in the School Hall all families welcome.
Thursday 17 th October	OPEN AFTERNOON: Children new to Nursery and Reception 2020. If you have a child who will start Nursery over the next year or Reception in 2020 please come along. Please contact Mrs Arnold for more information.

Friday 18th October BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM – 3.15PM

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Monday 23 rd September	Lowton High - evening
Wednesday 25 th September	Bedford High School - evening
Thursday 3 rd October	The Westleigh School – 6.00pm start.
Thursday 3 rd October	Golborne High - evening
Saturday 28 th September	St Mary's, Astley – 9.00am – 12.00 noon.

ADMISSION CLOSING DATES FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS 2020

31 st October 2019	Year 6 2020 closing dates
15 th January 2020	Reception 2020 closing date

SCHOOL DIARY DATES (AUTUMN 2)

Monday 28th October	SCHOOL OPENS.
Monday 28 th October	For the next 3 weeks, the school will be selling Remembrance Day memorabilia. Information with prices will be posted on Facebook when we get them.
Wednesday 30 th October	Year 6: 1 st Puberty Session
Thursday 31 st October	Reception: Parents are invited to eat their lunch with their children. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 6: 2 nd Puberty Session
Wednesday 6 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 8 th November	Year 5 parent enrichment – 2.15pm
Saturday 9 th November	Messy Church – 10.30am in the School Hall all families welcome
Monday 11 th November – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – “Choose Kindness”: there will be a range of activities in school and visitors to support children to choose kindness over bullying.
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 6: 3 rd Puberty Session
Thursday 14 th November	Year 4H class assembly – 9.05am
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 20 th November	Individual / Family photographs
Thursday 21 st November	Year 4S class assembly – 9.05am
Thursday 21 st November	Year 2 parent enrichment – 2.15pm
Thursday 28 th November	Year 1 parent enrichment – 2.15pm
Friday 29 th November	Year 3 parent enrichment – 9.00am – 10.00am
Wednesday 4 th December	Flu Immunisation – letters will be sent out nearer the time for permissions.
Thursday 5 th December	Year 4,5 and 6 I-Sing Pop Christmas Concert: 2.00pm and 6.00pm concerts. Tickets will be available. CD’s of the concert will be available to buy.
Friday 6 th December	Non-Uniform Day: KS1 children please bring in a bag of Haribo to go on the tombola stall; KS2 please bring £1 in to go towards the church funds.
Saturday 7 th December	Church Christmas Fair - 2.00 pm open by the school choir
Tuesday 10 th December	Reception and Year 1 Concert 9.15am and 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery Concert 11.15am and 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Year 2 and Year 3 Nativity 9.15am and 2.15pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Meal
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception – Year 3 Party Day Children can come to school in their party clothes
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery and Year 4, 5 and 6 Party Day Children can come to school in their party clothes
Thursday 19th December	LAST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday 7th January	TERM STARTS



Toast:

Starting next week, we are bringing back free toast for all children. Reception to Year 2 will receive 1/2 a slice and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will receive a full slice. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still get their free fruit that's provided on the Government free fruit scheme. If you would prefer your child to have fruit at break time they are still able to bring that in. They will not be able to have any cereal bars or biscuits (for break) – these will be sent home at the end of the day.

School Priorities:

This year our school priorities are:

Reading: We have bought into a new phonics scheme this year. It is interactive and can be used at home. Mrs Fletcher will be delivering parent workshops this term to show parents how it can be used at home. We need to further develop the fluency and vocabulary of our reluctant readers. We are looking at the books we read in class to develop our children's vocabulary and making sure children bring home the right difficulty level reading book. We are also looking at different ways to increase fluency so that our children can access more difficult texts and understand them better.

Curriculum: We are making sure our children are learning the right knowledge and skills in all year groups and that each year these are progressive. We are also developing the subject specific vocabulary – which also links to work we are doing on reading.

Behaviour: We have developed a new behaviour policy based on mental health and attachment training we received last year. We will be holding workshops this term to review this with parents.



School Uniform:

Please make sure your child has the correct school uniform on at all times.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Grey trouser or tartan skirt / pinafore; white polo shirt, blue school jumper / cardigan (with logo) and black school shoes .	Grey trouser or tartan skirt / pinafore; white shirt, school tie, blue school jumper / cardigan (with logo) and black school shoes .



Credit Union:

School offer a service along with Credit Union where your child can save money weekly. This is done on a Tuesday morning. If you would like any information please ask at the school office.

Come and join us for:



Messy Church?

Messy Church is held on the 2nd Saturday every month. There are art and craft stalls followed by a short service of thanks and a family picnic. If you would like to come along it's starts at 10.30am and is held in the school hall. Children must be accompanied with an adult.

If your child is off sick or you would like to request a holiday you can now email the Pastoral Team on attendance@lspps.org.uk

**If you are concerned about a child's welfare out of school hours please contact:
NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 ChildLine: 0800 1111 Wigan Duty Team: 01942 828300**