

St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Our school code of conduct:

MINDSET

PEACE

RESPECT

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays and hope you have all had a lovely relaxing summer. We would especially like to offer a warm welcome to all our new children, pupils and staff.

Parish First Holy Communion Programme

The Parish First Holy Communion Programme is due to begin in October. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to be prepared for the sacraments of confession and Holy communion: application forms can be found at the back of St Mary's Church in Great Yarmouth and St Peter's Church in Gorleston.

Year 6 Eaton Vale 20th – 22nd May 2019

We will be taking Year 6 to Eaton Vale for a residential visit in May next year. They will have the opportunity to take part in lots of exciting activities. Further details will follow shortly.

School Uniform

It is essential that ALL items of clothing, bags, water bottles and packed lunch containers are clearly labelled with your child's name. It is very difficult to reunite a lost item with its owner if it does not have a name on it. Lost items which have not been named will be put in the "Lost Property Bin" which is in the main reception foyer.

Wisepay

We use Wisepay for all bookings and payments in school. If you can be aware of the following deadlines for bookings: -

School Meals: - must be booked by 23.59 on the Sunday evening. Meals should be booked for all week. Meals can be booked for up to half term in advance. If you do not book a school meal you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch.

Breakfast Clubs: - must be booked by 1.00 pm on the school day prior to the booking.

After School Clubs: - for this half term must be booked by 9.00 am on Monday 10th September 2018.

Absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason then it is essential that you telephone the school office on the first day of absence by 9.15 am to inform us of the reason for their absence. If your child continues to be unwell we ask you to call again on the Monday of the following week to confirm they are still unwell.

If you are taking your child from school for a medical / dental appointment we ask that you provide evidence of this in the form of an appointment card or letter.

If you do not advise the office your child is not in school we will not cancel their dinner. Therefore for paid school meals we will be unable to do a refund.



Our school values are –

Love

Peace

Joy

Patience

Kindness

Respect

Honesty

Forgiveness

Trust

Hope

Resilience

Challenge



We seek to inspire in children the joy and wonder of learning, through cherishing, nurturing, supporting and challenging each one, whatever their talents and needs. As we journey together with Christ, we aim to develop in all children intellectual curiosity, creative endeavor, compassion for others and the



courage to act on their beliefs.

Library Books

We have a small number of library books which were not returned at the end of last term. If you have any books at home please return them to school by Wednesday 12th September 2018.

Holidays During Term Time

If you require your child to be absent from school for any reason other than sickness or medical / dental appointment you must complete an Absence Form which is available from the school office.

Any holidays taken in term time will not be approved however you must complete the Absence Form so we are aware of your child's absence.

Parking

We ask that parents do not park in front of the school gates under any circumstances. We also ask that you park considerately to our neighbours. We are aware it is difficult to park around the school particularly at the end of the school day but please ensure you consider our pupils safety and park appropriately.

Morning Drop Off

We operate a "Drop Off" system for the mornings to assist with the flow of traffic. This process for using this "Drop Off" is parents are asked to drive to the point where Mr Lawrence stands and he will ensure the children leave their cars safely and direct them onto the playground.

Please ensure you do not do the following: -

- Drop off your child before they get to Mr Lawrence (please be patient and wait in the queue)
- Park your car in the school grounds or block any entrances or exits
- Leave your car to pop into the office or drop off your child.

We can only ensure your child's safety if everyone complies with above. If we feel unable to offer this service safely we will withdraw it.

Pupil Premium Funding

If your joint family income is less than £16,190 per year you maybe entitled to apply for Pupil Premium Funding for your child.

This payment goes directly to the school but children in Yr 3 to Yr 6 will receive Free School Meals and all children will be able to access funding for them to take part in After School Clubs, Music Lessons, Breakfast Club and support for residential visits.

If you think you maybe entitled to claim this funding please contact a member of the school office who can give you a form or go online

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> and download a form.

Any application is completely confidential.

Sand Bees

Please be aware we have some Sand Bees nesting in a bush at the front of the school. They look like wasps but are NOT harmful to humans.

School Diaries

Your child will have brought home their School Diary.

Please ensure you use this diary to advise the class staff or any changes to end of day arrangements.

You only need to call the school office if there is a change later in day which could not have been written in the School Diary.

For any late changes in arrangements please ensure you call by 2.30pm at the latest.



This week our prayer is: -

We thank you for our school, Lord
 We thank you that we are back together.
 We thank you for our school, Lord
 We thank you for the new pupils and staff that have joined us.
 Thank you for our school, Lord
 We thank you for everyone here.
 We thank you for this new start, Lord,
 We thank you for our future.
 Amen

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
14 th September 2018	Yr 3 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
21 st September 2018	Yr 2 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
21 st September 2018	Yr 6 to St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Cathedral.	Online permission to be given by Wednesday 12 th September 2018.
28 th September 2018	Yr 4 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
5 th October 2018	Whole School Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
12 th October 2018	Yr 5 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
15 th and 17 th October 2018	Parent / Teacher Consultation meetings	You will be able to sign up to book these meetings on Wisepay nearer the time.
19 th October 2018	Yr 6 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
22 nd – 26 th October 2018	Half-term.	Monday 29 th October 2018 children return to school.
19 th December – 2 January 2019	Christmas holidays.	Thursday 3 rd January 2019 children return to school
11 th February & 13 th February 2018	Parent / Teacher Consultation meetings	You will be able to sign up to book these meetings on Wisepay nearer the time.
18 th – 22 nd February 2019	Half-term.	Monday 25 th February children return to school.
8 th April – 22 nd April 2019	Easter holidays.	Tuesday 23 rd April 2018 children return to school.
27 th May – 31 st May 2019	Half-term.	Monday 3 rd June 2018 children return to school.
Monday 22 nd July 2019	Summer holidays commences.	