

# St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



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Our school code of conduct:

**MINDSET**

**PEACE**

**RESPECT**

### OfSTED

As you are aware, we were visited by inspectors from OfSTED, the Department for Education's inspection organisation, this week. The report should be published within the next three weeks – once received, we will obviously print and send copies to you. Thank you to the nineteen parents who completed OfSTED's questionnaires, and to the many who spoke directly to the inspectors at the gate. The comments, which are confidential to them, were used to help with their enquiries.

A number of children met with the inspectors to talk about the school, their work, progress and suggestions – their comments were very much appreciated. They were a credit both to yourselves and the school. Thank you for your continued support of the school.

### Snow

If it snows, school is still open and it is safe to do so, some children will be given the option to play/have fun in the snow on the school field. They must have a suitable change of clothes and footwear (e.g. wellies) to participate!



Our school values are –

Love

Peace

Joy

Patience

Kindness

Respect

Honesty

Forgiveness

Trust

Hope

Resilience

Challenge

### Safeguarding On-Line

- **Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.**
- **Staff members working with children are advised to maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here'.**

We are aware that a number of our children use mobiles, tablets smart phones and laptops to support their learning and have fun playing games on at home. We would like to work with you to make sure that the children are safe. In school the children are reminded about the dangers of social media, in relation to stranger danger, grooming and sharing explicit images. This is done in an age appropriate way with resources such as, <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

It is important that their use of electronic devices is monitored as a child is breaking the law if they:

- Take an explicit photo or video of themselves or a friend.
- Share an explicit image or video of a child, even if it's shared between children of the same age.
- Possess, download or store an explicit image or video of a child, even if the child gave their permission for it to be created.

The police have the power to confiscate any device containing such images and in some cases the device will be taken away and destroyed.

All incidents involving youth produced sexual imagery should be responded to in line with St John the Baptist CMAT safeguarding and child protection policy.

	<p><b><u>Collection from School and Clubs at the end of the day</u></b></p> <p>We have recently had incidents of parents collecting their children late from school and have not been able make contact by telephone. To help to avoid this problem and others from happening, please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School finishes at 3.00pm, with clubs continuing to 4.00pm.</li> <li>• Please telephone, should there be an unavoidable delay</li> <li>• Please check that we have your most up to date phone number</li> <li>• Changes to normal end of day arrangements – should there be a change, please write this in your child’s diary</li> </ul> <p>Unexpected changes to arrangements should be telephoned (not by email please) to the school office as soon as possible.</p> <p><b><u>School Parking</u></b></p> <p>Please do not park in the school car park at the end of the school day unless you have a disabled badge.</p> <p>It is becoming difficult for taxis and House of Fun vehicles to get into the car park and safely pick up the children for whom they are responsible.</p> <p>Please help us to keep all our children safe!</p>
 <p><b>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</b></p>  <p><b>courage to act on their beliefs.</b></p>	<p><b><u>White Socks The Musical</u></b></p> <p>On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January Yr 5 and Yr 6 went to Notre Dame High School to watch their musical called ‘White Socks’. The performance was very inspirational to those who like to sing, dance and perform.</p> <p>It was about a young singer who did not have any confidence, but finally found the courage to perform in a competition with encouragement from his friends. He won the competition thanks to his lucky “White Socks”.</p> <p>It was amazing and so professional that it made you feel like you were watching a West End show. <i>By Summer Yr 6</i></p> <p><b><u>Gobbolino Workshop –Into Opera</u></b></p> <p>It was fun because we were Gobbolino, Sootica and characters in the story. We were writing on a big piece of paper and we were in groups of 5 or 6. We were using good words like exhausted and anxious. <i>By Thai Yr 3</i></p> <p><b><u>Nursery Spaces</u></b></p> <p>We currently have limited spaces in our Nursery for Easter children to start and are looking to fill spaces for September 2019.</p> <p>If you would like your child to attend our Nursery please contact the school office for a form and your child will be placed on our list. Children are able to attend Nursery from the term after they are 3.</p> <p>If you would like to look round the Nursery at anytime, please call the school office and make an appointment. We warmly welcome visits from prospective pupils and their parents.</p>
	<p><b><u>Prayer</u></b></p> <p>God our Maker,  We praise for the gift of community.  Thank you for the communities in which we work and live.  Thank you for the community that is your Body, the Church.  Fill us with Your Spirit today so that, as one, we reflect your light and love to each other and the world.  In Christ we pray;  Amen</p>

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Yr3 & 4 Togetherness Café 1.30 – 3.00	All Yr 3 & 4 parents welcome.
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Yr 5 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Gym Competition	Please ensure your child has a school or home packed lunch.
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Yr5 & 6 Togetherness Café 1.30 – 3.00	All Yr 5 & 6 parents welcome.
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019	Yr 3 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Nursery Togetherness Café 10.30 - 11.30	All Nursery parents welcome.
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Yr 1 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Parent / Teacher Meetings	Further details will be available nearer the time.
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Yr 2 class mass -10.00 am	All welcome.
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Yr 2 Togetherness Café 10.00 – 11.00	All Yr 2 parents welcome.
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Yr R Togetherness Café 1.30 – 2.00	All Reception parents welcome.
18 <sup>th</sup> –22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Half-term.	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February children return to school.
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Year 4 start swimming lessons.	Swimming kits to come into school on this day.
8 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter holidays.	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 children return to school.
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Yr 6 SATS week.	
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Yr 6 Residential – Eaton Vale	Please ensure installment due 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019 has been paid.
27 <sup>th</sup> May–31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Half-term.	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019 children return to school.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019	Summer holiday commences.	

Having now been in the school for two weeks, I have to thank you so much for making me so welcome at St Mary & St Peter. I very much appreciate the conversations some of you have had with me – please do not hesitate to get in touch, or catch me at the gate, should you wish to discuss anything.