

St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Our school code of conduct:

MINDSET

PEACE

RESPECT

School Closure Due to Bad Weather

If the school is closed due to bad weather we ask that parents listen to local radio stations, check the Norfolk County Council school closures website and be aware the school will send a text.

Please ensure the contact number we have for sending texts to you is the most up to date contact number.

However, if school is open please ensure your child has appropriate footwear (wellington boots), warm coat, scarves and gloves to use in the event the children are allowed outside.

Parents Evening Appointments

Parents Evenings have been arranged for Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th February 2019. Please make your appointments, to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher, via Wisepay.

Dogs on school premises

Please DO NOT bring dogs onto school premises under any circumstances. The school rules are very clear on this matter to ensure the safety of all.



Our school values are –

Love

Peace

Joy

Patience

Kindness

Respect

Honesty

Forgiveness

Trust

Hope

Resilience

Challenge

Playing in the Snow

What fun we all had on Wednesday! Should the snow return, the children will be given the opportunity to play on the field again, as long as it is safe to do so, so please send them in with suitable clothing and footwear.

Absence due to illness

We ask that all parents call the office absence line by 9.15 am if their child is unwell or not attending school on the first day of absence.


Please ensure you give the reason for your child's absence for example cold, flu, vomit. If you leave a message simply stating your child is unwell you will receive a call from the office staff.

Start of the School Day

The school gates are open from 8.30 am every morning for children to start to arrive at school. The gates are closed at 8.50 am promptly and after this time children should come into school through the main school entrance. Although the majority of pupils are on the playground in time, we have noticed an increasing number of children arriving after 8.50 am. Children find it unsettling arriving late, when lessons have already started and it disrupts their learning.

Gymnastics Competition

Children from Years 2, 3 & 4 competed in a gymnastics competition at Ormiston Venture on Thursday 30th January 2019. They worked really hard completing their routines and especially enjoyed competing with the other six schools. They represented the school in an exemplary manner. Very well done to all and thank you.

	<p><u>Togtherness Cafes</u> Last week Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed the maths focus on their togetherness café. This week it was the turn of Year 5 and Year 6. We had lots of positive feedback for our families about these café. One parent commented that it was “A fantastic opportunity to be involved in mathematics in a fun way. Thank you” Keep looking at the School Diary for future Café Events, we are trying to give families plenty of notice as we appreciate it can be tricky to get time off work.</p>
	<p><u>Carparking</u> Thank you to all the parents who use the drop off system and park responsibly to pick their children up. We appreciate that it is often difficult to find a space and we will always hold on to your children until you can park safely. Can we ask that you do not park near the school gates, across residents’ driveways or in the private car park that use to be the doctors surgery. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.</p>
	<p><u>Prayer</u> <i>Loving God, Help us to work together to build a brighter world, where each of us can become the best person we can be. Let us learn from communities around the world, who are working hard to grow their way out of poverty. We pray we may share generously all you have given us. Amen.</i></p>

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
6 th February 2019	Nursery Togetherness Café 10.30 - 11.30 am.	Nursery parents welcome.
8 th February 2019	Yr 1 class mass – 10.00 am.	All welcome.
11 th Feb & 13 th Feb 2019	Parent / Teacher Meetings.	Please book an appointment on Wisepay.
15 th February 2019	Yr 2 class mass -10.00 am.	All welcome.
15 th February 2019	Yr R Togetherness Café 2.00 – 3.00 pm.	Reception parents welcome.
18 th –22 nd February 2019	Half-term.	Monday 25 th February children return to school.
25 th February 2019	Year 4 start swimming.	Swimming kits to come into school on this day.
1 st March 2019	Yr 4 class mass – 10.00 am.	All welcome.
6 th March 2019	Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass 1.30 – 2.30 pm.	All welcome.
8 th March 2019	No mass.	All welcome.
15 th March 2019	Yr 5 class mass – 10.00 am.	All welcome.
20 th March 2019	Yr 1 Togetherness Café 1.30 – 3.00 pm.	Yr 1 parents welcome.
22 nd March 2019	Yrs 2 & 3 class mass – 10.00 am.	All welcome.
29 th March 2019	Yr 6 class mass – 10.00 am.	All welcome.
4 th April 2019	Nursery & Yr R Togetherness Café 9.00 – 10.00 am	Nursery & Reception parents welcome.
5 th April 2019	Whole School Mass 10.00 am.	All welcome.
8 th April – 22 nd April	Easter holidays.	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 children return to school.
13 th – 17 th May 2019	Yr 6 SATS week.	
20 th – 22 nd May 2019	Yr 6 Residential – Eaton Vale.	Please ensure second installment due 2 nd February has been paid.
27 th May – 31 st May 2019	Half-term.	Monday 3 rd June 2019 children return to school.
Monday 22 nd July 2019	Summer holidays commence.	
Wed 4 th September 2019	Start of new academic year.	Children in school on this day (staff training 2 nd & 3 rd Sept 2019).