



St. Peter's News

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Welcome Back Barbecue



We enjoyed a lovely afternoon for this year's 'Welcome Back Barbecue,' which saw a great turn out with pupils, parents and staff enjoying the late summer sunshine. The event was so well attended that we even sold out of hot dogs! Pupils enjoyed playing on the field, whilst parents and staff

caught up after the summer break. This continues to be a really popular event. Thank you to Friends for putting on another successful event and providing a great start to the school year.



Art Project for the Hall



A piece of Christian Art has been commissioned to provide the backdrop for our Collective Worship and to create a focal point in our school hall. Chris Gilbert, a Christian and ex Art teacher, who refers to himself as the 'Art & Soul Man,' will be creating the design. He will paint the design on to the wooden doors on the upper stage of the hall. It will incorporate a range of hearts that depict one of seven Christian Values that have been chosen by the children. These include Love, Peace, Friendship, Kindness, Respect, Honesty, Compassion and Hope. Each pupil will create their own design within a 'heart shaped' template and this will be included on the backdrop. The artwork is expected to be completed in the second half of this term.



Thanksgiving at Harvest

This year's Harvest Festival, led by Class 3/4H, was particularly special as we said thank you and good bye to our Rector and Chair of Governors,



Rev. Dr. Jonathan Gibbs. Jonathan has been rector of our parish and involved with the school for nearly 17 yrs and was recently appointed as the new Bishop of Huddersfield. Jonathan and Toni were presented with a special card with a personal thank you from each child in the school, as well as a floral tribute and a gift of garden vouchers. We wish both Jonathan and his family our very best wishes as he takes up his post in November.

Year 4 adventure in Wales



The new school year was just over a week old when Year 4 headed off to Colomendy in North Wales, accompanied by the Y3/4 teachers for a three day residential visit. This has been part of our residential programme at St. Peter's for a number of years and proved to be an exhilarating start to the year for both children and staff! The children took part in a range of activities including bouldering, laser quest, low-ropes and Frisbee golf. They also worked on an ICT project that saw them create a short film incorporating photographs and a sound track that they composed themselves. As well as having lots of fun, the pupils developed key skills of independence, thinking for themselves and working as a team. All of these will put them in good stead for the year ahead.



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Early sporting success

St. Peter's have begun the year brightly in sport with both individual and team success in cross country and athletics. Pupils from Years 4 to 6 recently entered the Wirral schools cross country races at Arrowe Park and Higher Bebington Park. Over 40 pupils represented St. Peter's in each of the races and there was some excellent individual performances and the girls team coming 3rd overall. This was followed up by our Y5/6 athletics team who took part in an indoor competition at Bebington High Sport College. The team excelled in many of the disciplines and as a result were the overall winners. We are now waiting to find out if they have been successful in representing Wirral schools at the Merseyside Youth games later in the year.



Eco Team brighten up KS1 entrance

Our new eco team set about improving the entrance to KS1 by purchasing a number of planters and provided a splash of colour with some bedding plants. The children enjoyed getting their 'hands dirty' as they planted pansies which have really brightened up this part of school.



Name it, Find it!

Lost property is an on-going problem in schools and St. Peter's is no exception. As part of our Code of Conduct - 'Take Care', we encourage all of the children to take care of their personal belongings and equipment in school. We also have monitors who try to reunite the lost items with their owners, but far too often this isn't possible because items aren't named. This term we have introduced a new system, with all named items being stored by the KS2 pupil entrance, whilst all unnamed items will be kept in the covered area under the hall.

Please help us to help you by ensuring all of your child's uniform, PE Kit and school equipment is NAMED—Thank you.



Staffing News



We wish to pass on our congratulations and best wishes to Miss Claire Bullock, class teacher of 1/2B, who got engaged to her partner Dave during the summer holidays. She is due to get married later this year.



We also welcome two new teaching assistants to our teaching team this term. Miss Holly McKeown, who is supporting pupils in Y3&4, and Miss Jess Mooney, who is working in Years 5&6. A warm welcome to them both on joining our staff team.

Cleaning up our local area

Earlier this month, Class 1/2J joined forces with pupils from Y4 at Heswall Primary School to tidy up the area of Whitfield Common. They had quite a job, with our pupils alone filling 9 bin bags of rubbish! During the visit they were joined by a special helper, a Womble from the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. The project is a continuation of 'The Big Project' which started last year. The aim of the project is to look at ways of how as a school we can improve and support our local community. A huge thank you to Miss Jones and her class for all of their hard work.



School Improvements

Another busy summer has seen a new boiler system installed, which will provide hot water and heating across the school. The eco-team hope this new installation will see a further reduction in our fuel costs. Inside school, the first floor has been refurbished with a full redecoration of the Year 3/4 corridor, incorporating Miss Harris and Miss Collins' classrooms. The landings and two staircases have been carpeted, covering the tiled floor, and this has seen a reduction of noise in this area. This is part of our on-going commitment to improve the school environment.



Chris Penn - Headteacher