

ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL

NEWS UPDATE – May 2016

SATS Week

The SATs tests for Year 2 and Year 6 take place between the 9th and 13th May. Parents of Year 6 pupils are requested to contact school as soon as possible if their child is unable to attend school during this week. It may be possible to re-arrange for them to take the test at a later time/date. If a Year 6 pupil misses a test (eg. a Maths paper) they will not be awarded an overall score for that subject.

Healthy Fortnight

This year will see a change to our usual 'Creativity' Week at the end of May. Instead, we will be having a 'Health' focus which will stretch over two weeks. The theme links to our School Vision and our commitment to 'promote healthy choices and lifestyles'.

During the two weeks, there will be a wide range of sporting and physical activities as well as learning opportunities about healthy eating and how we can look after ourselves. There will also be an opportunity for the children to work across the age-groups in their houses, as well as visitors and visits planned. We hope to be able to share some of our work from the week on our website.

As there will be a range of physical activities and games throughout the two weeks, children should come to school each day in their sports kit between Monday 16th May and Thursday 26th May.

Adult Team Uganda Mission 2016

On Thursday 26th May, members of staff, parents and governors will be flying out to Uganda as part of a team of 13 adults, for a two week mission working with three schools and their respective communities. The team includes myself, Miss Holly McKeown (Teaching Assistant), Mr Dan Thompson (Chair of Governors and parent), Revd Martin Cannam (Rector and parent) and Mr Daniel Cambridge (parent).

Thank you for the generous donations for our Bring and Buy sale, which raised £526.40 and also for the toothbrushes that have been coming in each day. We have already exceeded our target of 350, which is amazing. We will also be taking out letters and prayers written by some of our children and these will be shared with the children at our partner school Rock of Joy, Massaka.

Parent Feedback

Apologies for the delay in sending out the on-line parent survey, which has been due to some technical glitches. These have now been resolved and the survey will be forwarded to parents in the next few days. We really hope that you will be able to take the time to complete this short survey so that we have a good cross-section of opinions and thoughts from across the school and a range of families. I will provide a summary of the responses received later in the term.

Year 5 Parents Meeting

There will be two meetings on Wednesday 18th May for parents in Year 5. At 6pm there is a meeting to explain and share the materials on our Sex and Relationship Education programme that will be delivered to Y5/6 pupils later this term. This is also open to any Year 6 parents who would like to attend and didn't come to the meeting last year.

At 7pm we will be holding our Secondary Selection and 11+ Meeting for Y5 parents. We will be explaining the changes to the 11+ test arrangements as well as the process for applying for a secondary school place for your child.

Summer Concert

Our annual summer concert takes place on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm. The concert will showcase the range of musical talent at St. Peter's with individual and group performances, as well as a number of pieces from our school orchestra. Our school choir, Concordia, will also be performing and so we hope you can join us for what is always a popular and enjoyable evening.

Looking Ahead – June Work Celebration

In the first week after half term, we will be holding our annual work celebration. This will take place on **Wednesday 8th June** and will run throughout the afternoon as a 'drop-in' starting at 2.30pm through to 5pm. This is expected to be in your child's class, however at particularly busy times there will be overflow rooms/areas available. We know how much the children value this time and really hope that you will be able to join us at some point in the afternoon.

E-Payment System

From the start of the new school year we will be introducing ParentPay, a new electronic payment system for parents. This will include payment for school meals, trips and clubs and is intended to make paying for school related items much easier and more efficient. Over the last six months we have looked at a number of providers and visited local schools to see how it works in practice.

In preparation for using the new system in September, we will be sending out details of how to register and log-in to your account towards the end of this term. We have also arranged for ParentPay to be in school during the Work Celebration afternoon to enable parents to see how the system works.

INSET Day & Half Term

Friday 27th May is a staff training day (INSET day) and so pupils will break up for half term at 3.30pm on Thursday 26th May. School re-opens to pupils on Monday 6th June.

Chris Penn
HEADTEACHER