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Fortnightly Newsletter

What has been happening in school?

Another busy fortnight at St Peter's! Our harvest service took place in church on Monday 3rd October. The children were able to walk down to the church and share in our harvest celebrations, as well as get a close-up view of our St Peter's harvest scarecrow! Year 5 and 6 have also visited Tatton Park, to spend the day learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, their lives and their impact upon the United Kingdom. As always, our pupils were wonderfully well behaved and respectful on our trip. We have also had bikeability for our F2 and Y1 children, giving them those first key skills in riding their bikes. In addition, we have raised awareness of World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October, indoor athletics on Wednesday for some of our fabulous Year 3 children and hosted a Y5/6 Netball High 5 competition on Wednesday 4th October! Wow!



Staffing Appointments

We are pleased to be able to share with the school community that we have been successful in appointing a new School Business Manager. We were fortunate to get a range of strong candidates for the role, and school has appointed Mrs Elaine Adams to the position. Mrs Adams has been stepping in as our previous SBM since Mrs Welding left in May and has excelled in this role. Mrs Adams has been an asset to our school office team for a number of years, and will now continue to work within school as SBM. Congratulations Mrs Adams!



Lighthouse Church

Thursday 5th October saw the opening of the Lighthouse Church in Heswall. Shining with the light and love of Christ, the Lighthouse Church will be much more than an Anglican church and place of worship: it will offer welcoming spaces for everyone where community life can flourish; the building alive with established and new activities. Please visit <https://www.heswallparish.co.uk/115/Lighthouse-Church> to find out more about our new community church.

Bonfire & Fireworks Night Reminder!

Don't forget to buy your Early Bird tickets

before 14th October here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofstpetersheswall/1022053?>

We want school families to have the opportunity to buy first before we advertise the event more widely and the ticket price goes up, so make sure to get yours before the weekend!

A message to the school community from Friends of St Peter's



Now we're a few weeks into the new school year, I wanted to give an update on school fundraising and update everyone on the exciting plans we have in the pipeline (including the return of our famous Bonfire and Fireworks night!), as well as highlighting how the money raised in the last academic year has benefited our children.

Many parents will already be aware of the Friends of St Peters Association, which is our PTA. But if you're new to the school, its purpose is simple – to raise much needed funds to enrich and improve the school experience for our pupils, with the aim to have lots of fun together as a school community along the way!

In the past year, Friends raised over £10,000 for our school – a huge achievement only possible through YOU, the school community, who organised, volunteered at and attended over 17 events. These funds have helped to cover costs such as 700 new reading books, multimedia IT equipment and most excitingly, a brand-new playground area which is being constructed during half term.

It goes without saying that right now, every penny counts. We know that the current financial climate is putting extra pressure on families, and the community, and as a school we are feeling it too. School budgets are stretched further than ever and without the additional fundraising we're able to generate through Friends, we simply wouldn't be able to fund projects like new play equipment and Christmas parties. On this note, the school is here to support any families that are struggling at the moment, please don't hesitate to contact the school office in confidence by email or phone if you need some assistance.

Many hands make 'light' work, which is fitting – as we're about to relaunch our famous **Bonfire and Fireworks Night!** Taking place on **Saturday 4th November**, we are so excited to bring back this event for the first time since the pandemic, which has always brought together our school and local Heswall community so wonderfully. But we need **YOU** to make it happen.



Our Summer Fair was a huge success and raised £4,750, but we did struggle to get enough volunteers to run everything required – which meant some stalls closed early and others could only stay open when volunteers kindly stayed on beyond their allocated slots. So this is a plea for help to make this our most successful Bonfire Night yet – by sparing an hour, you really can make all the difference, creating a special event to remember and raising funds that will directly benefit all the children of St Peters. The types of things we'll need volunteers for are:

- ✓ Parents/grandparents/friends who can help takes turns to steward and marshal, run the gates and run stalls
- ✓ People to man the gates and welcome the community to the event
- ✓ Help with the set up and post event clean up

If you can spare some time in the run up to the event and/or to help on the day, please use the sign-up sheet here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4BA4AD23A6FB6-44348158-bonfire>, and there's also a WhatsApp group for the event that you can join to help with planning: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KXqv7HZO1RIJ1Emx9UVRPh>.

All your help and enthusiasm for our events and school is so hugely appreciated, so thank you in advance for your support - we are so excited for the year ahead and hopefully being able to host lots of new events to enjoy together. If you would like to get involved and know more about Friends, there is a fundraising

WhatsApp group we'd love you to join – please message **Helen Heyes on 07925993947** to be added. There's no minimum commitment, and new people and ideas are always welcome! The more people we have on board, the less work it is for everyone and the more our children benefit.

Look out for more information on our **Christmas** events – from **Wreath Making** to gift afternoons – soon, and here's to a brilliant 2023/2024 of St Peters school events and fundraising!

Here's a breakdown of how the money was raised, and what was spent in the last academic year:



FRIENDS OF ST PETERS 2022/23: WHAT WE RAISED





FRIENDS OF ST PETERS: HOW WE SUPPORTED OUR SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS PARTIES
£324



SENSORY ROOM EQUIPMENT
£215



INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD
£2,315



LITTLE WANDLE BOOKS
£700



SCIENCE EQUIPMENT
£300



HALL PROJECTOR
£840



YEAR 6 LEAVERS PARTY
£300



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PART PAYMENT
£8,000

NOTE: THE PLAY EQUIPMENT IS A LONGER TERM FUNDRAISING PROJECT WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT BEING RAISED OVER SEVERAL YEARS

ALL THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WE MAKE TOGETHER AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY TRULY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO OUR CHILDREN. HERE'S TO ANOTHER YEAR OF GREAT EVENTS TO SUPPORT GREAT SCHOOL EXPERIENCES!



Diary Dates:

Please see below for a brief overview of key dates for the next two weeks.

Week beginning Monday 16th: Parents Evening

Monday 16th October: Wirral Primary Schools Cross-country race (Y4-6) after school

Tuesday 17th October: Nasal Flu immunisation

Wednesday 18th October: Y5/6 Handball competition @ St Bridget's

Week beginning Monday 23rd October: Half Term

*Monday 30th October: INSET Day – school **CLOSED** to children*

Saturday 4th October: St Peter's Bonfire!

Kind regards,



Michael Parry

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Tuesday 31st October
5.30-7.30pm

at  THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Fun . Craft . Games
Face painting . Glitter tattoos
Snacks . Dancing . Songs

Wear your best superhero outfit or bright, neon clothes. Shine! (no scary costumes please)

Shine bright!
Be a superhero for the night!

For children in FS2– Year 4
Tickets £4 per child with accompanying adult.
Book using QR code or via Heswall Parish website.

