



# St. Peter's News

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### Happy Retirement Mrs Dainty

We will be saying a sad goodbye to our Deputy Head, Mrs Sue Dainty, who is retiring this Christmas after nearly 40 years in the teaching profession. During this time she has worked in a number of schools across the Wirral, teaching well over 1000 pupils. Mrs Dainty has been the Deputy Headteacher at St Peter's for the last eight years and during this time has taught across Key Stage 2 and primarily in Years 3/4.

One of her specific areas of expertise has been with SEN and she has taken a key role in providing high quality provision for Special Educational Needs and Gifted and Talented pupils, something that was highlighted in our recent Ofsted inspection. Mrs Dainty is highly thought of by pupils, parents and colleagues at St. Peter's and she will be sadly missed, along with her high heeled shoes and wonderfully creative and imaginative stories in Collective Worship!



I would like to thank Mrs Dainty for all that she has contributed to the life of our school over the last eight years and wish her a very long, happy and well deserved retirement. A special presentation was made to Mrs Dainty at the end of the school's Christmas Carol Service at St. Peter's Church by the Chair of Governors and myself. This was followed by a surprise reception which included colleagues and friends from the past 40 years.

A special tribute for a special teacher

### Defibrillator Installed



In November, Mark King from the Oliver King Foundation, and Oliver's father, came into school to talk to the pupils about how important a defibrillator can be in saving someone's life. He then presented the school with a defibrillator that we have been able to purchase thanks to funding from the Local Authority. Twelve members of staff have been trained and are qualified in using the equipment.



### Christmas at St. Peter's

Images from this year's Christmas Services, culminating in a whole school service at St. Peter's Church this week.



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## Sports Round Up

Well done to our Y1 football team who won the Wirral Tournament organised by Everton FC. They will now play in the Merseyside finals at Everton's training ground, Finch Farm, in the spring. Our Y2 team also did very well finishing 3rd overall in their competition.

The Year 5/6 Athletics team competed against 25 other Wirral schools recently. They performed well as a team and came third overall. This has secured the team a place at the Merseyside finals in Widnes representing Wirral schools. They will be joined by our Y6 Basketball team who after only one practice won the Wirral event and will also be competing in the finals in the spring term.

## New Storage for our Eco Team

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our neighbours and ex-parent, Karen Griffith, the eco-team have acquired a garden shed for all their tools and equipment. Mr Andrews, one of our parents, very kindly arranged to move and erect the shed at the side of school. The Eco team now hope to use some of the money raised from their Christmas 'Fairtrade' raffle to purchase some new gardening tools. They also plan to install a raised bed at the back of school to grow their own fruit and vegetables later in the year.



## Yellow fever for Pudsey

The pupils and staff really got into the spirit of things for this year's Children in Need day with a range of interesting and whacky outfits that saw them dressed in yellow, pyjamas or fancy dress. The week began with a series of cake sales with each year group taking part and organising their own sale. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support, generosity and donations during the week and especially on Friday. One of the highlights on the day was the 'Big Sing' event in the afternoon when each class performed a song of their choice to the rest of the school. The day began with a surprise visit from Pudsey himself who came along to lend his support. The range of different events, and particularly the many cakes you donated, helped us to raise just over £1000. Thank you.



## We will remember them

On the 11th November, the pupils and staff joined together for a special remembrance service and joined the nation in a two minute silence. This year was particularly poignant as it marked the centenary anniversary of the start of the First World War. Pupils from across the school have been learning about the events of the First World War during the last 12 months and pupils in Years 3&4 have studied World War Two as part of the overarching theme for the autumn term.

Earlier this year, we discovered a special memorial to ex pupils of St. Peter's CE School, who lost their lives in the First World War. We have had the memorial restored and it is now displayed permanently on the main corridor outside my office. At the end of the remembrance service a Reception and Year 6 pupil laid a poppy wreath alongside the memorial.



## Read all about it!

During November the Book Fair returned to school, a chance for children from across the school to look at a range of recently released books and stories, and the chance to buy one to read at home. Thank you to everyone who supported this term's event and purchased a book. The school receives commission from these sales which enables us to choose books for each class library, so that all of our children benefit from a selection of new books. The commission raised was £746. Thank you to Jo Jolly and the team of parents who helped to run the event.



**Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

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