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Fortnightly Newsletter

What's been happening in school?

School life is always busy, but in a church school, Christmas is really our busy season! We have had so much to celebrate over the last couple of weeks. We had our Year 3/4 Christingle church service on 30th November, which was the first time that we have drawn Christingle into the calendar. Christingle is a way of marking the beginning of Advent and the countdown towards Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus. Y3/4 were able to go to the church to make Christingles, with the help of Rachel Clark, our Children and Family Leader, and many parent volunteers and Heswall parishioners. We look forward to continuing to mark Christingle next year. We have also had our annual Gift Afternoon and Wreath Making take place, two lovely events organised by our amazing Friends of St Peter's committee!

Looking forward, we also have our KS1 and Foundation nativity performances to enjoy over the next two weeks, as well as having our Y5/6 children leading us through our Christmas Service at church, on the evening of Monday 18th December, as well as Christmas Dinner/Xmas Jumper day in school on Thursday 14th December. A busy time, lots to look forward to, and lots of reasons to be thankful at this wonderful time of year.

Online Safety

Attached is a newsletter from the National College, providing support and advice for parents regarding different elements of online safety. The attached information is about Disney+, which may well be relevant for many families at this time of year.

Also to the right is the age requirements for different social media and communication apps – we hope the information is useful to our families.



Attendance:

Our attendance for the first half term of the school year was **96.4%**! We are really pleased with this, as school attendance remains a priority for the Department for Education post-covid.

From half term until this week, we are at **96%** - every day counts!

Staffing Update

We have been able to successfully appoint Mrs Janine Darbyshire as Admin Assistant at the school. Mrs Darbyshire has a wealth of experience working in schools and has been working within school on a temporary basis for a number of weeks. We are delighted to have her on board and part of our St Peter's family.

Safety in the Car Park

We would ask that families come in through the left-hand pedestrian gate (as we face school) with their children, and cross the road on our zebra crossing to drop the children off in the yard. Parents can then leave via the right-hand gate (along the green railing). We often have visitors and staff coming and going throughout the day, and we want to keep our children as safe as possible. Mr Pryer will be directing parents and children to this one-way system – please assist us keeping the children as safe as possible by following this. Thank you!





We are hiring to join our team!
Senior Supervisory Assistant
Contract: Permanent
Part Time/Term Time Band C
Hours: 13.75 hours per week. 38 Weeks per year.

Ensuring a positive lunchtime experience for all
Application forms for the above post are available
online at www.wirral.gov.uk and
also from the school office.


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Countdown to Christmas...

Find 24 painted Advent rocks
around Heswall
and journey through the
Christmas Story.

Download a sheet
to record your finds from
www.heswallparish.co.uk
or call 0151 342 3471

rocks fun family joy
community friends



Diary Dates:

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

Monday 11th December—Dental Health Survey 5 Year olds (pm)

Tuesday 12th December—F1 Nativity, 9.15am

Wednesday 13th December—F2 Nativity, 9.15am

Wednesday 13th December—Y6 Bikeability catchup day

Wednesday 13th December—Y6 Indoor Athletics

Thursday 14th December—Christmas Dinner and Xmas Jumper day

Monday 18th December—KS1 Nativity (Y2 parents) 9.00

Monday 18th December—Y5/6 Church Service, 7pm

Tuesday 19th December—KS1 Nativity (Y1 parents) 9.00

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Bible Exhibition for Y6, pm in Hall

Friday 22nd December—Term finishes at 14.30

Kind regards,



Michael Parry

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A few photos from our Christingle-making last week—a really fabulous community event to add to our St Peter's calendar!

Year 5/6 have been developing their science skills recently, working together to separate materials! Great to see Science coming to life in the classroom!



Teamwork



PIC•COLLAGE

F2 enjoyed singing Christmas songs and sharing Christmas cards at Heathermount residential home this week—it was lovely for our children to spend some time with the residents and wonderful to see the two generations enjoying their time together!



ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS

Event Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Friends of St Peter's AGM 11:45am, St Peter's ITC Suite	5	6 Elfridges Gift Afternoon, 1.30 - 3.30pm £2.50 per gift (cash in named enveloped)	7 Wreath Making Workshop, 7 - 9pm, School Hall	8	9
10	11	12 Early Years Nativity 9:15 - 10:15am	13 F2 Nativity 9:15 - 10am School Hall	14 Christmas Jumper Day (no donation needed!) School Christmas Lunch (no other lunch options this day)	15 Christmas Raffle Draw	16
17	18 KS1 Nativity (Year 2 parents) 9:15 - 10am, School Hall Y5/6 Christmas Party 1:30pm Y5/6 Christmas Service 7 - 8:30pm, St Peter's Church	19 KS1 Nativity (Year 1 parents) 9:15 - 10am, School Hall Early Years Christmas Party 1:15pm Y6 Bible Exhibition 1:30 - 3:30pm	20 Christmas Church Service, 9:15 - 11am, St Peter's Church (whole school) F2, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party 1:30pm	21 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party 1:30pm	22 School term ends for Christmas. 2:30pm finish	23
24	25  Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30
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