

ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL

NEWS UPDATE – January 2015

Happy New Year

Welcome back to the start of the spring term and Happy New Year to you and your family. A particularly warm welcome to the new families that have joined our school in the last few weeks. The term is already well underway with lots to look forward to in the coming months. To keep updated on the latest news and events at St. Peter's, log on to the school website where you will find the most current information and key dates for your diary. These monthly updates will also highlight what has been happening in our school as well as what is coming up this month.

Welcome to new teaching staff

At the start of this term we welcome two new members to the teaching staff. Mrs Emma Birmingham joins the staff team as our new Foundation Stage leader and member of the Senior Leadership Team. Emma has been working with the Foundation team over the past 18 months and will bring a wealth of experience and expertise in the area of Early Years. Mrs Benson and Mrs Rimmer have resumed their job-share which will see the renaming of the two classes as F2BR and F2Bi. We also welcome Mr Dan Roberts who joins the Year 3/4 team as class teacher of 3/4D now known as 3/4R. Mr Roberts will also be providing support to Mrs Penn with our range of sports teams and provision.

Punctuality

Please can you ensure that your child arrives in school for 8.50am so that they have sufficient time to get to their classroom and be ready to start the day for 9am. There are still quite a number of children arriving at school for 9am which inevitably makes them late and missing registration. It can be really unsettling for children to miss the very start of the day and this can easily be resolved by arriving for 8.50am.

Thank you for your generous gifts

We had an amazing response to this year's appeal for donations of Christmas presents. A total of 245 gifts were donated and these were gratefully received by the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead. The representatives were overwhelmed by the kindness shown by our pupils in thinking of other children at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to donate a gift this year.

Spring Term Calendar and Year-band curriculum booklets

The calendar for this term has been updated on the website calendar. A curriculum booklet providing information for parents, including an overview of the topics that will be covered this term in each year-band, will also be published on the website.

Friends make further ICT Investment

The school have been given the go ahead to purchase a further three Smart Interactive Whiteboards thanks to fundraising from the Friends of St. Peter's. This has been made possible following a number of successful events during the autumn term and will

compliment the three boards funded by Friends last year. It is hoped the new technology will be in place in each of the year bands in the coming weeks.

Friends Quiz Night

The first fundraising event of this term takes place on Friday 30th January and sees the return of the 'Pub Quiz'. This has been a real success in the past and a fun and enjoyable evening with friends, with the chance to test your general knowledge and music trivia. Tickets are priced at £5 and include light refreshments. Information relating to the evening has already been sent out via e-mail; please contact the office for further details.

Class Assemblies

The two class assemblies scheduled for this month are:-

Miss Jones' Class 1/2J at 9.15am on Wednesday 22nd January

Miss Ball's Class 5/6B at 9.15am on Wednesday 29th January

Parents of children from either class are welcome to join us for these

Meetings for Parents – Dates for Your Diary

A number of key meetings have been scheduled for this term to provide parents with important information. Further information will follow for each meeting nearer the time but it is worth keeping the dates that are relevant free. The meetings include:-

Y5 Parents	11+ & Secondary Selection	Wednesday 28 th January	6.30pm
All Parents	New Assessment Format Years 1-6	Wednesday 11 th February	6pm & 7pm
Y2 Parents	SATs information & Barnstondale	Wednesday 25 th February	6pm
Y5/6 Parents	Y6 Residential to Manor Adventure	Thursday 5 th March	6pm
All Parents	Parent & Teacher Meetings	Monday 16 th & Wednesday 18 th March	

Adverse Weather

During this time of year we occasionally experience adverse weather that in recent years has been so severe that it has been necessary for school to close. Although such a circumstance is quite rare, it is important that information regarding potential closure is communicated to parents swiftly and in good time. The most effective way for us to do this is through the 'important message' bar on the school's homepage. Messages, including updates, will be posted here periodically in the unlikely event of school not being able to open. Where possible, this will also be communicated through our text message service.

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