

# **ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL**

## **NEWS UPDATE – July 2015**

### **Staffing News - Retirements**

Mrs Karen Creedon, who has been part of our teaching staff at St. Peter's for the past 31 years, will be taking early retirement at the end of this term. Mrs Creedon's outstanding length of service, that spans over three decades, has been solely as a teacher at our school. During this time, Mrs Creedon has taught across every year group from Foundation (or Reception as it was known then) to Year 6. She has had a number of responsibilities that includes playing an influential part in supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs.

More recently, Mrs Creedon has led our highly-active Eco-team and her enthusiasm and innovation working with the pupils and the eco-members on new projects, was rewarded last year with the Green Flag Award. Further projects have continued this year. I would like to thank Mrs Creedon for her hard work and dedicated service to all the St. Peter's children from across the different age groups over the last 31 years and the significant contribution she has made to both them and to our school. Thank you so much for all that you have done and we send our best wishes for a very long and happy retirement.

Mrs Rimmer will also be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs Rimmer has been a teacher at St. Peter's since 2003 and prior to this worked at our school as a support assistant for two years in the 1990's. Mrs Rimmer has worked across the Early Years during her time at our school, teaching in both Foundation 2 and Years 1&2. She is well known for being both imaginative and creative and is always looking for opportunities to incorporate 'cooking' into her teaching. This is something our class have really enjoyed this year! She has also run our successful and popular Art club for the past few years creating some 'weird and wonderful' masterpieces!

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Rimmer for her contribution to our Early Years education over the last twelve years and send our best wishes as she retires this summer to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Thank you from us all.

### **New Chair of Governors**

I would like to offer further thanks to Mrs Jill Street, who has been our Chair of Governors this school year. Mrs Street has been a member of the Governing Body since 2008, following a long and successful teaching career, including as Deputy Headteacher at Oxton St Saviours. She took on the Chair of Governors role temporarily in September, following Rev. Gibbs appointment as Bishop of Huddersfield, and during her tenure she led the Governing Body and the school successfully through our OFSTED inspection in November. Mrs Street has opted to step down from the Governing Body to be able to spend more time looking after her new grandchild. We would like to thank Mrs Street for her wonderful support and encouragement during her association with our school. Mr Dan Thompson, parent of Jemima and Kitty and previously Vice-Chair, succeeds Mrs Street as our new Chair of Governors.

### **End of Term**

The end of the school year is fast approaching and yet there is still plenty happening over the next couple of weeks. I have detailed the key information and dates overleaf for you.

## **KS2 Sports Afternoon**

Our Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon takes place this Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1.15pm. The children in Years 3 to 6 will be taking part in a range of traditional races and events on the track and will be competing for points for their respective Houses. Parents and family are welcome to attend and feel free to bring your own rugs and chairs to sit on. If the weather is bad we will put a note on the school website and will make a decision to postpone by 12pm on the Monday. The reserve day for KS2 sports is on the Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **FS2/KS1 Sports Afternoon**

The children in Foundation 2 and Years 1/2 will be taking part in a carousel of sport and games activities on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting. The afternoon will begin at 1.15pm with some Pre-school Races before our children commence their activities and challenges moving around with their designated group. Parents and family members are welcome to watch and encourage their child during the afternoon by walking around the outside of the field with their child's group as they move to the different activity stations. If the weather is bad, we will put a note on the school website and will make a decision to postpone by 12pm on the Thursday, the reserve day is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Summer Fair & Summer Ball**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to and supported our Summer Fair last month, it is believed to have raised approximately £6500. The Summer Ball takes place this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and I'm sure it will also be a hugely enjoyable and successful event, whilst raising further funds for school projects. I would particularly like to thank Daryl Bertram and the members of the social committee for their hard work, not just for these events, but throughout the school year. We really appreciate the time, energy and enthusiasm you put in to raising important funds for the school and for the benefit of all of our children. Thank you so much.

## **Transition Morning & New Classes**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, the children will be spending the morning with their new classes and, for those moving into a new year-band, their new class teacher. A great deal of time and consideration is afforded by the teachers when determining the groupings for next year. The transition morning has proved to be hugely beneficial to our children, particularly those moving to a new class as they come to spend the morning with their new teacher, which helps to prevent the anxiety and stress that can sometimes occur for a very small minority of children.

## **Building Project – New Extension**

I am delighted to be able to confirm that our school has secured funding for phase two of the extension project at the front of school. This will see a new staffroom being built on the balcony area at the front of school. In addition to this, a new staircase will be built that will provide pupil only access through the KS2 doors at the front of school. The staircase will run adjacent to the two front classrooms and provide access from the playground.

The new staffroom will enable the existing staffroom to be converted into a multi-use learning hub in the centre of school. It will provide a flexible space, creating two smaller areas for group and intervention work, as well as one large space that can be used as a small classroom. It will also provide a much needed room for meetings with professionals, staff and parents. It is anticipated that the work will begin in January 2016; further information relating to this will be published in the autumn.

### Leavers Service

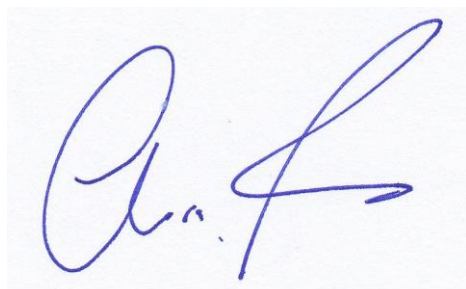
The annual Leavers' Service for our Year 6 pupils will take place at St. Peter's Church on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. The service will be led by myself and the Year 5/6 Teachers, including a special song from Concordia and the pupils in Year 5. All are welcome to attend to support our Year 6 as they prepare to leave St. Peter's and move on to their secondary schools.

### Final Day – Leavers' Assembly

The final day of term is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. There will be a special Leavers' Assembly led by our Year 6 pupils to which their parents and family are able to attend. **The school day will finish at 2.30pm as we close for the summer break.**

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the life of our school over the past twelve months in so many different ways. There have been many highlights and successes to celebrate and we very much look forward to all the exciting opportunities and plans that lie ahead for the new school year 2015/16. I would particularly like to thank our dedicated and hard-working staff team for their professionalism and support during the year.

Finally, can I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful summer and look forward to working with you all again in September.

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**Chris Penn**  
**HEADTEACHER**