

# ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL

## NEWS UPDATE – June 2015

### Staffing News

We welcome back Miss Bullock as the new 'Mrs Hesketh', following her marriage to Mr Dave Hesketh during the holiday. I am also delighted to announce that Miss Jones and her partner Mr Daniel Bass got engaged at half-term and they are planning their wedding for summer 2016. We pass on our congratulations, love and best wishes to both teachers.

The new school year will see some changes and new faces to our teaching team. As previously reported, Mrs Sara Cookson has been appointed as our second Assistant Headteacher and will move to Years 3&4 as team leader from September. I am pleased to announce that Miss Hannah Rowlands has been appointed and will join the Year 5&6 teaching team. Hannah is already very familiar with our school being an ex-pupil at St. Peter's and previously being involved with Junior Church at St. Peter's. We will also be welcoming Miss Emma Buckle who will be our new Foundation 2 teacher joining Mrs Birmingham in the FS2 team.

### Work Celebrations

This year we are doing things slightly differently! The work celebration for Years 1 to 6 will take place on the same afternoon. Hopefully this will make it easier for those with siblings in the school to see all of your children on the same day. Our work celebration is an opportunity for your child to share their work with you from this school year.

The celebration takes place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** and will run throughout the afternoon as a 'drop-in' starting at 2.30pm through to 5pm. This is expected to be in your child's class, however at particularly busy times there will be overflow rooms/areas available. We know how much the children value this time and really hope that you will be able to join us at some point in the afternoon.

The two Foundation classes will be holding their own open afternoon for FS2 parents on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June between 2pm and 5pm. This is also a 'drop-in' session and a chance to see your child's work and for them to share what they have been learning during this year.

### Summer Concert & Anniversary Celebration

Our annual summer concert takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm and this year will be held at Heswall Hall. This year's concert is particularly special as it marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school orchestra. The concert will showcase the range of musical talent at St. Peter's with individual and group performances, as well as a number of pieces from our school orchestra. Our school choir, Concordia, will also be performing and there will be a couple of guest appearances from some of our ex-pupils. Tickets can be obtained from the school office. We hope you can join us for what is always a popular and enjoyable evening.

## **Summer Fair**

Our annual Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a range of events taking place in the centre of the playground and on the field throughout the afternoon, as well as the usual stalls and activities around the school grounds and in the hall for you to enjoy. As in previous years, there will be a selection of food and drink available, catering for all tastes.

The Summer Fair is one of the main events organised by the Friends of St. Peter's and is a key fundraiser, with the money raised directly benefiting the pupils of St. Peter's School. A great deal of help and support is needed from the whole school community, prior to the event, during the event and also afterwards with help tidying up. Please look out for further information in the coming weeks of how you can get involved.

## **Y5/6 Parents – SRE Talk**

There is a meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm for Y5/6 parents to provide information about the 'Puberty - Growing and Changing' unit as part of our Sex and Relationship Education. The talk will provide an overview of the unit as well as an opportunity to view the DVD materials that we will be using with both the girls and boys. The school nurse will be supporting staff in the delivery of the programme. This is a repeat of the meeting we held for Y5/6 parents last year.

## **New Parents Meeting and Buddy Afternoon**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June we will be welcoming our new Foundation 2 in-take to St. Peter's. The children will be spending the afternoon meeting the class teachers and their Y5 'buddy,' whilst taking part in a range of activities around the school. In the evening at 7pm, there is a meeting for our new FS2 parents explaining important information that will help to prepare their child for starting school and what to expect in their first year. Light refreshments will be served and, following the talk, there will be an opportunity to sample the school meal provision and spend time meeting the Foundation 2 teaching staff.

## **Y4 Colomendy Trip**

Our Year 4 residential trip to Colomendy has been scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Y3 pupils and their parents are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm where we will be sharing further information and finalising details of this year's programme.

## **Y2 Residential to Barnstondale**

Our Year 2 pupils are looking forward to their residential to Barnstondale later this month. They will be taking part in a range of activities including climbing, den building a nature walk, camp fire and 'super-soaker' challenge. The trip takes place between 24-25 June.

## **School Production – Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies**

This year's school production performed by our Y5/6 pupils will be Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, a musical performance based on the story of Robin Hood. The performances will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Further details regarding ticket sales will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

### Proposed Change to School Games Kit

Following discussions with staff, parents, through the Friends' Committee and with pupils, through School Council, we are proposing to introduce a St. Peter's tracksuit across the school from September to be worn for Games lessons. The tracksuit will consist of a royal blue sweatshirt with the school badge (currently already worn by a number of pupils) and royal blue jogging bottoms.

The rationale behind this change is to enable pupils to come to school in their tracksuit on the day they have PE/Games. This will maximise the learning time in the lesson as pupils won't need to get changed at the start and end of the lesson. It will also drastically reduce occasions of kit being mislaid or left at home. Such an initiative has worked successfully at a number of our local schools and it is felt that it will benefit our pupils as well.

We plan to trial the principle with four classes during this last half term. Pupils in 1/2C, 3/4R, 3/4C and 5/6AP will be able to come to school in their own track suit on the day they have Games. If successful and approved by the Governing Body, we plan to introduce it for September. I have already been in contact with Cain of Heswall to source a cost-effective 'tracksuit' that meets our requirements. I will write to confirm if this change is to take place, later in the term.

### INSET Days for 2015/16

The INSET days for the next academic year were sent out early this term. These are the five staff training days that are allocated during the school year when pupils do not attend. As a reminder the dates are;-

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

The term dates for next year can be found on the school website under

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