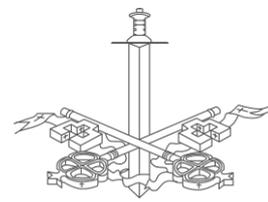


# Ss PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



“To grow in knowledge and love, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus”

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 31st OCTOBER 2017

## Welcome back!

Already we are into our second half term and I am sure you will agree that time has simply flown by. The last half term was very busy and full of exciting activities. We are so proud of how the children have settled into their new classes and the super effort they are putting into their learning. We focussed last half term on our Christian values of responsibility and unity, and it is heartening to see the children making conscious decisions to demonstrate this within our school community starting with simple things like looking after their personal belongings. We will continue encouraging them in this way as I am sure you will at home. Thank you to all your children who so willingly offer their help in and around school.

## Harvest

The children thoroughly enjoyed coming to school in bright clothes for Harvest and we are very grateful to you for your immense generosity in sending in food for the Foodbank and also donations for Cafod. The children learnt about life in El Salvador where people are growing their way out of poverty. An impressive £200.20 was raised. Thank you. Together, we can make a huge difference to so many in our world. The foodbank also benefited from the very generous collection brought in by the children.

## Core Value

We continue this month to explore unity. The children reflected on how much more choice of delicious foods we have than people had long ago. We are fortunate because we live in a country where most people have enough to eat. In fact there's enough food in the world for everyone, but it's not shared out fairly. Helping by giving to charities like CAFOD, that provide food for famine areas, and by purchasing Fairtrade foods where farmers are paid a fair price for the food they grow, are simple but powerful ways to show our unity with those less fortunate than us. These lines from the song by Bernadette Farrell remind us we all belong.

*You have called us by our name, we belong to you.  
You have called us by our name and we are yours.*

## Year 6 Secondary Applications

The closing date for applications for secondary school places in September 2018 is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. You are encouraged to apply online at your local authority's website which is [www.wirral.gov.uk](http://www.wirral.gov.uk). If you have asked for your child to be assessed for grammar school education, please do not submit your online application until after you have received the outcome of the tests (21<sup>st</sup> October) as this may affect the schools you give as a preference. Remember to complete section B (Applicants to Catholic Schools: Supplementary information) if you are applying to catholic schools, or your application will not be ranked correctly. The Parental Preference Form can be accessed here:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/schools%20and%20learning/School%20admissions/Secondary%20School%20Place%20Application%20Form%202018-2019.pdf>

Please contact the office if you have any questions or difficulties with your application

## Our Foundation 2 Children

The F2 children have made an excellent start to the school year. They have settled very well into routines and busy jobs, it feels as if they have always been with us! At the end of last half term we welcomed their parents and families to our school when we joined with the children at their special 'Welcome Assembly.' It is always a really exciting day as we are introduced to each of the children and what they already enjoy about school. We are grateful to their Year 5 reading partners who have been busy getting to know our new children.



## Little Acorns

Our new children have settled well into Little Acorns and transitions into pre-school have been smooth. During the Autumn term, Little Acorns have been focussing on friendship and their Sunshine Rules: being kind, sharing and taking turns. Children have been exploring Autumn and the changes we can see in the environment. We celebrated Diwali, the festival of light, making diva lamps to take home.

[www.stpeter-stpauls.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.stpeter-stpauls.wirral.sch.uk)

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### Big Sing Liturgy Thing

The Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their day when they joined with children from the other Wallasey Catholic Primary schools to celebrate and praise God. They looked at how special they are and how each of us has been called to make a difference in our world. We are very grateful to Jo Boyce and CJM music who led us throughout the day.

### Father Tom

We are delighted to welcome Fr Tom to our school and Parish, he has joined Fr Phil as an assistant priest at Holy Apostles and Martyrs. We are thrilled that he is here and we are looking forward to him joining us whenever he can.

Thank you to Fr Phil and Fr Tom for celebrating our Welcome Mass with us, we are sure that together we will all do our best to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

### Parish Links

#### Mass Times- Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church

**Saturday** 6:00pm Mass

**Sunday** 9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass with children's liturgy

#### **Baptisms**

Preparation for Baptism takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. The meetings are held at St Alban's Parish Centre at 2pm. All are welcome.

### Attendance this half term

As you know, it is very important for the children to attend school at all times so thanks to all parents/carers for your continued commitment to ensuring the best attendance for our children. Each Friday during assembly, we celebrate the class that has achieved the best attendance for that week. Well done to Class 1M for best attendance overall this half term.

#### **Attendance averages for the first half term**

F2T - 97%

F2B/W - 95%

Y1M - 98.02%

Y1/2 B - 97%

Y2H - 96%

Y3B - 97%

Y3/4C - 96%

Y4R/D - 97.7%

Y5G - 97%

Y5/6G - 95%

Y6H - 97.5%

**REMEMBER ... THE GREATER THE ATTENDANCE,  
THE GREATER THE ACHIEVEMENT**

### PTA EVENTS THIS HALF TERM

- Coffee meeting for F2 Parents Monday 13th November a chance to meet the PTA and other new parents.
- A surprise event where there may be the chance to meet Santa, do some crafts and buy a few simple gifts Friday 24th & Sat 25th November tbc
- Christmas movie night: Friday 1st December – an opportunity to spend the evening with friends watching a classic Christmas film and eating popcorn!
- Christmas Bingo: Friday 8th December – for anyone who hasn't seen Mr Meadows in action..... this is a must see evening

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

See the Calendar on our School Website.

**Class assemblies:** Parents/families are welcome to attend their child's class assembly

- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> November New Parent visit 9am.
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> November Y5/6G assembly 9.10am.
- ❖ 13<sup>th</sup> November PTA coffee morning for F2 Parents
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> November 1/2B assembly 9.10am
- ❖ 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2HG assembly 9.10am
- ❖ 29<sup>th</sup> November 4RD assembly 9.10am

### *Autumn, the season of harvest*

To everything there is a season  
And a time to every purpose  
Under the heaven  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

