

SS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

'Learning Together, Achieving Together in Christ'



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Message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to the school this term, both before and after the 8th March return. Your children have been a credit to you all in the way they have engaged with their studies since being back in school. They have relished seeing all of their friends again and re-forming as a school community.

It does seem strange that we are already at the point of the Easter holidays, so I do hope that both you and your children will indeed see this coming fortnight as a break from school and not simply a return to home learning and isolation. With the changes in pandemic regulations, it will be important for the children to get as much fresh air and exercise as possible, so do make the most of the weather and get outside (despite the risk of rain and dipping temperatures for the beginning of next week!).

At the beginning of next term, we will be sending out questionnaires to you asking about your expectations of our Catholic school, where you see the strengths and what else you would like to see in order to improve the school's Catholic ethos. Once collated we will be working with many stakeholders across the school, including children, to help shape and form the vision for our school of the future.

Until then, may I wish you a blessed Easter Triduum and time to reflect upon the centrality of our Christian faith - the resurrection of Our Lord. May I also wish you well for the fortnight after Easter.

With all of God's blessings,

Mr D Hennessey, Headteacher

Dates for the diary

19th April	Return to school
3rd May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 10th May	STEAM week
14th May	Pyjama day
Week beginning 17th May	Parents evenings
24th-26th May	Balance bike training
Week beginning 28th June	Mosaic workshop
29th June	SS Peter and Paul day
Week beginning 5th July	Mosaic workshop
9th July	INSET day
12th July	Year 6 school journey

Donations required

Bicycle Helmets: Pre-loved bicycle helmets of any size would be gratefully received in the Early Years, to support good bike practice and ensuring all children wear a helmet when using the bicycles in the playground. If you can, please donate via the school office, where they will be quarantined.

DVD player: If you have a working DVD player that you are willing to give to school we would gratefully receive it.

Thank you

Today Siobhan McDonagh, our local MP, brought Easter Eggs, donated by Sainsbury's to school.

Thank you to Sainsbury's for the generous donation.

Happy Easter



Breakfast Club and After School Club.

The are still places available for the After School Club.

If you are interested please contact the school office for more information and speak to Mrs New.

We have limited places in Breakfast Club.

Spaces are available for children who are eligible for 30 hours nursery provision

Marvellous Me

Currently, 240 people have signed up to Marvellous Me - meaning that 62% of all parents are receiving positive messages about their children. This is an app that we are using to share children's achievements and hard work with you. You will be able to receive an alert to inform you. Please check your child's bag for a letter with your unique code, if you have not already signed up.






Dates for your APRIL diary

We are taking part in



⊕ 'Wheels on Wednesday' ⊕

RETURNS

 When	Wednesday 21 st April, Wednesday 28 th April
 What	Cycle or scooter to school  Use your wheels to get to school, share your journey with us (take a picture of you travelling to school, we will share on our Instagram page) Send Photos to office@sspp.merton.sch.uk
 Why	Promoting active positive travel. Reducing our carbon emissions and impact on local community and environment
 Things to know	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remember your helmet, all helmets needed for cycling or scootering.We have bike and scooter racks at school

Lateral Flow Test

Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff -

Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils, will be able to access twice weekly lateral flow COVID testing for the adults. These can be accessed using one of the following methods:

Booking a lateral flow device tests in Merton [Book a rapid test for coronavirus \(lateral flow test\) \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/rapid-testing)

Collecting a home test kit (contains 14 tests). Click to find your nearest collection site [COVID Test Finder \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.test-and-trace.nhs.uk) More local sites are being added

Order a home test kit online (if you are unable to get to a test site or collect a test kit) [Schools testing: Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/schools-testing)

This is a national programme. We will pass on further information as it is released. For more information: [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/rapid-lateral-flow-testing)

Stations of the Cross

During the past few weeks, children across the school have produced exceptional art work to depict the Stations of the Cross. These, along with reflections read by the children from Years 5 and 6, have been placed on the school website—within the Religious Education section. We would encourage all of you to take time during this Holy Week and the Easter Triduum to share the Stations of the Cross with your children.

Click here to view the [Stations of the Cross](#).

Packed lunches / school dinners

We ask that you give one week's notice if your child wants to change their meal pattern i.e. move from packed lunch to school dinner or vice versa, or alter the days a school dinner is taken. The catering staff order the food a week in advance and need to ensure that there is enough for the children who have requested a hot meal.

PE Kits

We ask that you provide your child with their house colour t-shirt and a plain black or navy tracksuit, top and bottoms.

We appreciate that it has been a challenge to purchase new clothes for your child recently if you did not already have these. The Easter holidays should give you the time to buy them in readiness for the Summer term.

Allergies

A reminder to all parents that we are a nut-free school, as there are some children with severe allergies - the nut oils in the air can cause strong allergic reactions. Please can you avoid nut products in packed lunch boxes.

Term Dates 2020/2021

	Start	Finish
Spring Term 2	Monday 22nd February	Wednesday 31st March (early finish time)
Easter break	Thursday 1st April	Friday 16th April
Summer Term 1	Monday 19th April	Friday 28th May
Half term break	Monday 31st May	Friday 4th June
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June	Friday 23rd July (early finish time tbc)

School CLOSED: Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday) Friday 9th July (Staff Training)

Summer term commences on Monday 19th April 2021

Charity money raising

Thank you to your generous donations

This half term we have raised:

£337.74 for Red nose Day



£351.18 for CAFOD:

I'M WALKING
FOR WATER
WITH CAFOD



Attendance

Week ending

26/03/20

31/03/20

Group	% Attend
St Martha	94.2
St Matthew	93.8
St Brigid	99.2
St Gregory	93.2
St Clare	97.3
St Martin	92.3
St John Bosco	92.9
St Marie	96.3
St Francis	99.3
St Margaret	97.8
St Christopher	93.8
St Josephine	95.4
St Daniel	94.8
St Joan	99.2
Average	95.8

Group	% Attend
St Martha	90.4
St Matthew	99.2
St Brigid	99.4
St Gregory	94.7
St Clare	99.1
St Martin	94.1
St John Bosco	99.4
St Marie	100.0
St Francis	98.8
St Margaret	98.8
St Christopher	94.7
St Josephine	97.4
St Daniel	94.8
St Joan	99.3
Average	97.3