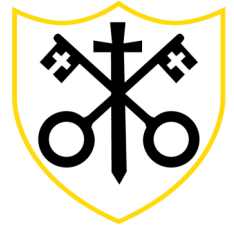


SS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

'Learning Together, Achieving Together in Christ'

Edition 10 29th April 2021



Message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents

There has been excitement galore in our school this week as we have taken charge of some chicken's eggs to hatch. Although they are situated in the Reception year group as part of a topic on Life Cycles, they have captured the attention of many of the children who walk past that area - staff and visitors too! They have given us all a timely reminder that we are still in the Easter season and celebrating the newness of life. It is a lovely time of year and has been good to see your children spending lots of time outdoors over these last two weeks. This sense of renewal is taking us forward to the powerful feast day of Pentecost soon.

Regarding renewal - I offer thanks to all the parents who completed the vision questionnaires. This was your chance to help shape the school's direction. The children and staff have also contributed, so we will be collating the findings and work on a renewed sense of purpose as a Catholic school in the near future.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Miss Allardyce has decided to leave the school after 27 years. She has been a dedicated and valued member of staff, bringing positivity into the lives of many of our children. We wish her well for her future plans and offer our prayers of thanks for her service. We are putting a collection together for her, so if you wish to make a contribution, please send in any donations to the school office.

Wishing you well for a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend - and blessings for the month of May ahead.

Mr D Hennessey, Headteacher

Forthcoming dates for the diary

3rd May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 10th May	STEAM week
11th May	NSPCC Number Day
14th May	Pyjama day
18th/20th 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

Breakfast Club, After School Club and "Thirty Hours" Nursery provision.

There 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. Please contact Ms Mehmet via the school office.

New Bike Rack

You must have noticed our new bike rack in front of the school office! Thanks to the efforts of Mrs Smith-Norris and all of the children cycling and scooting to school, we have been presented with this cycle store.

We do encourage children to scoot or cycle to school whenever possible so as to keep traffic to a minimum.

Please remember not to park on the zigzags and double yellow lines outside the school - not only does it cause danger for children and families, it is illegal.

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.

Marvellous Me

Currently, 242 people have signed up to Marvellous Me - meaning that 80% 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 - or contact the school office.

Reception and Year 1 parents

Our Education Wellbeing Service is offering Parents and Carers a **free webinar on Supporting Ongoing Transitions for our Younger Children**

Kindly find below an Eventbrite link where you can sign up for free and find more details:- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-ongoing-transitions-parents-primary-school-webinar-tickets-152106812571>

Playscripts in Year 4

We are studying a new genre of writing, playscripts. We started by looking at the features of a playscript and role-playing a familiar story, before collaboratively writing a play script based on one scene of our new story, The Lighthouse Keeper's Son. We look forward to acting out and editing our script.



Bike training

Cycling training for Year 6 Bike-ability level 2 will be happening 17th—21st May. Letters will be coming out in a few weeks. Spaces are limited so book early!

You will need your own bike and helmet.

Balance bike training for all Reception children will take place 24th-26th May 2021. Letters will be sent in a few weeks.

The Big Pedal 2021

Well done 'Wheelers'. WOW what a Wednesday!

The bike racks were bursting at the seams.

Keep up the great work; of active travel to school and reducing car pollution in our local area.

Each journey you make makes a huge difference.

Life Cycles of Creatures

Reception are currently incubating eggs, and have chrysalises.

Exciting times ahead, with the anticipation of the next steps.

See our [Instagram](#) for pictures and updates.



Feeling the Holy Spirit

The children in Reception went outside to feel the Holy Spirit. Bubbles were blown to support them to see the Holy Spirit too.



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Free Family Learning for Merton residents

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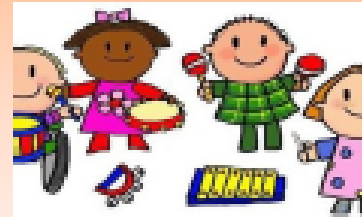


Music and Story Telling

Wednesdays 10am to 12 21st April to 26th May

For parents /carers with babies and or pre-school children

Join us on Wednesday mornings, meet other families and help your little ones to socialise on line. Build your own and your child's self-confidence, have fun singing and develop your story telling skills.



Parenting Skills, developing your strategies and understanding

Thursdays 6-8pm 29th April to 27th May , for parents / carers without children

Over 5 sessions we will;



- Identify the roles, responsibilities and the long term goal of a parent/carer.
- Recognise how the parenting role changes as their children grow and develop.
- Identify family values to underpin a Loving Discipline approach.
- Practice tools and strategies to encourage independence and responsibility.

Reading to a Child

Fridays 10am –12.30 7th May to 18th June

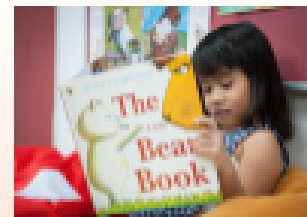
(no class on 4th June) For adults

On this course you will make puppets, props and a saddle stitch book to tell different stories. You will also develop your self-confidence and learn how to bring a story to life and have fun.

The course is great for those interested in childcare, parents/carers/childminders. Many learners have commented that this course helped them feel more confident at work and at interviews!

Suggested materials for sessions – A notes book, pen and paper.

You will need to start to gather some materials, for example- children's books, felt tip pens, coloured pencils, embroidery silks, cotton, wool, needles, scissors, card, glue and plan/ coloured paper.



For all of these courses you will need a smartphone or computer with Internet access.

For more information or to book a place please text or email,

Hayley on 07810 836811

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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-lateral-flow-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)

Mobile phone parental controls

If your child has a mobile phone, you may wish to limit what they are able to view or the length of time that they are permitted to use it.

Below is a link to the National Online Safety website.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/search?search=Parental%20Controls&sort=new&cat=&type=resource&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=NOS-WakeUpWednesday-ParentalControls

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.

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
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)

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Gospel Teaching

This weekend's Gospel is the famous "I am the vine; you are the branches" speech from Jesus, in John's Gospel.

We can all learn a lot from this reading. Click here for the [Wednesday Word](#) link to assist in your teaching at home.

It was St Catherine of Siena's feast day on Thursday and we shared one of her quotes with the staff at our morning briefing:

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Attendance

Week ending

23/04/2021

30/04/2021

Group	% Attend
St Martha	97.5
St Matthew	99.0
St Brigid	99.2
St Gregory	98.4
St Clare	96.3
St Martin	94.7
St John Bosco	98.9
St Marie	99.3
St Francis	97.8
St Margaret	96.7
St Christopher	97.6
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St Daniel	97.9
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