



Newsletter Friday 18th October

Dear parents

We have really enjoyed our first half term back in school and it has been great to welcome new children and families into school. Reception children have settled in very quickly and it has been lovely to see them all making friends with each other. This week, children also led our worship and it was wonderful to see how confident the children were at the front of the hall.



Staffing Update

This week we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hill as she starts her well-deserved retirement. Mrs Hill has worked in our school kitchen for many years, usually serving the children their puddings. She is also a familiar face to many at the start and end of the day seeing everyone safely across the road. We would like to say a huge THANKYOU for her service in school and the local community; we wish Mrs Hill all the very best as she prepares to hand over her lollipop!



School Start Time September 2024 – A reminder that **our official start time is 8.50am** and children need to be in class by this time to avoid getting a late mark.

Attendance – Changes to the government's attendance policy mean that we have to apply for penalty notices for unauthorised absences, particularly those from holidays in term time. There is more detailed information on this, which we have put on the website for you to refer to. Office staff need to have confirmation of any medical appointments e.g letter/text to be able to record this as medical absence.

<https://st-peter-and-st-pauls-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/attendance/>



Pupil Premium – If any financial circumstances have changed for your family, please check if you are entitled to pupil premium, which means your child may be entitled to free school meals (from year 3) If you have a child in the infants this also needs to be applied for to receive other benefits such as food vouchers over holidays and access to free holiday clubs

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/pupil-premium/>

Sarah Smith, MP for Hyndburn and Haslingden, has visited school and talked to the children about her new role, providing the children with opportunity to ask her lots of questions. Sarah also had a meeting with school councillors and found out about issues in the local community they would like to see improved.



Parents Evening – Children in our school are extremely lucky to have such supportive families and it was wonderful to see so many proud parents in school over the last week. If you missed coming into school, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a catch up with them.

Family Friday visits are a wonderful opportunity for parents to see what has been happening in class each week and to complete activities with the children. As it is so busy in year 1 and year 2, we have decided it would be better to do this alternate weeks for these year groups so that additional staff can help out. Year 1 will be the first class to have families in on the first week back. *Please use the door from the playground into the shared infant area to access the year 1 or year 2 classroom when it is your turn to visit.* All other classes will continue as usual with weekly visits.



Worship at St Peter and St Paul's

This half term we started the year off by reflecting on our school ethos of being rooted and grounded in love before moving on to God's Big Story. We have learnt about Creation, The Fall and People of God. The Big Questions we have been mulling over have certainly made everyone think and have included:

How are you/we rooted and grounded in love?

Rules – what happens when we break them?

What does peace look like? Feel like? Sound like? Smell like?

Pride and boasting – a good thing?

What trust do you put in God?

What does it feel like to be trapped? Rescued?

What are you thankful for?



Thank you for all your contributions for the Foodbank, which we took to our Harvest service in church.



ALL SAINTS'
Sunday 3rd November
at St Peter & St Paul's

3pm Light Party (FREE!)
come dressed as a Saint or Angel!

We'll have party games, food and a prize for the two best dressed Saints and Angels

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



Break-time Football Coaching

Thanks to Mr Ferguson's superb coaching, 38 girls and 37 boys have been able to practise their football skills at weekly coaching sessions. These are in place to encourage children who have not yet had opportunity to play a lot of football.



Year 3 Big Shirt Giveaway at Accrington Stanley



Congratulations to year 5/6 football team who are through to the next round of the Hyndburn Kids Cup in November



Thursday 7th November 6.00pm is SFC AGM meeting in school

If anyone would like to find out more about joining the SFC or if you just want to help out at some of the events, please let us know and we can pass on your details.



Term Dates Annual Overview is on the website

<https://www.st-peter-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/term-dates-annual-overview/>

List of dates (please check dates/times of Christmas performances in case you need to organise time off work for the 4pm performances. We regularly add to these dates throughout the year and will text out the link.

<https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-peter-and-st-pauls-church-of-england-primary-school/UploadedDocument/a49e60f5-5d1a-4dbb-abfd-5a85fa270e13/dates-for-families-2024-5.pdf>



Academic calendar 2024/25 UK

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

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Happy half term and see you all back in school Monday 4th November

