

Peace Post

School Motto:
In God we love, laugh and learn



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Our Mission Statement:

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10.

At St. Mary's and St. Peter's Catholic Primary School God is at the heart of our faith and learning family. We nurture everyone and celebrate their uniqueness. Together we inspire children to build on their hopes and dreams. Our school is a diverse community which lives justly, loves tenderly and walks humbly with God.

Welcome back

Lovely to be back in school after the long summer break and it's great to see both staff and students return feeling refreshed and eager to begin a new academic year. Once again our focus in school is to raise attainment and ensure that all pupils make expected progress. Pupils make good progress in school but attainment at the end of key stage two continues to be significantly below the National Average in Reading, Writing and Maths. We are working hard to narrow that gap and there are a number of ways in which parents can help:

Attendance

Please ensure that your child attends school every day, on time. The school doors open at 8:45 am and learning begins as soon as the children enter the classroom. Our school data clearly shows that children with poor attendance and those who regularly arrive late for school do not make the same progress as other children. We are aware that there are times when a child is unwell and needs to stay at home but there are many occasions when children are kept off school and observed playing out later in the day. As part of our drive to improve attendance the number of home visits will increase. I would also ask that parents do not take their children out of school during term time as this has an impact not only on their child but on other children in the class. If staff spend time helping a child catch up, inevitably time is taken away from other children in the class.

Homework

This year the expectation is that all children complete the tasks set by their class teacher and parents will be contacted if this does not happen. Every child in school takes home a reading book and spellings every week and it is expected that a parent takes time to share the book with their child and helps them learn the spellings.

Hard work

If we are to raise attainment in school, we must encourage every single child to work hard during their time in school and try their very best at all times. We ask parents and families to help us in this and make the children aware of the importance of a good education.

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

Communication

It is important that parents read and respond to letters or texts sent home and if you are ever unsure about what something means or what is expected of you, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of staff. I promise that this year we will try our very best to ensure that parents are always kept informed and that the information received is clear and on time.

Vandalism

Unfortunately, vandals caused a significant amount of damage to the school grounds during the summer holidays. Repairing the damage costs money which means less money is available to spend on the children. The school site manager, Mr Butler, has spent a great deal of time clearing up after the vandals and repairing damaged property. If you see anyone trespassing on school grounds, or doing anything which is likely to damage school property, I would ask you to contact the police.



Parents & Toddlers Group

The Parents & Toddlers group will be running again this year. The first session will be on Wednesday 13th September at the usual time (9.00 – 11.00) in the Bottom Hall.



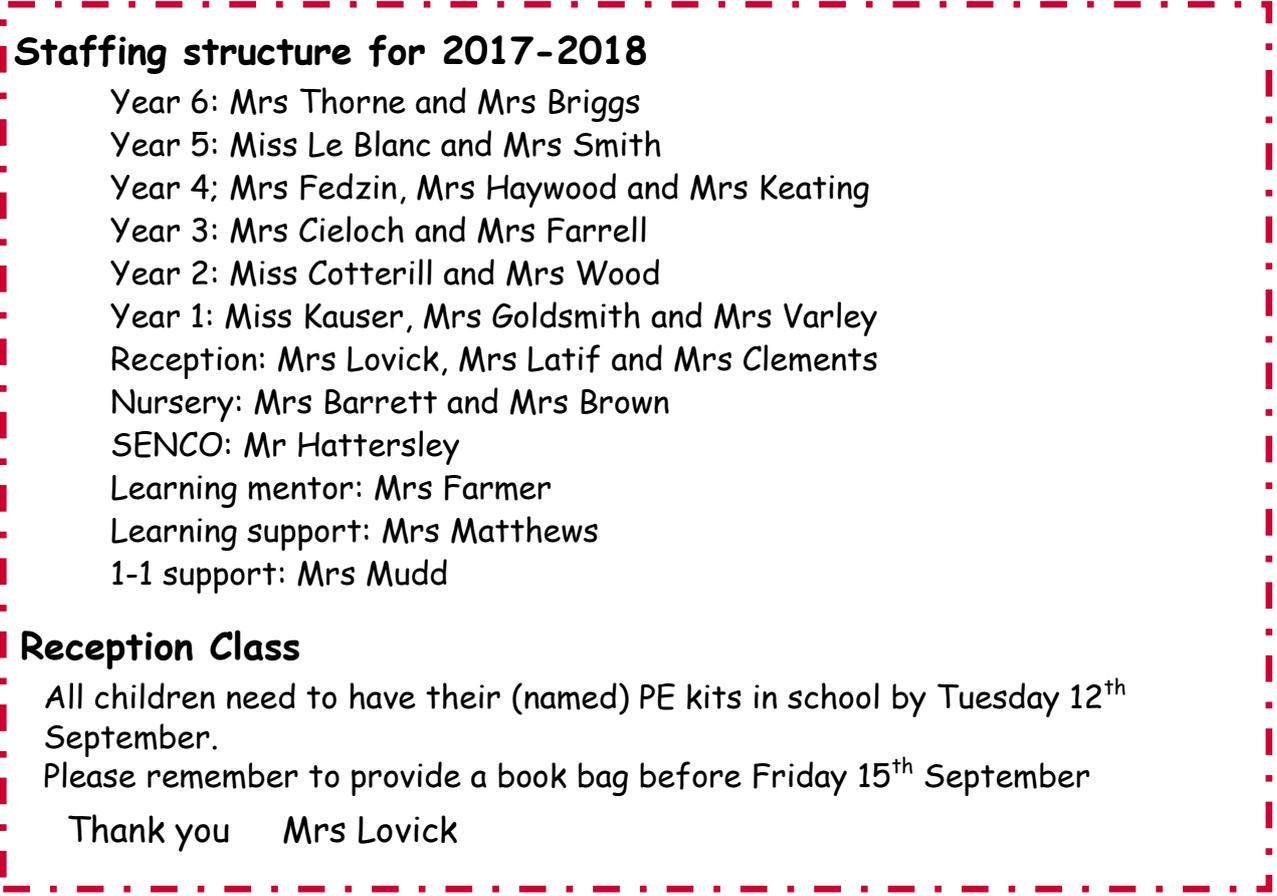
The Stars of the Week

Muhammed-Yahya Imran; Michaela Kirvejova; Riyan Ali; Rahith Selvaraja; Uzair Usman and Aqsa Rashid.

The Attendee Bear Winners are Yr. 2 with 98.2%.

Well done morning Nursery for achieving 100%

Attendance in school this week is 93.1%



Staffing structure for 2017-2018

Year 6: Mrs Thorne and Mrs Briggs

Year 5: Miss Le Blanc and Mrs Smith

Year 4: Mrs Fedzin, Mrs Haywood and Mrs Keating

Year 3: Mrs Cieloch and Mrs Farrell

Year 2: Miss Cotterill and Mrs Wood

Year 1: Miss Kausar, Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Varley

Reception: Mrs Lovick, Mrs Latif and Mrs Clements

Nursery: Mrs Barrett and Mrs Brown

SENCO: Mr Hattersley

Learning mentor: Mrs Farmer

Learning support: Mrs Matthews

1-1 support: Mrs Mudd

Reception Class

All children need to have their (named) PE kits in school by Tuesday 12th September.

Please remember to provide a book bag before Friday 15th September

Thank you Mrs Lovick