

Friday 21st October

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils,

Wishing you all a happy safe and restful half term. It has been a busy seven weeks. **School reopens on Monday 31st October.**

All Saints Mass Tuesday 1st November 2016

The school will be attending Mass for all Saints, at St Peter and St Paul Church. Mass will start at 9.45am. All are welcome.

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for all your generous contributions to the harvest festival. All your donations have been bagged and collected by St Luke's. We will be visiting the centre after half term, to spend some time with the elderly who attend the day centre.

Parents Evening

Thank you for attending the two designated parent evenings and for your positive feedback. For those parents who were unable to attend the parents evening, another appointment will be offered after half term.

Individual Photographs

Individual pupil and sibling photographs will take place on the Monday 7th November. We are using a new company called Kittle.

Reminders

Early Drop Off Club

Early drop off club is from 8am – 9am and costs £2.50 a session (which is not refundable without a valid excuse). We provide a small breakfast snack which is served from 8am to 8.30am. Please note we are not a Breakfast Club.

Uniform

Please ensure your child/ren are in the correct winter uniform after half term including coats, as the weather will be colder. The pupils have had seven weeks to get organised. The school has had so many positive comments about how smart our pupils look in their uniform. The school coat can be purchased from our uniform provider online, (**yourschooluniform.com**) but is optional. The winter coat must be navy blue. Hats, gloves and scarfs in sensible colours, navy blue if you wish.

I had a meeting with the uniform provider regarding some of your queries. For your information culottes for girls, which are a mixture of trousers and a skirt, are now available from **yourschooluniform.com**. A sample is in the office for you to have a look at, which costs £14.50. However, they can be purchased from other retailers and are probably cheaper. If you order school uniform during term time and send your order to school, it will be free delivery.

Long Hair/Jewellery

We have seen a rise in head lice during this half - term. Please can all pupils with long hair tie it up.

No earrings or any kind of jewellery except watches may be worn to school.

'Gate Gossip'

If parents/carers have any concerns regarding their child/ren the best course of action is to:

- First speak to the child's class teacher.
- If you are still feeling dissatisfied please see the phase leader of that year group. Miss F McGuinness EYFS, Mrs Bonner – Key Stage 1 Mrs Bane – Key Stage 2.
- If your query is still unanswered then please see Mrs Bonner, the Deputy Head.
- Finally if you are still unhappy then me - Miss Peters, the Head Teacher.
- Off course, if it is of a confidential nature, then please make an appointment to see me.

We are a Catholic school and our mission statement is "to love one another as I have loved you." Sometimes it is very difficult to feel that love when some parents/carers are complaining to each other, rather than talking to the school. It is especially upsetting, to be told by pupils what you think of the staff. In those instances I would appreciate you talking to me. We are a one - form entry school with a small team of staff. We work very hard to create a loving, caring and safe environment where all are included and where learning can take place positively - With Christ at the centre.

St Peter and St Paul is a fantastic school with so much potential and I hope we can move forward together in partnership. Thank you for your cooperation with regard to this matter.

Wednesday Word

The next two Sunday Gospels explore the themes of being humble and generous.

"God is never far from us and he is ready to embrace us" Pope Francis

Please be reminded the clocks go back a hour on the 30th October. Enjoy the extra hour!

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss T Peters

Head Teacher