

Monday 8th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to wish you and your child a warm welcome to Class 1 as we start the new school year. We have plans for lots of fabulous, fun-filled learning for the months ahead. A topic grid document which outlines some of our activities over this term will be sent to you soon and information about our learning curriculum and school policies will also be available on our school website.

As well as ourselves, the Class 1 team comprises Mrs Wood and Mrs Smith and Mrs Riley-Howarth. We are all looking forward to getting to know your child and launching them on their school journey.

Please note in your diaries:

Thursday, 18th September: This is a day to please arm your children with cakes for our fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support. Families are then invited from 1:45-4pm to join us for a drink and a cake in the school hall and to have a peek at your child's classroom and 'meet the teachers'!

The school's first parents' assembly will be held on **Friday, 12th September** at 9.15am when the focus will be to welcome our new children to St Peter's. Please make your way to the school hall after dropping your child to the classroom.

A Welcome Mass will be held at church for on **Tuesday, 16th September** at 10am. Class 1 children will be presented in Church with their new Year 6 buddies to support them. If you would like to walk down to St Peter's Church with us, please come to the school office at 9.30. Otherwise, you can meet us in church for 10am.

Additionally, every Wednesday from 17th September we will be holding a short, reflective worship session – known as 'Stay and Pray' which you would be welcome to join us for. Just come into Class 1 at drop-off time for the 9am worship – the children will sit quietly together around our worship focus on the carpet, while parents and carers sit on the chairs provided.

We would also like to remind you of a few of the routines and expectations:

The start to the day is 8.50am when the classroom door will be opened. The gate on St Peter's Road is locked at 9am, after which entrance is via the school office entrance when the children will need to be signed in and they would then be marked as late.

Pick up time is 3.15pm and the classroom door will remain open until 3.25. Children not picked up by then will be taken to our afterschool Keys Club, which is chargeable at £8 a session.

We would be grateful if the children and younger siblings could be asked not to play with any resources which are set up in the outside area ready for learning sessions and continuous provision play.

Book bags: Please make sure they come into school every day and are checked when they get home for any letters, homework, reading and sounds books! Don't forget you can use the Home-

School record book, kept in the book bag, to communicate with us if you are not dropping off or picking up your child on a particular day.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child has a water bottle which will be kept in school. We will ensure it is washed and filled up each day.

Daily phonics teaching will begin on September 22nd soon after which your child will have reading books or sheets and yellow sounds books sent home in their book bag. It is hugely important to ensure your child's progress that they also read at home and practise their phonics sounds with you daily. Please sign your child's reading record book when they have read to you so that we can give them team points or stickers for working at home!

Behaviour: As you know, we have extremely high expectations of behaviour here at St. Peter's. A reward chart and behaviour chart will be used consistently in the classroom. Also, stickers team points and praise will often be given. We encourage that you ask your child how school has been each day (you may or may not get an answer!!).

PE kit: This must be brought into school (named!) at the beginning of every half term. Their kit will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Wellies will remain in school for ad hoc use. On woods days (you will be sent a message the day before) please send your child in with, preferably, an all-in-one waterproof that they can put on over their uniform. It is likely to come home muddy! In really cold weather extra layers can be sent in too.

I would ask parents to be patient with the Class 1 adult team at pick up times... it sometimes takes us a little while to link parents and carers with children correctly and we will only hand over when we know we have got the right adult! We do need to make sure the children are safe, so please don't call your child to run out to you.

Also, while we are hoping the children will all come into school with a smile, there may be the odd tear or uncertainty for some when they leave their grownups. Our advice in these instances is always 'Drop and Run!'. A quick kiss, hug and a positive 'off you go it will be fine' is the best approach. Even if your child seems to be really upset, if you leave quickly they will be reassured, settle in and find their smile quickly too. If this is ever the case, we will let you know how they are with a text soon after.

Please do keep an eye on the weekly Newsletter which is emailed to you on a Monday. It will keep you in touch with what is happening at school and give important dates for your diaries. Our Facebook page is also an important source of information... search for St Peter's RC Primary School, Newchurch.

If you have any concerns, uncertainties or questions please catch us at drop off or pick up time. You can also use the home-school book in book bags for messages. Also, you are welcome to email us: e.bacon@st-petersrc.lancs.sch.uk, lmaher@st-petersrc.lancs.sch.uk Good communication is key!

We are sure your little ones are going to have a wonderful year, with lots of progress in their learning and many enjoyable days. Your support is invaluable and very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Mrs Bacon & Mrs Maher.