



St Peter's CE Newsletter

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Friday 28th January

Bible quote of the week: Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid?"

Reading at home

There is an expectation that parents are to read with their child each night and record it in their reading record.

We want to help to create a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

Research shows that reading for pleasure can **promote better health and wellbeing**. Children who read books often by the age of 10 are able to gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly. You can read a report about the benefits of reading regularly here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/The%20Impact%20of%20Reading%20for%20Pleasure%20and%20Empowerment.pdf>



10 Benefits of Reading

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it. After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.
2. Reading exercises our brain. Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens the brain connections and builds NEW connections.
3. Reading improves concentration. Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.
5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.
6. Reading develops a child's imagination. As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.
7. Reading helps children to develop empathy. As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.
8. Reading is fun. A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.
9. Reading is a great way to spend time together. Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.
10. Children who read achieve better in school. Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

COVID

Please continue to report positive COVID results to the office, whether by phone call or email to the office address, as this may affect staff and children at school. office@stpetersdarwen.blackburn.sch.uk

For further guidance please visit: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm_source=11%20January%202022%20CI9&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20CI9&utm_campaign=DjF

Absence

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, you must ring or email the office before 9am for it to be recorded as an authorised absence in the register. We know that many children are having to isolate due to receiving positive COVID results, but ask that you communicate this to us in the first instance so that attendance codes can be marked correctly.

Week ending: 21st January 2022

Class	Merit	Golden book	Values VP	Reader	Writer
Maple	Violet	Logan	Hollie Mae	Marwa	Isabelle
Oak	Percy	Jake	Alex	Valentino	Myla
Hawthorn	Lucy	Riley	Scarlett	Alaia	Isaac
Rowan	Louis	Alex	Harper C	Lexi	Layton B
Beech	Orla	Isla W	Poppy	Alfie	Curtis
Larch	Toby	Dylan	Max	Lacey	Bradley
Willow	Evie-Mae	Toby	Hugo	Kaiden	Jake H
Alder	Charlie	Summer	Minnie	Sonny	Matthew
Ash	Ava	Poppy D	Megan	Paige	Jacob
Sycamore	Aston	Olivia	Lillie	Kaiden	Jessica S
Elm	Ellie	Kacie	Jamie	Zayn	Ronnie



Join us in wishing the following children a very happy birthday.

Week ending 21st January: Leighton W and Ava in Rowan and Levi in Sycamore.

Week ending 28th January: Ava, Amelia and Megan in Ash, Martha, Zeyba and Holly H in Oak, Reuben and Orla in Beech, Zac in Hawthorn and Aliza in Willow.

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Maple	Edie F	Oscar S	Sam	Myley- Rose	Winter
Oak	Shae	Annaisa	Oliver	Logan	Zoe
Hawthorn	Thomas D	Mia	Amber	Adam	Ava F
Rowan	Alex	Harper W	Alexis-	Albie	Harry
Beech	Illylah	Amelia C	Max	Isla F	Moosa
Larch	Holly	Carter	Mitzi	Ruben	Leo
Willow	Corra	Mia	Amelia G	Esme	Brooke
Alder	Hannah	Charlie	Jorge	Matthew	Neave
Ash	Jaylen	Esme	Yat Hei	Keyaan	Alana
Sycamore	Owen A	Maisy	Bailey	Faye B	James
Elm	Kara S	Kelsey	Sam	Bella	Stella

A Prayer

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Maths workshops coming soon!



Next half term we will be holding workshops to help parents understand how they can support their child's maths at home.

Check the newsletters and letters coming home for further details.

Facebook

Keep an eye on Facebook each week to see what our children are doing in school. We are focusing on improving our handwriting and presentation throughout the school at the moment – keep an eye out for our Handwriters of the week!

Dates

School closes: Friday 11th February 2022 and opens on Monday 21st February 2022

Please refer to the website for term times: <https://www.stpeterscep.co.uk/term-times>