



XII APOSTLES RCPS, NEL PAN LANE, LEIGH, WIGAN. WN7 5JS  
 HEADTEACHER: MRS S. M. NEWTON BA Hons QTS

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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

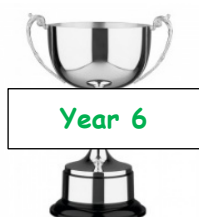
Which class achieved the best attendance?

### Week Commencing: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Reception	0.00%	Year 1	88.57%
Year 2	99.33%	Year 3	90.69%
Year 4	98.62%	Year 5	96.43%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99.35%</b>		

### Week Commencing: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Reception	93.33%	Year 1	95.00%
Year 2	98.67%	Year 3	92.41%
Year 4	98.62%	Year 5	95.00%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		



Please see attached letters regarding Attendance.

### Star of the Week – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Well done to the following children for completing excellent homework projects during the Summer. The teachers had a very difficult decision to choose an overall winner.



- Year 1 – Verity Coburn and Jacob Reeves
- Year 2 – Ethan Hall and Scarlet Dew
- Year 3 – Connor Brown and Matilda Roberts
- Year 4 – Kylan Hall and Heidi Gallagher
- Year 5 – Jamie Mather and Ellie Mae Davies
- Year 6 – Kathryn Sutton and Ellie Davies

### Star of the Week – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

- Year 1 – Isaac France and Charlotte Hewertson
- Year 2 – Amelia Young
- Year 3 – Paiton Booth
- Year 4 – Jessica Hewertson
- Year 5 – Faith Smith
- Year 6 – Phoebe Fletcher

### Church Closure; a plea for photographs



If anyone has any photographs of the service held in Church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August of any old photographs of the Church, including special occasions please could you send them into school and we will make a copy and return them. We would like to build up a history book of Twelve Apostles Church.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



## Asthmatic Children

If your child requires an inhaler whilst in school, please collect and complete an asthma card from the school office.

## Data Collection Forms

Last week your child should have brought home a pink data collection sheet. If you have not already returned this form to school, please ensure it is sent in tomorrow. The form is vitally important so as we can update your child's details and contact information.

## Year 6 Collective Worship – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 pm

Parents are invited to join Mr Rowlands and the children in prayer at the end of school day.



## Year 4 – Harvest Assembly – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 am

Parents, relatives and friends are invited to this special assembly. Please join Mrs Marsden and the children in Year 4.



## Friends Annual Meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you to all those that attended the meeting last Thursday morning. The children benefit greatly from the funds raised by the friends enabling us to subsidise class trips and pay for visitors to school. The amount raised by the friends between September 2018 – July 2019 was £6707.72 which is fantastic.



The friends have agreed to subsidise the cost of school trips and visitors to school. The Rugby team wrote to request funding for new rugby kit and class sets of books.

Many thanks to the following people who agreed to support us in these important roles:

Chairperson	-	Sharon Boon
Secretary	-	Michelle Ray
Treasurer	-	Ann-Marie McDonald

## Mass in School

Father Keiran has arranged to celebrate mass in school following the closure of our church.

The next mass will be celebrated on:  
Please note the change of date and time  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am joined by year 5**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am joined by year 4**

The infant playground will be available for parishioners and parents to park. This can be accessed between the terraced houses.

## Volunteers Needed – School Crossing Patrol

Metrofresh have informed us that they will not be replacing Mrs Gilbert whilst she is on sick leave therefore can I ask parents to be extra vigilant at the start and end of the school day. As parents are aware we have raised concerns about the dangers this present but apparently we are not graded as a high priority. I must thank Steph Prescott and Sharon Boon who have volunteered their services. However, this is a temporary measure and time consuming for just 2 people to cover. Metrofresh have asked if we have any volunteers who would be willing to give time to this.

## Volunteers Needed – School Crossing Patrol

The school crossing is a non-statutory function of the council but is provided as a benefit to the community and to ensure the safety of the children. As part of the Wigan deal, in which communities and the LA work together for the good of all. The operations manager for School Crossing Patrol has informed me that this is a reasonable option and a model that has been adopted by other schools. The volunteer will receive training, a uniform and a complete DBS check. If anyone else is interested in volunteering and receiving the training, please inform the office.

## Book Bus

As a school we are always encouraging our children to develop a love of reading and get hooked into books. So we arranged for the book bus to visit school on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** which will enable children to purchase a book of their choice. Each class will have an opportunity throughout the day to browse the books available which are priced between £3 and £7. Children are asked to bring money in an envelope with their name clearly marked on the day.

The friends have planned the following events:

### Sponsored Bounce

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 1.15 pm

This is one of our annual fund raising events that involves all our children. We hire a bouncy castle for an afternoon and each class get a turn to go on. A sponsor form will be sent home with your child today and there are copies available at the school office. Please try your best to get 1 or 2 sponsors for your child and then return this form to your child's class teacher by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.



If anyone is available, we need about 10-12 helpers to count the bounces and to serve drinks. Helpers would need to come to school from 1.00 pm. Please inform the school office if you are available to help – thank you.

### Mile of Copper

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.45 am to 3.00 pm



This is another popular fundraiser. For this we ask all our families to save 1p and 2p coins and send them into school. The collection buckets will be in the classes next week and each class will compete to try and fill a bucket. We might be able to make a mile this year!



### Christmas Hampers – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

The children will be invited to come into school in their own clothes on this day and donate goods for the Christmas hampers. More information to follow.

### Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their toys out. Please send into school week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December.



There will be an opportunity for parents to visit the book bus at the end of the day. A leaflet has been sent home with more information.



### Volunteers needed for Bagels!

Many thanks once again to all those parents that have volunteered, both past and present to help prepare and distribute the bagels before the start of school.

To enable us to continue running the magic breakfast programme, we still need volunteers from 8.15 am to 9.00 am to help with toasting/warming of the bagels and taking them outside on the playground. If you are able to give some time and maybe volunteer for a particular day or a week, please leave your name at the school office.



### Sponsor for Rugby Kits

We are looking for a sponsor for our school rugby kits. If anyone is interested in advertising and promoting a business, please contact school. Their business logo will be used on kits and the children play approximately 12 matches a year.

### Easy Fundraising

Your child will be bringing home a leaflet with all the details of the easy fundraising website this evening. You can help the school by collecting free donations every time you shop online.

### Reception Intake – September 2020

Anyone interested in sending their child to XII Apostles R.C.P.S. should come into school and register their child's name.

This does not guarantee a place nor is it a formal application for a place. However, it does enable us to forward future correspondence about our open evenings and other relevant information.

### E-Safety

Parents can access a free online safety magazine called DITTO to keep up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online whilst also enjoying learning about technology.

You can download a copy:- <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Can I remind parents that there is a wealth of guidance on our school website on keeping children safe online under the "parent tab".

### Donations old PE Kits and Pumps

If you have a PE kit that your child has outgrown please can you send it into school as we always keep spares for children who forget their kit.



### Second Hand School Uniform

The friends Of twelve Apostles are collecting old school uniform to wash and reuse. So much of our school uniform ends up in lost property and then in the bin at the end of the school year which is such a waste.



Again if your child has outgrown their uniform please send it into school and then it can be recycled and given to others. On Parents' Evening you will have the opportunity to take uniform as spares for your child. Any donations received on the night will go to friends of Twelve Apostles.

### Parents Workshops and Meetings

Throughout this term teachers will be inviting parents to information sessions and meetings about the curriculum so please watch out for a letter that your child will bring home.

I have listed dates and times below:-

Year 1 – Mrs O'Boyle and Mr Ahmed - Early Reading and Writing Workshop  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 am

Year 3 and Year 4 English and Vocabulary Workshop Miss Hope and Mrs Marsden  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

### School Photographer – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am

The photographer will be in school taking family or individual portraits.



### Parents Evening

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm.

Your child will bring home a reservation form for you to request a day and time for your child's appointment, then please return this to your child's teacher.

### Parking

Please can I urge parents to be considerate to our neighbours. I have once again received complaints regarding parents that are parking on zig zag lines and across the drive ways of residents before and after school causing much frustration and inconvenience. Thank you for your support with this.



*Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.*



### NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Whisper International – Neil Sumner – 0161 794 0818 or 07760174537

XII Apostles Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers – Cheryl Garvey – 07719357069

ABC Domestic – Ian McGowan – 01942 730468 or 07715986396

9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Leigh Scout Group – Jane Riley – 07714417263

Shell's Home from Home Ofsted Registered Childminder – Michelle Ray – 07445576591

Feet First Chiropodist & Podiatrist – Nicola Skitt – 01942 671155 or 07767696014



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## **Important information for all parents/carers regarding Education Penalty Notices (EPN)**

Dear Parent/Carer

Schools in the Wigan Borough have been working alongside the Local Authority in relation to the attendance of children in the school, and in relation to Education Penalty Notices.

Attached is the Education Penalty Notice for Non-School Attendance.

This information is also available on our website, and via the school newsletter.

Please ensure that you read this, as it clearly outlines the criteria for EPN fines that all schools now have to work to, because from January 2019, if your child meets the criteria relating to unauthorised absences, you will be eligible for a fine.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nelson.

Kind regards.

Mrs Newton, Headteacher  
Mrs Nelson, Pastoral Support Lead



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## **Education Penalty Notice Warning for Non-School Attendance**

Under the Education Act 1996, parents and carers have a duty to make sure their children regularly attend school. If parents or carers fail to do this, they can be prosecuted.

Working within a Code of Conduct the Local Authority can issue a penalty notice to parents or carers if a child has missed a number of sessions without permission from the school. If your child falls within one or more of these categories within a 12 week period,

- **10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence with under 90% attendance**
- **20 sessions (10 days) of unauthorised absence**
- **persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration**

you could receive a Penalty Notice of £60, which will increase to £120 if not paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution. A separate penalty notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child.

In law, an offence is committed if a parent fails to secure a child's regular attendance at school. Wigan Council Attendance Service, in conjunction with schools, will use these powers as an early deterrent to prevent patterns of unauthorised absence developing.

You may also receive a Penalty Notice for the offence of failing to secure regular school attendance under the following circumstances:

- Your child is stopped on a truancy sweep
- You fail to ensure that your child is not in a public place during the first 5 days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion

The Local Authority and schools are committed to providing the best possible future for your child. If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school or if you are experiencing any difficulties please contact school and ask for support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Newton  
Headteacher