



Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.



NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL WEB SITE: www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk

5th September 2019

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XII APOSTLES

RAINBOWS (5 -7 yrs)

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Welcome Back

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Summer break and that your children are rested and ready for the busy term ahead. Can I thank parents for ensuring that the children are dressed in accordance with school uniform policy. They all looked so smart.

Year Group Topics

<http://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/>

Can I remind parents to look at our school website to find out more about the topics covered in each class this term? You will find these under the tab classes and then select your child's year group. Please try to talk to your child about their learning. Also under religion you will find information about upcoming topics in R.E. This has also been emailed for your information. Can I remind parents that RE topics and class curriculum topics webs are posted on the web site at the beginning of each term to give parents a clear understanding of what is being taught.

Star of the Term – Friday 19th July 2019

Well done to the following children for their excellent attitude and hard work during the Summer Term.



Reception – Jacob Reeves and Ava Lennon-Smith
Year 1 – Jaya Jesani and Eryn Davies
Year 2 – Megan Collier and Harley Sealey
Year 3 – Riley Lock and Caspar Chen
Year 4 – Charlotte Foster and Juliette Ormrod
Year 5 – Jake France and Chloe Hilton
Year 6 – Jessica Taylor and Joshua Wilcock

Church Closure



It is with great sadness that I announce that XII Apostles Church has now officially closed. This certainly marks the end of an era for us all here in school. As I have previously mentioned this is due to the restructure of the pastoral area. This has meant that the number of masses in the pastoral area have now been reduced. A final mass to mark the closure was held on Friday 30th August in Church, the main celebrant was Bishop Tom Williams and mass was celebrated here in school on Wednesday 4th September by Father Kieran. To move forward we will be celebrating mass in school for the parishioners every other Wednesday at 10.00 am.

Holiday Homework

The children have worked hard during the holidays and the class teachers and I have been impressed with the range of projects that have been completed throughout the school. A prize will be awarded on Friday 6th September for the best project in each class.

RE Inspection

You will have received a letter and a questionnaire to complete in preparation for this inspection. The Catholic Life, Religious Education, and Collective Worship in our school will be inspected as part of the programme of regular school inspections. As this is a Catholic school the Archbishop has appointed the Department for Christian Education to carry out this task. The inspectors will spend one day in the school observing lessons, talking to staff and children, analysing data and discussing emerging issues with senior managers. The inspection ends in a written report that the governors will send to you.

Can I urge parents to complete the questionnaire and return to school by **Friday 13th September 2019**.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

School Holiday Dates

There has been a change to the Bank Holiday next year in line with the Governments decision regarding the May Bank Holiday 2020. This has now been moved from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May 2020** to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day. The schools holiday list has been amended accordingly and is on the web site to view.



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

This 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.

Continued Church Closure Information

The dates for this half term are as follows;
18th September - The whole school will come together for this Welcome Mass to also mark the beginning of the school year.

2nd October

16th October

A plea for photographs

If anyone has any photographs of the service held in Church on Friday 30th 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

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.

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.

Year 6 Collective Worship – Friday 4th 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 4th October 9.00 am

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



Volunteers needed for Bagels!

Since January 2019 we have been lucky to secure funding to run “Magic Breakfast” which is part of the National School Breakfast Programme. It offers fresh, free bagels and they will be available for all children on the playground before school from 8.40 am.

To enable us to continue running the programme, we are looking for 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 help, please leave your name at the school office.

Friends Annual Meeting – Thursday 12th September at 9.00 am in the School Hall



A warm invitation goes out to all parents especially our new parents to come and join us for this meeting. The friends play a crucial role in organising fund raising events to purchase new equipment and pay for visits and visitors to school. This benefits all the children.

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 6 – Mr Rowlands and Mrs Marsden – Thursday 12th September at 5.00 pm
New to Year 6 and Transition to High School.

Reception – Mrs Parry – Thursday 19th September at 2.45 pm
Early Reading.

Year 1 – Mrs O’Boyle and Mr Ahmed - Early Reading and Writing Workshop
Friday 27th September at 9.00 am
Friday 4th October at 9.00 am

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

School Photographer – Monday 30th September at 9.00 am

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



Swimming Lessons

Year 3 and selected children in Year 5

Swimming lessons will resume on Tuesday 10th September.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will resume next week beginning 9th September. Please find a timetable attached.

Reminder Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance and Punctuality at school matters! 10 minutes late per day = 1 full day per year of lost learning time!

- School begins at 8.55 am every morning – please ensure that your child/ren are here on time every morning. The doors open at 8.50 am.
- The school day ends at 3.15 pm – please ensure your child is collected from school on time.

Parents Evening

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October 3.30 – 5.30 pm.

More information to follow.....

Form Attached – Application for Free School Meal Eligibility & Pupil Premium

Please can all parents and guardians complete the form attached as your child may be entitled to Free School Meals and return it to the school office.

- If you make alternative arrangements for the collection of your child from school, please ensure the school office has been notified of this.
- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure you notify the school office before 9.30 am.

Newsletter Sponsorship

If you have a business and wish to advertise on our newsletter, please contact the school office. The cost is £30 for the year.

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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

9th - 15th 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



Application for Free School Meal Eligibility and Pupil Premium

This form will allow the Local Authority to check and then subsequently advise your child's school if they are eligible to receive a free school meal. This is so that the school can claim for the pupil premium funding.

Important: If you do not wish to claim a free school meal, we will still share the outcome of your check with your school to enable them to claim the pupil premium funding.

This form needs to be completed in full and the return to your child's school.

Part 1

Parent 1										
National Insurance Number										
National Asylum Support Service Number										
Surname (block capitals)										
Forename (block capitals)										
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)										

Parent 2 (if applicable)										
National Insurance Number										
National Asylum Support Service Number										
Surname (block capitals)										
Forename (block capitals)										
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)										

If you are entitled, do you wish to claim a free school meal for your child(ren)? Yes / No

By signing this form you are giving consent to Wigan Local Authority sharing the outcome of your check with your child's school and any subsequent school your child moves to, in order to ensure the Government's free school meal eligibility protection stays with your child. If at any stage you wish to withdraw your consent, please inform your child's school.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

How we will use your data

- The Local Authority will use the information above to carry out a check that will be used to determine whether your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium.
- The Local Authority will share the outcome of the check with your child's school and any subsequent school your child move to, in order to ensure the Government's free school meal eligibility protection stays with your child.
- Please note that this check does not affect any other benefits you may be receiving and does not inform the school or the Local Authority of any details of these benefits.
- The information will be stored securely and will only be accessed by those responsible for undertaking this check.
- The information will be used whilst the child is in education in Wigan LA with the purpose of carrying out both an initial check and subsequent rechecks during this time.
- Your data will be retained until your child falls outside of the free school meal/pupil premium eligibility age range.
- If you wish to find out more on what the Local Authority does with your data please refer to our Privacy Notice on our website at: www.wigan.gov.uk

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2019 - Week Beginning 9th September;
letters will be sent out to parents with more detail

Day	Time	Club	Teacher	Year Group
Monday	3:15-4:30 pm	Choir	Mr Rowlands	Y4, Y5, Y6
	Lunchtime 12:15-12:45 pm	Cross Country	Mr Moore	KS 2 Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
	Lunchtime	Homework Club Junior resource area	Mrs Seddon	KS 2
	3:15-4:15 pm	Basketball	Mr Moore	KS 2
Tuesday Staff Meeting	3:15-4:15 pm	Infant Sports Club	Mr Moore and Mrs Gallagher	Yr 1 and 2 Start Autumn Term 2
	Lunchtime 12:15-12:45 pm	Athletics	Mr Moore	KS 2
	Lunchtime 12:15-12:45 pm	Library	Mrs Peters	KS 2
Wednesday	Lunchtime 12:45-1:15 pm	Knitting Additional classroom	Mrs McKintyre ; Grandparent	KS 2
	Lunchtime 12:30-1:00 pm	Liturgy Team	Mrs Newton	Year 5 and 6
	Lunchtime 12:00-12:30 pm	Infant Football Club	Mr Moore	KS 1
	3:15-4:15 pm	French	Miss Ryan	Yr 3
	3:15-4:15 pm	Netball	Miss Hope Mr Moore	Yr 4, 5 ,6
Thursday	3:15-4:15 pm	Eco Club	Mrs Gallagher Mrs Holehouse Grandparent	Yr 2 rotate groups
	3:15-4:15 pm	Football	Mr Moore and Mr Ahmed	KS 2
	Lunchtime 12:00-12:30 pm	Infant Skills	Mr Moore	KS 1
	Lunchtime 12:15-12:45 pm	Library	Mrs Peters	KS 2
Friday	Lunchtime	Homework Club Junior resource area	Mrs Seddon	KS 2
	Lunchtime	School Council	Mr Rowlands	KS1 and KS 2
	Lunchtime	Junior Skills Practice (competitions)	Mr Moore	KS 2
	3:15-4:15 pm	Rugby (Cricket seasonal) Inter school competition	Mr Moore Mr Galvin (parent)	Yr 3,4,5,6



Greater Manchester
MUSIC HUB
Wigan Music Service

Music Centre Activities 2019/2020

Wigan
Council

Wigan Junior Youth Choir
Meeting from Thursday 12 September 2019
4.40 - 5.40 PM

**Does your child enjoy
singing?**

WIGAN JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR

If your child attends a Primary School, is 7 years of age or older (Y3 - Y6) and likes singing, why not bring them to a session? They take place on Thursday evenings (term time) at:

HOPE ACADEMY, Ashton Road, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 0AQ

NO AUDITION REQUIRED

It's free for them to give it a try for a couple of weeks before you commit to anything. Chances are, they will love it - it's a fantastic opportunity for them to meet other children who have a shared interest in singing. They will also get the chance to take part in some exciting concerts! They can join at any rehearsal before the October half-term - just turn up!

For further information, please contact:
Keith Orrell (Wigan Music Service) on **01942 776169** or
via email **keith.orrell@wigan.gov.uk**

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(24 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 1 December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(9 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2019

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school this term, we will spend the first week reviewing our mission statement. We will then be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

9th September – 4th October 2019

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it
"We show God's love to one another."

Include those who have died.

JUDAISM 18th November 2019

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.
There will be Judaism workshops for the whole school on Wednesday 20th November

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

7th October 2019 - 15th November 2019 NB 2 weeks half term

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS – LOVING

25TH NOVEMBER - 20TH DECEMBER 2019

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.