



NEWSLETTER

XII Apostles RCPS, Nel Pan Lane, Leigh, Wigan WN7 5JS School Web Site: www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs T. Whitton BA QTS NPQH

6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back!



I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and that your children are rested and ready for the busy term ahead. It has been lovely to see the children again and hear all about their summer adventures. A special welcome to our new Reception children who have started with us this week.

Uniform

Can I thank parents for ensuring that the children are so smart and dressed in accordance with our school uniform policy. Children should now wear their school uniform every day except their PE day when they can come into school wearing their PE kits. When the children have an afterschool club they should bring their PE kit in a small bag. Children should wear school shoes or black trainers.

School Lunch Boxes

Please can we remind parents to send their children with small wipe clean lunch boxes that are easy to store and clean – no lunch bags. Thank you.

Would you be interested in becoming a Parent Governor for our school?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which we need to fill as soon as possible.

You don't need any qualifications or expertise, just a commitment to making a difference to our children and young people's future!

If this is something you would be interested in or you would like to know more about the role, please don't hesitate to come and see me for an informal chat.

I will send out a letter with information and a nomination form on Monday 16th September.

Find out what your child will be learning this term

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

Please 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.

Toast and Milk

A final reminder to parents/carers who would like to order toast and milk for your child(ren) this half term. The deadline to order milk and toast for this half term is Tuesday 10th September 2024.

Please can you pay via Parent Pay.

£3 for toast

£6 milk

£9 toast and milk

As you are aware toast is made to order daily.

Reception children receive milk free.

Thank you.

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 trips out of school and visitors to school. This benefits all the children in school.

We have lost a significant number of our parent helpers and so for Friends to continue we desperately need new volunteers. If the timing of the meeting is not suitable, I can arrange for the next meeting to be during the evening. Please let me know your thoughts.

Altru Drama Workshops Monday 9th September and Tuesday 10th September

A focus for this academic year will be supporting the children in developing their Speaking and Listening skills. As part of this work the children will have access to Drama workshops delivered by the drama company Altru. This is a great opportunity for the children use their imagination and develop role play and expression and build their confidence.

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.

This also gives you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and ask any questions.

Asthmatic Children

If your child requires an inhaler whilst in school, please can you collect and complete an asthma card from the school office and ensure that the inhaler is brought into school in the original box that the pharmacy supplies you with.



Data Collection Forms

Thank you to the parents who have already completed a data collection form for their child(ren) and returned this to school. The form is vitally important so we can update your child's details and emergency contact information. If you have not already returned this form, then your child should have brought a copy home for you to complete. Please can we ask that they are completed and returned by **Monday 16th September**.

Parental Permission Consent Form

A link was emailed out via Class Dojos and Parent mail on the 8th July 24 asking you to complete an online form. A reminder was also sent on the 15th July. Every parent must complete this form, it is vitally important and gives school permission for your child to be allowed to undertake events/tasks which occur throughout the year. The link will be sent out again today via Class Dojo and Parent mail. Could you please complete this urgently if you haven't already done so.

Thank you to the parents who have already completed this and for your continued support.

Attendance & Punctuality

As you will all know the DFE (Department for Education) have implemented some significant changes around school attendance. One of the most significant changes is around attendance fines for unauthorised absence. These changes came into force on 19th August 2024. Our attendance policy has been updated to bring it in line with the DFE statutory guidance.

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Parents/carers should be aware that Twelve Apostles may contact the Local Authority if a pupil has 10 sessions (or 5 days) of unauthorised absence) in a rolling period of 10 school weeks with a view to issuing an Education Penalty Notice or other legal action. The Education Penalty Notice is issued individually to each parent/carer who fails to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. The penalty is £80 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days rising to £160 if paid within 28 days. Non-payment of the Fixed Penalty Notice may result in prosecution in the Magistrates court.

If you wish to take your child out of school during term time, a leave of absence request form must be completed and submitted to the school office.

A Headteacher may **not** grant any holiday during term time unless it is deemed that there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will determine what constitutes an exceptional circumstance on an individual basis.

It should be noted that if any application is declined and absence occurs of a consecutive 5 or more unauthorised days, then school may apply to the Local Authority for an Education Penalty Notice to be issued to each parent/carer.

The following will **not** be deemed to be exceptional circumstances:

- Family holiday
- Availability of less expensive holiday
- Availability of holiday accommodation
- Parent/carer's working commitments
- Holiday pre-booked by another family member

I understand that the cost of holidays during the school holidays may well price families out of being able to go away on holiday but as a school we must adhere to Government and Local Authority guidance.

The Attendance Policy and the Leave of Absence request form is available on the school website. [school-attendance-and-punctuality-policy.pdf \(twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk\)](https://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/school-attendance-and-punctuality-policy.pdf)

If you would like to discuss our attendance policy further, please contact me or Mrs Stones via the school office.

Police presence on Nel Pan Lane

As you may be aware an incident occurred on Nel Pan Lane on Tuesday evening and subsequently an arrest was made. I am sure you will have lots of questions and concerns. Please be assured that I have been in close contact with the Police and they have informed me that the individual has been dealt with appropriately. To provide reassurance there will be a Police presence on Nel Pan Lane over the next few days. Over the coming weeks, I will continue to liaise with the Police and keep you updated. If you do have any information, please contact me in school or you can make a report to the Police via 101.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Playground at Drop-off and Pick-up times

Please be aware there is no staff supervision on the playground before 8.45am, if the children arrive before this time they should be supervised by parents and carers.

For safety reasons please can adults and children refrain from riding bikes and scooters on the path up to school and on the playground. Thank you for your continued support.

Polite request

We have had several complaints from residents on Nel Pan Lane, Barrie Street and Blackthorn Close.

Please can we ask Parents to be mindful when parking in the streets around school and not to obstruct driveways, park on pavements or turn around on people's properties. Thank you.

Diary Dates this Half Term

School Photographer Thursday 3rd October

The photographer will be in school taking individual portraits and siblings in school on this day.

Year 6 Parental Meeting Thursday 12th September at 5:00 pm

Mr Rowlands would like to invite Year 6 parents and carers to a meeting about High School applications, new procedures in Year 6 and the residential trip to Robin Wood.

Welcome Mass Thursday 19th September at 2:00 pm

To welcome in the new school year Father Kieran will be celebrating mass with us on Thursday 19th September at 2:00 pm. Parents, carers and relatives are invited to join us for this special event.

Year 6 St Mary's Taster Day Friday 20th September at 9:00 am

The children in Year 6 are invited to attend a taster day at St Mary's High School. This will take place within the school day and St Mary's will provide transport.



Year 4 – Harvest Assembly

Friday 27th September at 9:00 am in the School Hall

Mrs Devin and the children in Year 4 would like to invite parents, relatives and friends to this special assembly.



Year 6 Prayer and liturgy

Friday 4th October at 3:00 pm

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



Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 Mass at St Joseph's Church Leigh on Friday 4th October at 10:00am

Years 2, 4 and 6 will travel by coach to celebrate mass with Father Kieran at St Joseph's church in Leigh on Friday 4th October at 10:00am. Parents, carers and relatives are invited to join us for at St Joseph's church. Years 1, 3 and 5 will celebrate mass at St Joseph's during the second half of the Autumn Term.

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising Events

Sponsored Bounce Friday 11th October

This is a favourite event for our school. The children will be challenged to bounce as many times as they can in a minute. They will ask family and friends to sponsor them for each bounce so that the more they bounce the more money they will raise! This event will take place during the school day.

We are
not SUCCESSFUL
because We are Smart.
We are
SUCCESSFUL
when we
work hard.

Star of the Week

Congratulations and well-done children on getting this award our first week back.

Friday 6th September 2024

Year 1 - Alena C
Year 2 – Brinley B
Year 3 – Abby T
Year 4 – Harriet R
Year 5 - Shay H
Year 6 – Frankie B

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time

Week Commencing: 2nd September 2024

Congratulations to YEAR 5

Year 1 95.00%	Year 2 95.80%
Year 3 95.80%	Year 4 95.20%
Year 5 99.10%	Year 6 97.80%



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