



St Peter's Catholic Primary School Hinckley



Autumn Term Diary Dates

(all dates are subject to change)

- 9.12.23 – Parish Christmas Fair 11-2pm
- 14.12.23 – KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm, Church
- 14.12.23 – PTFA Christmas Disco at School
Infants 5 - 5.45 & Juniors 5.55 – 6.40pm
- 15.12.23 – Christingle Day/ Christmas Jumper Day
- 19.12.23 – Christmas Dinner
- 20.12.23 – Panto Day – FS/Y1 am, Y2-Y6 p.m.
- 21.12.23 – Advent Liturgy 10.00am

Please note: no after school clubs on the last week
Phonics Tuition ends this week, Reading/Writing
Tuition ends next week.

22.12.23 – School closes for Christmas & re-opens
8th January 2024



There is no Mass this Thursday. Friday's assembly will be a Music Act of Worship.

St Peter's Parish Fair is on this Saturday 9th December from 11 – 2pm in the Mary Forryan Centre.

Our Choir will be performing at the 'Memory Café' next Tuesday 12th (during school time).

Please note the Advent Liturgy on 21st December will start at 10am instead of 9.45am due to morning Mass.



PTFA News

Our next event is the Christmas Disco which is on Thursday 14th December in school. Infants from 5-5.45pm and Juniors 5.55 – 6.40pm. Tickets can be purchased via Parentpay.

Thank you.



House Cup Winners

Last week's House Cup Winner

St Francis



Stars of the Week!



- Y6** – Austin for fantastic enthusiasm and hard work in all subjects.
- Y5** – Vinnie for showing co-operation when working with others.
- Y4** – Aaron for showing kindness to others at playtimes and during lessons.
- Y3** – Sebastian for always having good manners at the table and for sitting quietly.
- Y2** – Chalotte for perseverance with presentation of beautiful joined writing.
- Y1** – Max for great answers in Science.
- FS** – Ezra for writing an outstanding sentence independently.



'Tis the season to know its ok if....

My child doesn't eat a traditional Christmas dinner

My child wants to choose all their own Christmas presents

My child needs somewhere quiet to go in the house on family gatherings

My child doesn't want to eat at a different time to usual

My child doesn't want to attend Christmas parties

My child wants to open presents after relatives have visited

My child does not want to see Santa



My child doesn't want to hug and kiss anyone

.....at home'



Merry
Christmas



How to have an Autism Friendly Christmas.



1

Prepare, Prepare, Prepare!

- Be predictable; what is happening/when?
- Use social stories/ visual timetables.
- Consider the use of advent calendars.

2

'Christmas-Free Zones'

- Have 'Christmas Free Zones' dotted around the environment to allow for quiet spaces/ breaks.
- Instead, think about having a 'Christmas Room' which is full of things Christmas, but that does not overpower an entire environment.

3

Lights Out, All Out?

- If using lighting, pay attention to which ones.
- Limit the use of overly bright/ flashing lights.
- Try and get lighting which have functions you can control.

4

Food

- Christmas dinner may not look traditional for an Autistic person.
- Ask an Autistic person what they would like to eat for Christmas dinner, if this turns out to be pizza, it is PERFECTLY okay!

5

Presents

- Be mindful of gift giving in front of others; agree on whether gifts will be opened alone or with everyone.
- Surprises are not liked by all.
- Try and agree what gift you will be giving; get the Autistic person to give you wish list of things they would enjoy opening/receiving.

6

Games

- Pick inclusive games and that an Autistic person enjoys playing.
- Bear in mind that winning and losing games can be a trigger.



School Attendance

St Peter's School and its Governing Body is committed to improving achievement through attendance and monitors the attendance of all its pupils.

Children must attend school regularly to ensure that the maximum benefit is obtained from the education provided.

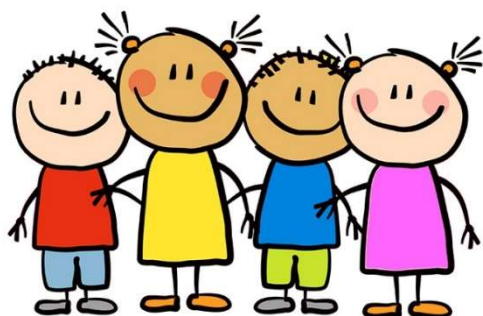
Our Whole School Attendance is currently

97.5%



Unsure whether to send your child into school or not? With winter fast approaching, it can be hard to know whether to send your child into school or not.

It is usually appropriate to send children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Follow the link for further information on when it is appropriate to send your child to school. [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)



Cost of Living Support

Please find the link to the Hinckley and Bosworth council cost of living support page:

https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200411/cost_of_living_support

Also, the Leicestershire County Council equivalent:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/find-help-with-cost-of-living>

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

The school receives funding to help pay for staff to support children's learning as well as resources for pupils who receive free school meals and or pupil premium. Pupils who are eligible receive a free hot meal, access to free school uniform, free school trips and discounted residential trips as well as an allowance to spend on after school clubs etc. During this cost-of-living crisis we are all experiencing, it is important to get access to any extra funding you may be entitled to.

If you think you may be entitled to support, please call 0116 305 5417 or email

FreeSchoolmeals@leics.gov.uk. They will be able to tell you over the phone if you are eligible.

The closing date for First Time Admissions 2024 is January 15th. You must apply via school admissions before this date.

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions



This week's 'Statement To Live By'

"I can work, rest and play each day".

