



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 19

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another busy week here at St. Peter's, and the children continue to be highly engaged with their learning. This term's curriculum focus is Geography, and the teachers have planned some amazing lessons around this. On Tuesday afternoon, our Reception class were able to share their learning with parents in a Stay and Play session. Thank you to everyone who attended. I'm sure it gave you a valuable insight into some of the incredible learning that is taking place. As part of their topic on 'People who help us', our Reception class also enjoyed an exciting and engaging experience this afternoon, with a visit from some firefighters and a fire engine!

On Thursday, our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a special assembly from Doncaster Library Service. They were launching the third annual 'Danum Read Aloud Competition', which this year has a theme of story openers. Class teachers will be organising a class competition and your child might bring their chosen story opener home to practise. From this, one lucky pupil will be chosen to represent our school at the final in March.

PARENTS EVENING

Our next parents evening takes place on Tuesday 6th February between 2pm and 7pm. If you have not already done so, please book an appointment via Arbor to discuss your child's mid-year attainment and progress. Classrooms will be open from 3.30pm for you to visit and look at your child's work. If you have an earlier appointment, books will be available for you to look at in the hall. Children will not be able to be collected until the usual time of 3.15pm. Please could we ask that children are not brought to later appointments as there will be no facility to supervise them after 3.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

At St Peter's we are committed to providing high quality education and improving outcomes for all our pupils. In order for a child to reach their full potential, we expect a high level of school attendance, so they are able to maximise their learning and achievement. We are undertaking every effort to improve both the attendance and punctuality of all pupils. This includes the introduction of an Education Welfare Officer from Doncaster Council who attends school weekly to review attendance data.

I understand young people can sometimes become unwell, but as parents it is important to be aware of the level of your child's school attendance, as it may have a detrimental effect on their attainment. The NHS advice is clear about when your child needs to stay off school. Please be assured if your child becomes too unwell to remain in school, we will always contact you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

A child with an attendance of below 90% is classed as a 'persistent absentee' by the Local Authority who will monitor their school attendance closely to ensure there is an improvement. Please find a link to the Attendance & Pupil Welfare Service guidance documents.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/attendance-and-pupil-welfare-service>

As always, we are here to support you with any issues you may be experiencing, so please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

UNIFORM

Please can I reiterate again that the correct uniform should be worn each day unless we are provided with a valid reason why this cannot be achieved. Some families have sought permission for their children to wear an adapted uniform for a variety of acceptable reasons. Trainers and leggings are not permitted items. Many thanks for your support with this.

<https://st-peters-doncaster.secure-primariesite.net/uniform/>

SCHOOL TRIPS

- Y3 Austerfield Study Centre 21.02.24 – please provide consent and pay £18 on Arbor.
- Y6 Crucial Crew 06.03.24 – please provide consent on Arbor.
- Y3 & Y4 Yorkshire Sculpture Park 16.04.24 – details tbc
- Y6 Residential Northumberland 21.05 to 24.524 – please continue to make payments towards final costs on Arbor.

HALF TERM CAMP

Activ8 Coaching are excited to be returning for February half term at Bessacarr Primary school! The camp is available to pupils in Y1 – Y6 for £17.90 per day (9am to 3pm) or £75 for the week. Breakfast is available from 8am for a £5 additional charge.

- Monday: Escape rooms challenge
- Tuesday: Dragons Den enterprise challenge
- Wednesday: Den building challenge
- Thursday: Tournament day
- Friday: Nerf wars

To reserve your space, please click the following Class4kids link:

<https://activ8-camps.classforkids.io/camp/50>

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Maisie. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and family.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This week in celebration Assembly, we are recognising those children who have produced lovely RE work.

★ Aria & Jermaine
★ Jakub & Suzy
★ Aoife & Abby

★ Amelia & Eryk
★ Lea & Reuben

★ Jack & Hazel
★ Afope & Tapona

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 winner of the attendance award this week with a fantastic attendance of 98.15%

HOUSE POINTS

15 house points have been issued this week – Well done... **Red House Whitby**

BLUE - Fountains	4	RED - Whitby	6
GREEN - Roche	3	YELLOW - Kirkstall	2

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Tuesday 6th February: Parents evening 2pm – 7pm – slots can be booked via Arbor

Thursday 8th February: Y1 Come and See Assembly 9:10am. Parents welcome

Friday 9th February: Break up for half term

Monday 19th February: School re-opens

Monday 19th February: Young Voices concert, Sheffield

Monday 19th February: Doncaster Rovers Players visit to school 2.303pm

Wednesday 21st February: Y3 Educational Visit to Austerfield Study Centre - £18 via Arboe

Wednesday 6th March: Y6 visit to Crucial Crew – please consent on Arbor

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day – details to follow

Thursday 14th March: Y2 Come and See Assembly 9:10am. Parents welcome

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th March: Open Afternoon from 2pm onwards for all parents and carers

Friday 22nd March: Staff INSET day: School closed to all pupils

Monday 25th March – Thursday 29th March: Holy Week Liturgies (all 9.10am)

Monday 25th: Y3: Palm Sunday

Tuesday 26th: Y4: The Last Supper

Wednesday 27th: Y5 Garden of Gethsemane

Thursday 28th March: Y6 Stations of the Cross

Thursday 29th March: School closes for Easter Holiday 3.15pm

Monday 15th April: School re-opens

SAFEGUARDING

The designated safeguarding leads at St. Peter's are myself and Mrs Brewster. Please speak to one of us in confidence if you have any concerns.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Young