



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 14

15th December 2023

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Dear Parents and carers,

The festive season is definitely in full swing now here at St. Peter's. On Tuesday afternoon, Key Stage 2 enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of the Reception/KS1 Nativity 'A Miracle in Town'. Performances for parents, carers, family members and friends were held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. I'm sure those of you that were there will agree that it was a truly joyous and magical occasion, which embodied the true meaning of Christmas. All the children performed with such enthusiasm! Our thanks go to all the EYFS and KS1 staff, who worked so hard to put this wonderful production together.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The first 11 days of the 12 days of Christmas raffle have been drawn. Well done day 7 to 11 winners Kornelia, Ilinca, Shantay, Jack C and Tapona. The last draw takes place on Monday 18th December.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Wednesday 20th December is Christmas dinner day, when children can wear a Christmas jumper, their favourite top or suitable festive clothes. In the afternoon, our children will enjoy a Christmas movie in class. The majority of KS1 and KS2 classes will be watching PG certificate film. If you do not consent to your child taking part, please contact the office. Classroom staff will let you know what film they have chosen next week.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On the afternoon of Thursday 21st December, your child's class teacher will organise Christmas party games and activities in class. This is a **normal school uniform day and children do not need to bring clothes in to get changed into**. However, a **small** donation of food –shop bought biscuits/cakes, squash etc. is always gratefully received. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that school closes at **1.30pm** on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas holiday. We re-open to pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2023 at 8.55am.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL

A reminder to Y6 parents that the deposit of £30 is required by 18th December. If you have any further queries about the residential, please contact the school office.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note there will be no after school provision w/c Mon 18^h December 2023. Details of the clubs running after Christmas will be circulated to parents during the first week back in January 2024.

RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2023

Applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2023. The closing date for this is 15th January 2023.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is adhering to the uniform policy and wearing the correct uniform to school each day. Leggings are not permitted. Girls may grey tunics, skirts or trousers. If your child has to wear trainers please provide a reason for this. I appreciate your support in ensuring our children look smart and prepared for the school day.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Wednesday 20th December: Christmas jumpers/favourite top/Christmas dinner/movie afternoon

Thursday 21st December: 9.10am: End of term assembly

Thursday 21st December: 9.45am (approx.) Y4/5 Choir concert – parents welcome

Thursday 21st December: Christmas party afternoon

Friday 22nd December: Advent Liturgy and Carol Service. 9.15am All welcome.

Friday 22nd December: School closes 1.30pm

Monday 8th January 2024: Teacher training day. School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 9th January 2024: School re-opens 8.55am

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Tristan, Muhammet, Mia and Lucy, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Lewis. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and family.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 6 and Year 3, winners of this week's attendances award with a 96%.

HOUSE POINTS

61 house points have been issued this week – Well done... **Blue House – Fountains** and **Green House Roche**

BLUE - Fountains	15	RED - Whitby	8
GREEN - Roche	15	YELLOW - Kirkstall	7

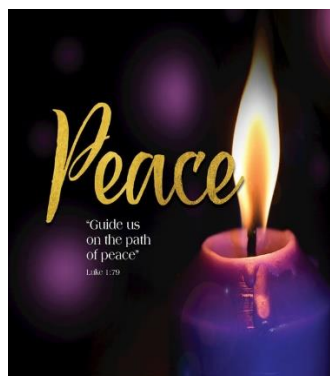
HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to this week's certificate winners our 'peacemakers' who have been chosen by their teachers for contribution towards peace in our school.

★ Aria & Eliza
★ Caleb & Georgia
★ Ezekiel & Sophia

★ Eryk & Julius
★ Travis & Ava

★ William & Abiha
★ Tobiasz & James T



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you next week for the final week of term.

God Bless,

Mrs Young

THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50% of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may overbalance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank, you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your sides and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital, immediately for a check up



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for **'HELP'** and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

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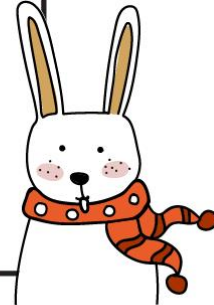
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CHRISTMAS CAMP



10AM TIL
3PM

27TH - 29TH DEC
2ND - 5TH JAN

LOCATION: ST PETER-IN-CHAINS RC CHURCH
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- ★ MARTIAL ARTS WITH CAGED STEEL
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AGES
5 - 16

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