



St. Peter's  
Catholic  
Primary School



# Newsletter 15

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

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Dear Parents and carers,

The final week before Christmas is always a busy one, but filled with so much joy.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Christmas dinner day. This is always a fabulous day at St. Peter's, with everyone looking festive in their Christmas jumpers, festive clothes and creative party hats. Many thanks to Mrs Jones and the kitchen staff who worked so hard to create a memorable day for our children. In the afternoon, our children enjoyed a Christmas movie in class – and a surprise visit from Santa!

This morning we gathered as a school for our final celebration assembly of the year. This was an opportunity to recognise those children who have stood out for their teacher in some special way over the term. We also acknowledged those children who have had 100% attendance – not easy at this time of year, so well done to you all. After Assembly we were treated to a choral performance by Year 4 and 5 who have been working with Mr Edge from the Diocese of Hallam as part of the National Schools Singing Programme. It was lovely to see the progress the children have made. This afternoon, the children enjoyed a party in class. Thanks to the staff for organising this and to you parents for your food donations.

Tomorrow morning, we will gather as a school for our Advent Liturgy. This will be a lovely way to mark the end of term, and remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas, as we begin the Christmas holiday.

Despite all the Christmas preparations, I have seen some amazing learning taking place across school this week. It is always a privilege to go into classes and see the rich learning experiences that our children are provided with.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

The final draw of the 12 days of Christmas raffle took place on Monday. Well done to Scarlett who won a family pass to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park. £195 pounds was raised in total. Many thanks to the Friends of St Peter's for organising such great prizes.

## **MRS DEXTER Y5**

A huge thank you to Mrs Dexter, who has been covering in Y5 during Mr. Ward's paternity leave. She very quickly formed a fantastic relationship with the class, and has made a valued contribution to the school, during her short time here. We wish her well, and hopefully she will be available if we ever need supply cover in the future!

## **UNIFORM**

Please ensure that when your child returns in January for the new term that they have the correct uniform. This includes plain black shoes - not trainers or boots. Leggings are not permitted, girls have the option of wearing plain grey skirts pinafores, trousers or shorts. Tights must be plain grey or black and we ask jewellery including earrings are not worn. Thank you for your support with this.

## JANUARY 2024

A reminder school closes at 1.30pm tomorrow and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8.55am.

## RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2024

Applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2024. The closing date for this is 15th January 2024.

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

## RECEPTION CLASS

We have some places available in our current Reception class. If you know of anyone who is seeking a school place for their child, please encourage them to contact the school office for more information.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Details of the clubs running after Christmas will be circulated to parent's week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January. The Young Voices after school practise sessions start on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January until 4.15pm.

## 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Teacher training day. School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024: School re-opens 8.55am.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January: Young Voices practise sessions start after school.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Y5 Swimming sessions starts.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: School closes for half term.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: School re-opens.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: Young Voices Concert, Utilita Arena Sheffield.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 trip to Crucial Crew.

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week and over the holidays to Elijah, Abdul, Suzy, Annabella, Royem, Azaan, Ethan, Abby, Mrs Peters, Mrs Sunderland and Mr Weaver. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and family.

## ATTENDANCE – TERM WINNERS

Well done to Year 6 winners of the autumn term attendance award with 96%. 39 pupils achieved 100% attendance this term and have been awarded a bronze certificate for their efforts – well done!

## HOUSE POINTS – TERM WINNERS

1060 house points have been issued this term – Well done... **Red House – Whitby!**

BLUE - Fountains	260	RED - Whitby	277
GREEN - Roche	266	YELLOW - Kirkstall	257

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

The Head teacher's award this week is for children who have had an amazing term and have stood out in some way for their teachers.

★ Sasha & Ife

★ Eleanor & Buddy

★ Leon & Mia B

★ George & Kamsi  
★ Stephen & Sofia

★ Royem & Esmail

★ Maisie & Jack

This time of year is always so special. Despite the gloomy weather and dark nights there is so much joy and light to be found, which fills us with hope and joy. It also provides an opportunity for us to reflect and look forward. I continue to feel a deep sense of gratitude to be serving the school as Head Teacher, and I want to thank you all for your prayers, good wishes and ongoing support. My thanks go to our wonderful staff team, who constantly go above and beyond, working tirelessly to meet the needs of all our children.

We would like to thank you for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. Your generosity and kindness is always greatly appreciated.

We hope your homes are filled with peace and happiness this Christmas, and we look forward to seeing all our families in 2024.

God Bless,

Mrs Young

