



St. Peter's  
Catholic  
Primary School

# Newsletter 1

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful first few days we have had back in school. It was a joy to see all the smiling faces of our children as they returned on Wednesday, and I have enjoyed catching up with parents and carers. I am delighted to say that the children have settled back into the routines of school brilliantly, and I have had the privilege of going into classes and seeing all the wonderful learning that is already taking place.

We began the new school year with an Assembly, focussing on our school Mission Statement and values. It was a wonderful reminder of why St. Peter's is such a special place. As one pupil said, it is a school "filled with kindness"!

We also remembered that we are part of a wider family of schools – The St. Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust, and the children enjoyed learning more about St. Francis of Assisi.

On Thursday morning, it was wonderful to start the new school year with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Henry. Remember, all parents and families are welcome into school for the celebration of Mass on special days and feast days.

## **WELCOME**

This week, we have had our new intake of Reception children, who we are delighted to meet. They too have all made a fantastic start and we know they will have a very happy year ahead. We also welcome Mrs Liddle to the school as our new Finance Manager, and Jakub and Noah to Y1 and Y2 respectively. We are delighted to have you with us as part of our school community.

## **BIG TALK SESSIONS**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, each class will be participating in a session with Big Talk Education. To keep children as safe as possible, Relationship Education is now statutory in all Primary Schools. For a number of years, we have successfully engaged the support of the specialist organisation, Big Talk Education, who are a Social Enterprise recognised by national lead bodies and Government. All the parent information has been sent out by email including a link to the presentations. The password to access the Information Is Happy&Safe

## **MACMILLAN TEA/COFFEE AFTERNOON**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a tea/coffee afternoon in aid of MacMillan Cancer support. This will take place in the school hall from 1.30 – 3pm. We would very much appreciate any donations for raffle prizes and request that these come into school over the next few weeks. In addition, please could donations of BOUGHT cupcakes/buns come in from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September onwards. We hope you will all support this wonderful worthwhile event, and huge thanks to Mrs Hamilton for organising this for our school.

## **CAMERAS ON SANDY LANE**

Please be reminded that parking is still restricted outside school on Sandy Lane during school drop off and collection times. In addition, the Council has introduced enforcement cameras to monitor compliance.

## **UNIFORM**

Our children have looked very smart this week. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. The uniform requirements can be found on the school website.

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

## **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.

## **HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

The course of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion will begin in October. It will take place on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall at St Peter in Chains Church. The course is open to all children who attend Mass at St Peter's and Our Lady of Sorrows Churches who are in school years 3, 4 and 5. There will be an opportunity to 'sign in' a child for the course during Sundays during September (10th, 17th and 24th). Signing-in forms are only available by attending Mass.

St Paul's, Cantley information can be obtained by emailing [stpaulscantley@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscantley@gmail.com)

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 that would like to take part in a football after school club taking place each Thursday until 4.15pm, please return the consent slip by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. More clubs will be announced next week.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday this week to Olivia, Sofia, Ava, Hubert, Lilly-Mae, TJ, Ife and Miss Umair. We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

## **DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Big Talk Sessions in School

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Y4 Road Safety Sessions

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: MacMillan Tea/Coffee afternoon 1.30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Mass – all welcome 9.15am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October: School photographs

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Break up for half term

Finally, I share with you the hopes of all of our staff that we will enjoy a wonderful year together working towards the very best outcomes for your children. Thank you all for allowing us to be part of their journey. Have a lovely weekend, and enjoy the sunshine.

God Bless

Mrs Young