



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 3

22nd September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is definitely here, and it has been rather wet and gloomy at times this week. However, there is still so much joy amongst our school community. This week, Fr. Darren visited the children to say thank you for the beautiful card made by our children for his Silver Jubilee celebrations this summer. It was lovely to see him back in school.

I love going into classes to see the learning that is taking place, and talking to the children so that they can share their growing knowledge with me. I am always struck how well the children work with each other; there is so much collaboration, support and team work going on. For this reason, in Celebration Assembly this week we are recognising some of the children in school who show support for others.

HARVEST MASS

Our Harvest Mass will be celebrated in school on Thursday 5th October at 9.15am, to which you are all invited. We are about to start practising some lovely Harvest hymns for this celebration. As usual, we will be collecting donations of tinned and dried food (pasta, rice, noodles etc.), which will be donated to a local foodbank after Mass. We will ask for donations to be brought into school *during week commencing Monday 2nd October*, and as always, we appreciate your support and generosity.

MACMILLAN TEA/COFFEE AFTERNOON

A reminder that on Friday 29th 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 27th September onwards. We hope you will all support this wonderful worthwhile event, and huge thanks to Mrs Hamilton for organising this for our school.

FREE RUGBY TICKETS

Doncaster Knights are kindly offering 50 of our children/families complimentary tickets to their next home game (Doncaster Knights v Bristol Bears Premiership Cup match) at Castle Park on Friday 29th September at 7.30pm. Please call into the school office if you would like some.

Y6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Open evenings at a range of Doncaster secondary schools will be taking place over the next few weeks for current Year 6 pupils and parents.

These are as follows:

McAuley 28th September 5 – 8pm

Hall Cross 12th October 4.30 – 7pm

Hayfield 25th September 6 – 7pm

Once decided, applications should be made online via:

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

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023**.

HISTORY WORKSHOPS

The following classes are having a history workshop on the following dates by leading history education providers Historical Interpretations. The cost per child is £12 payable in the Trips section of Arbor.

- Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Tues 26th Sept all day
- Year 4 The Romans Wed 27th Sept all day
- Year 6 World War I Thurs 28th Sept all day

PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and sibling photographs take place in school on Monday 16th October.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening takes place in school on Tuesday 10th October. You will be able to book your slots on Arbor when they are released w/c 25th September.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Please remember to complete the online form send by email to ensure your child is signed up to receive their flu immunisation in school. Please note you are required to complete the form even if you are declining consent.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Please refer to my previous letter regarding the range of services we are able to offer to support mental health and wellbeing. If you feel that your child would benefit from extra support or counselling, please speak with me, or your child's class teacher.

UNIFORM

Our children continue to look very smart. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. This includes wearing trainers only for PE. Plain navy PE kit with plain white t-shirt/polo shirt. You can check your child's PE days on the class pages of the school website.

COATS

We have noticed a number of children arriving at school without a coat or jumper in this cold, wet and windy weather. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed now that the weather is turning colder.

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.

CAMERAS ON SANDY LANE/PARKING

A reminder that City Of Doncaster Council has installed a camera enforcement system to use outside a number of schools in the Borough, including St. Peter's. This is designed to promote a safer environment around the school gates by reducing congestion, which in turn improves air quality.

If you do need to drive, remember to use the large car park outside the bowling alley and Vue Cinema. We ask you to be respectful of local residents, and avoid parking in the local streets and at the Aircraft Museum. There have been a number of incidents of inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

DOGS AT GATES

If you walk a dog to school please can you not congregate around the main pedestrian gate as this can cause a blockage at busy times. We also are aware some parents and children not comfortable around dogs and this causes issues for them when they have to pass by closely.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 26th September – Year 3 Egyptians History Workshop

Wednesday 27th September – Year 4 Romans History Workshop

Thursday 28th September – Year 6 World War I History Workshop

Friday 29th September: MacMillan Tea/Coffee afternoon

Thursday 5th October: Harvest Mass 9.15am – all welcome

Tuesday 10th October: Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm

Wednesday 11th October: Flu vaccinations

Monday 16th October: School photographs

Friday 20th October: Break up for half term

HOUSE POINTS

103 house points have been issued this week – winners **Yellow - Kirkstall**

BLUE - Fountains	27
GREEN - Roche	18
RED - Whitby	27
YELLOW - Kirkstall	31

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Jonah, Charles, Aria and Timo, we hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Well done to these children who have been chosen by their teachers for showing support for others.



Sonia & Ava
Mia & Maisie
Meadow & Isabella
Arabella & Alisa



Molly & Ife
Izzy & Noah

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.
God Bless

Mrs Young