



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents

It has been a very busy week here at St. Peter's. On Monday morning, we had a whole school assembly delivered by the team from With Me in Mind. They outlined to the children how they work in schools and we are very much looking forward to working in partnership with them as part of our approach to mental health and wellbeing. Further details about the service can be found at:

<https://www.withmeinmind.co.uk/doncaster/>

Years 3, 4 and 6 each enjoyed a very engaging history workshop this week, linked to their current history topics of Ancient Egyptians, Romans, and World War 1. It was wonderful to see our children have the opportunity to develop their historical enquiry skills – exploring artefacts, which promoted lots of high quality discussion.

MACMILLAN TEA/COFFEE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who supported the MacMillan Coffee afternoon today. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together for such a good cause. Many thanks for your kind donations of cakes, biscuits and raffle prizes and for helping to make it such a success. Special thanks to Mrs Hamilton for organising this and to all the staff who helped in many different ways. Over £370 was raised.

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. Please bring donations into school **from Monday 2nd October**, and as always we appreciate your support and generosity.

PARENTS EVENING

Our first parents evening of the year will be held on Tuesday 10th October between 2pm and 7pm. This will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled in so far. Please sign up for an appointment via Arbor. We kindly request that children are not brought to the meetings, although provision will be provided to oversee those children whose parents have appointments at collection time. This provision will run until 3.30pm.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made online via:

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

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

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Please can I ask all parents who have not completed the online consent form to do so by the deadline of the 6th October. Please note you have to complete a return even if you are declining consent.

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/106760FLU239949>

ONLINE SAFETY

Staff are increasingly concerned about the online activities of some of our children via gaming and social media. Over the year, we will continue to educate our children, but please ensure you put appropriate limits and boundaries in place.

South Yorkshire Police have recently contacted all schools in the area to raise concerns around inappropriate internet use by children as young as four. Last year 11 % of the referrals they received were for safeguarding concerns regarding online safety. In the first half of this year they have seen a huge increase with 26% having been received in the first half of this year (Jan - Jun) alone.

Please see links below for useful websites:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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

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.

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.

DIARY DATES

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

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

BLUE - Fountains	15
GREEN - Roche	16
RED - Whitby	15
YELLOW - Kirkstall	17

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Saphina, Theodore, Isaac T and Amelia we hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Young