



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 7

20th October 2023

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Dear Parents

We have reached the end of our first half term, and it has been a wonderful opportunity for me to reflect on all the amazing things that have been happening in school over the last seven weeks. Our children are engaged with the rich curriculum we provide and are being provided with some wonderful learning opportunities. As a result, they are making good progress, and I have seen some incredible work in books this week. I know that Y1 enjoyed sharing their 'Three Little Pigs' stories with Y2 yesterday, and it is lovely to see them sharing their work with a wide audience, which gives it real purpose. Our new Reception class have settled into school brilliantly, and it is lovely to see them spending time with their Year 6 'buddies', who are such fabulous role models for the younger children.

Thank you to Y3 who delivered the first class assembly of the school year yesterday morning. It was absolutely beautiful, and included some gorgeous singing! The liturgy was a thoughtful reminder that we are all unique and different, and members of different families, all with a range of qualities. It really gave me the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the wonderful, diverse family community we have here at St. Peter's. Please remember to keep an eye on the school website and class Twitter pages for more information about all the learning that is taking place in school.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Have you ordered your school photos yet? The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 31st October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder to parents of Year 6 pupils that secondary school applications for September 2024 are now open. **The closing date is 31 October 2023, and the announcement date is 1 March 2024.**

Applications should be made online via:

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

RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS

In addition, applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2024. This will be for any child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020. **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.

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

The places have been allocated for the Autumn 2 term after school clubs and you will have received an email to confirm your child's place. If your child has been allocated place on the craft club please send in £7 cash to cover the cost of materials on the first day.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S

Friends of St Peter's are running a **pumpkin decorating/carving competition**. Entries can be brought to school on Monday 30th October for judging on Tuesday 31st October. To enter will cost £1. Please ensure your child's name is on their pumpkin.

Please be reminded of the big yellow clothes bank located at the top of the staff carpark. The clothes bank takes all textiles shoes and accessories. The clothes bank is emptied and weighed every term and the monies raised issued to school.

UNIFORM REMINDER

I am seeing a number of uniform variations creeping in. The uniform requirements are available on the school website. Trainers, earrings and joggers or training bottoms are not permitted school uniform items. If there is a valid reason for your child to have a uniform variation please contact the school office in advance.

HALF TERM CAMP

Activ8 Coaching are excited to be running a holiday camp through the October half term at Bessacarr primary school for all children aged 5-11 (Y1 – Y6) for £15 per day 9am – 3pm. An 8am breakfast club is available for an additional £5. Children will need provide a packed lunch, a refillable bottle and suitable clothing.

Monday: Multi - sports

Tuesday: Nerf wars

Wednesday: Den building

Thursday: Escape rooms

Friday: Fancy dress Friday / Halloween party games

To book onto camp, please click the following link: <https://activ8-camps.classforkids.io/camp/41>

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week and over half term to Aleena, Mason, Chloe, Olly, Malachy, Georgia, Mrs Young, Mrs Oleksy, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Liddle. We hope you have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Many congratulations to these children who have been recognised this week for making good progress over the half term in many different ways. Well done everyone – and keep up the good work!



George & Zuzanna

Charlie & Thea

Vilte & Taylor

Victor & Nathan



Krzysztof & Alizah

Mason & Aleena

Aoife & Stephen

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 2 and Year 6, joint winners of this week's attendances award with a fantastic 97%. Well done also to Alisa, winner of the attendance star of the term award.

DIARY DATES

- Monday 16th October: School photographs
- Friday 20th October: Break up for half term 3.15pm
- Monday 30th October: School re-opens 8.55am
- Tuesday 31st October: Pumpkin competition judging
- Wednesday 1st November: Mass for All Saints Day 9.15am

- Friday 10th November: Y6 Remembrance Liturgy 10.45am – all welcome
- Friday 17th November: Non uniform day – Children in Need £1 donation

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break with your families and are able to find some time to rest and recharge. I look forward to seeing you all again on 30th October.

Please remember in your prayers all those affected by the devastating events in the Middle East, as well as the ongoing war in Ukraine. We pray for peace in our world and an end to the conflict.

God Bless,

Mrs Young