



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 10

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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see everyone in non-uniform today for Children in Need, with lots of bright colours, spots and smiles! Thank you as always for your support with this fundraising event. We raised a fantastic £144. Well done everyone!

Another big thank you to those children who gave up part of their Sunday morning to attend the Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial in the city centre. As always, it was a sombre and poignant occasion, and it is always an honour to be a part of this civic event. Some of us even made the local news on TV! There will be a little treat on Monday afternoon to say thank you to those children who took part. Thanks also to Mr Ward, who accompanied the children with me.

It has been Anti-Bullying week this week. We started the week off with a Whole School Assembly on 'Random Acts of Kindness' led by Nicola from 'With me in Mind'. During the week children were involved in different activities to help embed the key messages. This is always a useful reminder to focus on the value of kindness – one of the most important qualities and something that we continually focus on in school. I had the privilege of teaching Year 3 on Wednesday and they produced some beautiful poetry on kindness.

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful Viking experience day on Wednesday delivered by the Danelaw Living History Museum. Pupils examined a fantastic collection of artefacts to help them understand how Vikings lived and took part in a range of activities on Viking life.

Thank you to Mrs Brewster for delivery the phonics workshop for Reception parents on Wednesday evening, and to those parents who came along and engaged so fully. We hope it has given you a deeper insight into our approach to phonics and early reading here at St. Peter's and that you will continue to support us in our aim to develop a lifelong love of reading among our children.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE/DISCO

The Friends of St Peter's are selling raffle tickets for the 12 Days of Christmas Raffle each morning in the gardening area outside Year 4. Tickets cost £1. If you would like to order them through school, please send the money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front. The first prize will be drawn on Friday 1st December and the raffle will run through to Tuesday 12th December 2023.

The Friends are also holding a disco in Hyde Park WMC for local children on Thursday 21st December from 5-7pm. Tickets are £2 and are available from The Friends volunteers or the school office.

UNIFORM

Please can I ask that if your child has to wear trainers for any reason that you contact the school office. We issue uniform advisory notes for all uniform variations however if we are made aware of any issues in advance we will be happy to accommodate reasonable requests.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Over the last few years, it has become traditional for us to decorate the school Christmas tree with homemade decorations made by the children. It makes the tree so unique and special, and representative of the individuality of the children in our school. Please could I ask you to spare a bit of time to help your child make a Christmas tree decoration at home and bring it in to school before Thursday 30th November. Please ensure that decorations are not too big as there are potentially 200 to fit on!

CHRISTMAS MENU

Mrs Jones the cook has put together an exciting Christmas menu for the last week of term. If your child normally has packed lunches but would like to swap for this week please let the office know. Christmas dinner takes place on Wednesday 20th December.

RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2023

Applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2023. The closing date for this is 15th January 2023.

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

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS RUGBY TICKETS

Doncaster Knights have issued school with 50 free tickets to the match against London Scottish at 2.30pm on Saturday 25th November. Please contact the office if you would like to receive some free tickets.

FAMILY TRIATHLON EVENT

On the 26th of November, Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Sam Dickinson is attending the monthly duathlon event with Team Animis at Doncaster Cycle Track, and British Triathlon would like to offer 10 free places to encourage children to attend the event with their families and meet Sam. The family option includes up to 2 adults and 4 children. Sam Dickinson will be starting off the event and will hang around for a chit chat afterwards, he is going to bring his shiny gold medal with him!



**GET INVOLVED,
SCAN HERE**



**Give duathlon a go with
Commonwealth Gold Medallist
Sam Dickinson**

Join the elite Great Britain triathlete for a fun, accessible dose of bike and run

When?

09:00 AM Start
Sunday 26 November

Where?

Doncaster Cycle Track
Bawtry Rd, Doncaster DN4 7PD

Equipment?

All you need is a pair of trainers!
Bike hire available on site

Who?

Open to adults, children (8+),
families and para athletes

Make your move

Stick around for a Q&A with Sam talking all things winter training and the road ahead in 2024!

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have received a few enquiries from parents who have been unable to book breakfast club as it is full. This provision is getting more popular we are advising you to book well in advance for the dates you require. The maximum number of pupils that can attend is 25.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Tuesday 21st November: Y2 visit to Aircraft Museum – consent & payment via Arbor

Thursday 23rd November: Residential meeting for Y6 parents 6pm

Friday 24th November: Y6 Tag Rugby Festival, Hill House School

Thursday 30th November: Y5 Come and See Assembly: 9.10am

Thursday 30th November: Y5 & 6 EFL Kids Cup, Eco Power Stadium

Monday 4th December: Advent Wreath Blessing Service 9.15am – all welcome

Wednesday 13th/Thursday 14th December EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Time tbc (pm)

Wednesday 20th December: Christmas jumpers/Christmas dinner/movie afternoon

Thursday 21st December: 9.10am: End of term assembly

Thursday 21st December: Christmas party afternoon

Friday 22nd December: Advent Liturgy 9.15am

Friday 22nd December: School closes 1.30pm

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Mia B, Hanna, Isabella and William. We hope you have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

This week, as part of anti-bullying week, we are recognising these wonderful children, who make a huge impact through their random acts of kindness. I was at an RE meeting this week, and this quote from Pope Francis was shared. It seems an apt way to mark the end of anti-bullying week, especially when there is so much suffering in the world.



Olivia & Maya
Ezra & Saphina
Olivia & Evie
Gurpreet & Annabella



Phoebe & Anna
Adn & Johan
Isaac T & Nell

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 6 winners of this week's attendances award with a fantastic 98.47%.

HOUSE POINTS

25 house points have been issued this week – winners **Red -Roche**

BLUE - Fountains	3
GREEN - Roche	6
RED - Whitby	10
YELLOW - Kirkstall	6

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday morning.

God Bless,

Mrs Young