



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 21

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Dear Parents and carers,

What a wonderful first week back we have had after the half term holiday. It has been lovely to see everybody back in school, and once again, it has been a week filled with positivity and enthusiasm. I absolutely adore going into classes and seeing our children so proudly sharing their work.

We are now in the season of Lent, and as always, the school week started with Gospel Assembly. The children were reminded about the importance of the season of Lent for Christians, and we listened to a reading from the Gospel of St. Mark in which Jesus spends 40 days in the wilderness, in preparation for his work on Earth.

On Monday afternoon and evening, a group of Key Stage 2 children attended the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. Our children have been practising the selected songs, and were in fine voice on Monday, when they came together with 4000 other children for the performance. It was an incredible experience, and a wonderful, uplifting evening for our children and families. I'm sure it will stay in their memories for a very long time! Huge thanks to Miss Bleything and Mrs Allen for organising this for St. Peter's, to all staff for giving up their time to accompany the children, to parents and family members for supporting the event – and finally to our amazing children who behaved impeccably and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

For those that remained in school, there was a surprise visit from three Doncaster Rovers players. The children had the opportunity to meet the players and ask questions. In addition, one child from each class received recognition for their extra efforts, good conduct and positive attitude and were rewarded with a ticket and VIP match day experience. Well done everybody!

On Wednesday, Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Austerfield Study centre as part of their Science study of rocks and soils. They had a wonderful day and were keen to share their learning upon their return.

Year 4 started their whole class guitars lessons with Mr Merrett this afternoon. It was lovely to hear them in the hall.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have also launched our new school website! Take a look <https://www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk/> Please also keep an eye on X (Twitter) for further updates about your child's learning in class.

WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 7th MARCH

Please refer to the attached letter which contains details of our World Book Day celebrations which will be taking place in school on 7th March. The day is a non-uniform day, and children have the option of coming to school dressed as a book character, **but this is not compulsory**.

They are invited to bring their favourite book to school to share with others during the day.

As part of our celebrations, a Book Fair will take place in the school library on Thursday 29th February and Friday 1st March before and after school.

MRS JONES

Sadly, our school cook, Mrs Jones, will be leaving St. Peter's at Easter after 16 years of dedicated service. She will be missed by all the staff and pupils, who have benefited enormously from her kindness, cheerfulness and lovely food – especially those treats on special occasions! Doncaster Council will be organising a replacement cook for the school in due course.

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.

SCHOOL TRIPS








- Y6 Crucial Crew 06.03.24 – please provide consent on Arbor.
- Y3 & Y4 Yorkshire Sculpture Park 16.04.24 – details tbc
- Y6 Residential Northumberland 21.05 to 24.5.24 – please continue to make payments.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Ezekiel. We hope you had a lovely time with your friends and family.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This week in celebration Assembly, we are recognising children who are working well in the current Geography topic and show lots of interest in the wider world.

 R Olivia & Zuzanna	 Y1 Noah & Thea	 Y2 Georgie & Sonia
 Y3 Aaliyah & Kornelia	 Y4 Charles & Anna	 Y5 Johan & Romeo
 Y6 Isaac S & Treijon		

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3, winners of the attendance award this week with a fantastic attendance of 98.15%

HOUSE POINTS

95 house points have been issued this week – Well done... **Blue Fountains!**

BLUE - Fountains	25	RED - Whitby	24
GREEN - Roche	22	YELLOW - Kirkstall	24

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

This half term is very busy! Please check all dates carefully. We also have a calendar on the new website which is regularly updated. Some key events coming up are:

- Wednesday 28th February: Y5 Language day in school (McAuley)
- Wednesday 6th March: Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day - see attached letter
- Thursday 14th March: Y2 Come and See Assembly 9:10am. Parents and carers welcome
- Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day
- Friday 15th March: Year 5 at Institute of Sport, Sheffield.
- Tuesday 19th March: Open afternoon 'Celebration of Learning' 2pm onwards. All welcome
- Wednesday 20th March (pm): Rocksteady Easter Concert. Parents and carers welcome
- Thursday 21st March: Spring Disco after school TBC – details to follow
- Friday 22nd March: Staff INSET day: School closed to all pupils
- Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th March: Hockey tournaments for selected Y3-Y6 pupils.
- Monday 25th March – Thursday 29th March: Holy Week Liturgies (all 9.10am; Parents welcome)
 - Monday 25th: Y3: Palm Sunday
 - Tuesday 26th: Y4: The Last Supper
 - Wednesday 27th: Y5 Garden of Gethsemane
 - Thursday 28th March: Y6 Stations of the Cross
- Thursday 29th March: School closes for Easter Holiday 3.15pm
- Monday 15th April: School re-opens 8:55am

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.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you back in school next week.
God Bless,

Mrs Young