



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 39

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Dear Parents and carers,

Once again, it has been another busy week in school, with so much going on. This is the final newsletter of the school year, so I will try to cover everything!

YEAR 6

On Monday morning, our Year 6 pupils were presented with a leaving gift from the school. They have been having great fun this week receiving special messages from their friends and staff in school.

On Tuesday after school, they all had fun at their Leavers Disco. It was a joyous couple of hours, with lots of happy memories made.

On Friday we celebrated a beautiful Leavers' Mass in school. Thank you to parents and family members who came along.

On Monday, they will deliver their Year 6 Leavers Assembly, which is sure to be a poignant and moving celebration of their time at St. Peter's. Remember, all family members and friends of our Year 6 children are welcome to attend.

On Tuesday, we sadly say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children. This class are a fabulous cohort, and over the years, they have grown and flourished into wonderful young people. They joined Reception in September 2017, at the same time as I too joined the school, so I feel that we have been on a journey through St. Peter's together. They are fine ambassadors for our school and we are enormously proud of them all.

We wish them all well as they embark on the next stage of their education at secondary school and hope that they will always look back on their time here with fondness and happy memories. We hope that they will embrace all the exciting opportunities that life brings, so that they fulfil their true potential. Thank you Year 6 – our love and best wishes to you all.

MRS. BREWSTER

On Tuesday, we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Brewster. Mrs. Brewster has worked at St. Peter's for six years, and has made an enormous contribution as Deputy Head, SENCo and as a class teacher, initially in Year 1 and more recently as Early Years Lead. Throughout her time here, Mrs Brewster has worked with dedication and commitment, and many children have benefitted from her care, support and guidance. We are all enormously grateful to her for the service she has shown to our community, and are all extremely sad to see such a valued and committed member of staff leave. We will miss her enormously, both personally and professionally. However, we wish her well, and every success as she moves to St. Joseph's Rossington, another school within the St. Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust, and know that she will always be part of our school family. Thank you Mrs. Brewster – and our very best wishes for the future.

MRS. O'MAHONEY

We also say goodbye to Mrs O'Mahoney, who has worked in our Breakfast Club for the last year and a half. We thank her for the valued contribution that she has made, and the care she has provided to our Breakfast Club children each morning. Mrs O'Mahoney will still be working as a relief lunchtime supervisor.

ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

On Wednesday afternoon we were treated to a concert by the children who have been doing the Rocksteady sessions in school, showcasing the songs they have been learning. It was another joy to behold! They were all fantastic and performed with great effort and enthusiasm. Thank you so much everyone – and to Alex, our band leader, who works so brilliantly with the children.

YEAR 3 AND 4 VISIT TO THE POINT

This week, our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a visit to 'The Point' Arts Centre in the city centre. They learned about the River Don, the impact of pollution and made clay sculptures of some of the creatures that need clean river water for their habitat. This was an educational and engaging morning, which allowed our children to develop their creative and scientific skills. The children's work will be on display at The Point on South Parade over the summer until early September.

[The River Don is Amazing \(thepoint.org.uk\)](http://thepoint.org.uk)

SUMMER FAIR

I am pleased to confirm that the Summer Fair and raffle raised a wonderful £750 towards school funds.

SPONSORED WALK

Reminder to bring all final sponsorship money in on Monday.

SEPTEMBER 2024 OPENING TIMES

A reminder that from September, ***the school day will begin at 8.45am.*** The gates will open at 8.35am, and children will be directed to go straight to class, without lining up.

The gates will close at 8.45am promptly.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Unfortunately, we were unable to recruit a new member of staff for our Breakfast Club, and the post will be re-advertised in September. As a result, due to staffing ratios, we will have to cap the number of children able to attend Breakfast Club to 20 until the position is filled. The price is now £3.50 per session to cover costs. All places should be booked via Arbor in the usual way.

SCHOOL STREETS

The school streets initiative will be paused by Doncaster Council from 20th August. Advisory signs will be on display from September. Please could we encourage parents to continue use the car park at the Vue Cinema to avoid congestion on Sandy Lane and a reminder that the staff car park is not to be used by parents.

SAFEGUARDING

The school will close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 23rd July 1.30pm, and reopen to pupils on Wednesday 4th September 2024, at the new time of 8.45am (7.30am for any pupils attending Breakfast Club). Please note that the school office will be closed over this period. However, if you have a safeguarding concern, then the following routes are available for support and reporting:

Where you believe there is an immediate risk of significant harm the police should be contacted on 999.

- If you are worried about a child and wish to speak to someone, you can contact the Doncaster Council Safeguarding Team by calling **01302 737777**. In the **evening or at weekends** call **01302 796000**.
- If you have urgent concerns regarding a child or young person's mental health, please call the duty team on 01302 796191.
- For less urgent concerns, these can be reported on the Doncaster Council website at <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/safeguarding-concern-child-at-risk-report-form>

The St Peter's safeguarding team can be reached at safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk. Please note that to ensure we can respond to genuine safeguarding concerns appropriately, this email address should **not** be used for general school enquiries. Please also see our [Safeguarding & Child Protection Page](#).

CHILDCARE NEEDS SURVEY

Doncaster Council are planning childcare needs across Doncaster to ensure we have enough provision for our families in the future. We are interested in your childcare situation and what your future needs may be.

Please complete this survey and help us plan and support the childcare provision in Doncaster. The survey closes on Sunday 8th September 2024. [Childcare Needs 2024](#)

JOIN THE LIBRARY

Libraries across Doncaster are holding a number of events for children over the summer holiday period. For more information or to join please access the link. [Join the Library](#)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Y5 winner of this week's attendance with an impressive 98.67%.

All pupils who achieved a school attendance of 97%, which is the school target, have received a flyer from Doncaster Rovers Attendance4 Attendance scheme to claim a free child ticket to watch the game against Accrington Stanley on Saturday 10th August.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

There is no Celebration Assembly this week; instead, we will be having an end of year assembly on Tuesday morning.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week and over the holidays to: Abiha, Grayson, Buddy, Jakub B, Rocco, And, Travis, Lola, Filip K, Adi, Ewan, Louis, Logan, Arabella, Jaiveer, Aaliyah, Treijon, Jackson, Harry, Eryk, Alex, Sasha, Phoebe, Julius, Stephen, Eliza and Mrs Butler. We hope you all have a lovely time with your friends and families.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

A reminder that school closes on Tuesday 23rd July at 1.30pm for the summer break. Please ensure all children are collected on time. Thank you.

- Monday 22nd July 9.15am – Y6 Leavers Assembly – Y6 parents and families welcome
- Tuesday 23rd July 9.15am: End of Year Celebration Assembly – all welcome
- Tuesday 23rd July: School closes for Summer Holidays at **1.30pm**
- Monday 2nd/Tuesday 3rd September: INSET DAYS: School closed to pupils
- Wednesday 4th September: School reopens to Years 1 -6 at 8.45am. Reception pupils phased entry begins.

A FINAL THANK YOU

The end of the school year provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the past. It is a privilege to serve this amazing school as head teacher, and I want to thank you all for your ongoing support. My thanks also to our wonderful staff team, who constantly go above and beyond, working tirelessly to meet the needs of all our children.

We would like to thank you for all your end of year cards, gifts and good wishes. Your generosity and kindness is always greatly appreciated.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday morning for the final day and a half! This will be the final newsletter of the year, so I wish you a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing all our families in September.

God Bless,

Mrs Young