



St. Peter's  
Catholic  
Primary School

# Newsletter 12

25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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Dear Parents,

It has certainly been another busy week as the Autumn term continues at a rapid pace.

As always, we started the week with Gospel Assembly, which was a celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. On Tuesday morning, I had the privilege of accompanying our Year 6 children to a Mass for this special feast day at St. Peter's Church. We were joined by children and staff from all the schools within the St Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust. It was a beautiful Mass, and the behaviour and conduct of our children was incredible. Thank you to Miss Topliss, Miss Hughes and Mrs Fisher for accompanying the children with me.

Earlier today a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school at a tag rugby event at Hill House School. They came a fantastic 4<sup>th</sup> place out of the 10 schools that attended. Thanks to Mr Wynne and Mr Bell-Weaver for accompanying and supporting them at this event.

This week marks the start of Advent, a very special season in the Church's year. Each class has been busy making an Advent wreath for their classroom, and these will be blessed by Deacon Harish from St. Peter's Church in a special service on Monday morning at 9am. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend this.

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.

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## **Y6 RESIDENTIAL**

Thank you to parents who attended the information session this week. Remember the deposit of £30 is required by 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any further queries about the residential, please contact the school office.

## **BRITISH LEGION**

The Royal British Legion have asked us to extend their thanks to you all for your recent support with their annual poppy appeal. In school, we raised £180.54 through the sale of poppies and other merchandise. Thank you all very much!

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Our Christmas tree will be going up later today – ready for the children when they arrive at school next week! If there are any more decorations being made over the weekend, please bring them in on Monday.

## **UNIFORM**

A reminder that full uniform should be always worn, including plain black shoes/boots. Now the weather has got much colder please ensure children bring warm coats, hats and gloves for outdoor play.

## PHONICS COURSE

The Adult, Family & Community Learning Team from Doncaster Council will be running a phonics course for parents of Rec and Year 1 pupils. The course will introduce what phonics is, how to say the letters of the alphabet correctly, blending and segmenting - all in a fun and interactive way. The course will link with the phonics scheme used in school and will help parents to support their children continue their progress at home. The course usually runs for 6 weeks - 1 week for an introduction session and then 5 subsequent weeks for the course. Each session is usually 2 hours long. Children are invited to the end of each session to join their parents in a craft activity. To register your interest please contact the school office on [admin3@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:admin3@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk)

## SEND Coffee Morning

Mrs Fitzsimons has organised a coffee morning in school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am for families of pupils who access SEND support. In attendance will be some professionals from the Local Authority and 'With me in Mind', who will help to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have about the support available. All families welcome.

## ARBOR

**REPORTING ABSENCES:** From January 2025 all pupil absence must be reported through the Arbor app, instructions on how to do this will be circulated next week.

**IN-APP MESSAGES:** In App notifications are now the first line of communication from school to home. Please note if you have not logged in to your child's Arbor account you will not receive the in-app messages, the communication will default to email.

**You will need to *enable push notifications on your device to receive timely alerts about important school announcements***

## RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2025

Applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2025. The closing date for this is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Sienna, Hazel, Julia, Patrick, Zuri, Reni and Jack B. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance over the past few weeks has been impacted by all the coughs, colds and bugs doing the rounds. As ever, please adhere to the NHS guidance 'Is my child too ill for school' <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for advice. We have been in the top 10% of school nationally for our fantastic attendance recently so it is important we avoid any unnecessary absences.

Well done to Y6 winners of this weeks attendance award with 97.64%.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to our certificate winners who have been recognised this week for their good work in RE.

★ La'relle & Arthur O'K  
★ Mia & Aria  
★ Noah & Vilte  
★ Anna & Alisa

★ Michelle & Ezra  
★ Mia C & Yusuf  
★ Henry & Adam

## HOUSE POINTS

74 points have been issued this week. To see your child's house point total please see their Arbor account.

**Well done to Yellow House Kirkstall**

BLUE - Fountains	7	RED - Whitby	7
GREEN - Roche	5	YELLOW - Kirkstall	8

## DIARY DATES

- Monday 2nd December: Advent Wreath Blessing Service 9am – all welcome
- Thursday 5th December: Year 5 Come and See Assembly: 9am
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 12th December EYFS/KS1 Nativity –1.45pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas jumpers/Christmas dinner/movie afternoon
- Wednesday 18th December: Rocksteady Concert
- Thursday 19th December: End of term celebration assembly 9am
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas party afternoon
- Friday 20th December: Advent Liturgy 9am
- Friday 20th December: School closes 1.30pm
- Monday 6th January 2025: School re-opens 8.45am

## SAFEGUARDING

The designated safeguarding leads at St. Peter's are myself and Mrs Fitzsimons. Please speak to one of us in confidence if you have any concerns. You can also make contact via the safeguarding e-mail:

[safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk)

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

God Bless,

Mrs Young