



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 19

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all well, and have had a good week. As always, it has been another busy week here at St. Peter's, with lots going on.

This week, I have been visiting classes to see RE lessons. I have been so impressed with the thoughtful and reflective work being produced by our children.

On Wednesday morning, Year 4 enjoyed another session with Phil Sheppard from the National Literacy Trust in Doncaster. They collaborated to write a maths related story as part of the 'Maths through Stories' project which we are part of. Earlier in the week, Year 4 also welcomed Fr. Darren into school as part of their current RE topic on the local church and finding out more about our parish community.

Yesterday, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to Crucial Crew at the Lifewise Centre in Hellaby, where they learned a range of life and social skills for the future. Once again, they were fine ambassadors for our school with their excellent conduct and behaviour.

Remember to follow the class Twitter pages for more details of the learning taking place in school.

@stpetersdon	@RecStPeterDon
@Y1StPeterDon	@Y2StPeterDon
@Y3StPeterDon	@Y4StPeterDon
@Y5StPeterDon	@Y6StPeterDon

SEND COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday we held a coffee morning for the parents and carers of our pupils with SEND. It was a good opportunity for parents to chat to each other and also with the specialist services in attendance including Sendias, Doncaster Council and With Me in Mind. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Mrs Fitzsimons for organising this worthwhile event. We hope you found it useful, informative and enjoyable!

PARENTS EVENING

A reminder that our next parents evening takes place on next Thursday 6th February between 2pm and 7pm. Please remember to sign up for an appointment on Arbor. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress at the midpoint of the year. ***Please note this is a meeting for parents only and children and pupils are not permitted to attend. If you cannot arrange childcare, please contact the office and we will arrange a different appointment time for you.***

Please note that the badminton and boxercise clubs will not be running as a result.

COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please could we ask parents and carers to wait on the playground at the end of the day, and not on the paths at the top of the steps. Teaching staff need to wait with the class in this area during collection to ensure that children are safely dismissed. The increasing number of adults and pushchairs is causing a huge amount of congestion and is preventing children from being collected safely. Thank you.

DOGS

A reminder that under no circumstances should dogs be brought onto the school premises.

ARBOR REPORTING ABSENCES: From January 2025 all pupil absence must be reported through the Arbor app. [Parent Guide - Reporting Absence on Arbor](#)

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

KS2 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

A reminder that KS2 children will be taking part in the community tree planting day on **Wednesday 5th February** and have been to bring/wear shoes they don't mind getting muddy and to wrap up warm.

UNIFORM

We are seeing more and more trainers being worn as part of school uniform. Please be reminded that shoes should be worn apart from when the children have scheduled PE lessons. Please be reminded that the school PE kit is plain navy joggers and hoodie and plain white polo shirt. Jewellery, especially earrings are not permitted under the health and safety guidance. As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the office staff who will be happy to assist.

YOUNG VOICES

Young Voices rehearsals are going well, and I have enjoyed listening to the children singing after school each Wednesday. The concert takes place on 12th February at the Utilita Arena in Sheffield. Please ensure you have paid your child's £9.50 coach charge before this date. We are still awaiting delivery of the t-shirt order, but the tickets have been distributed this week.

DONCASTER BELLES

Doncaster Belles have set up some exciting football training opportunities for girls in the Doncaster area, **Girls Only Goalkeeper Training (Ages 8-16)**

These sessions are specifically designed for aspiring female goalkeepers and are held every Thursday from 5:00-6:00pm or 6:00-7:00pm. Whether a beginner or an experienced player, these sessions are tailored to develop goalkeeping skills in a supportive, girls-only environment.

Wildcats Training (Ages 6-12)

The Wildcats sessions aim to introduce younger girls to football in a fun and engaging way. It's a great opportunity for girls to develop their basic football skills, make new friends, and enjoy the sport.

First Trial Session Free!

The first session is completely free of charge, so girls can come along, have fun, and see if they'd like to continue.

If you're interested please email: Oti.Laki@clubdoncaster.co.uk or details can be found on Doncaster Belles social media.

ATTENDANCE

If you have to book routine GP and Dentist appointments for your child, please try to do so outside of school hours. If this is not possible, late morning and late afternoon slots are preferable. An authorised absence has to be recorded for children missing registration at 8.45am and 1 pm.

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.



Well done to Y4 winners of this week's attendance award with 100%



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Shaza and Harrison. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

I have been visiting RE lessons this week and am so impressed with the work being produced. For this reason the focus of our Celebration Assembly this week is RE. Well done to these children who are producing thoughtful, reflective and beautiful work in this core subject. Congratulations and well done everyone.

★ Vinny & Peter
★ Grace & Juliette
★ Saphina & Sorei
★ Elijah & Maja

★ Jakub & Kornelia
★ Sienna & Fin
★ TJ & Jack

HOUSE POINTS

94 house points have been issued this week. Well done – **Red House Whitby**. You can see the house points your child has been awarded on their Arbor account.

BLUE - Fountains	25	RED - Whitby	31
GREEN - Roche	19	YELLOW - Kirkstall	19

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 6th February: Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm
- 12th February: Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena
- 13th February: Y1 Come and See Assembly
- Friday 14th February: School closes for half term. Non uniform day for £1 donation
- Monday 24th February: School re-opens
- Thursday 27th/Friday 28th February: Book Fair in school
- Thursday 27th February: Y3 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
- Thursday 27th February: Rec Air Ambulance Talk (Rec pupils wear green for £1 donation)
- Monday 3rd March: Y2 trip to DGLAM – Journey of Rail in Doncaster
- Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday 6th March: World Book Day
- Friday 14th March: Red Nose Day – non uniform for £1 donation
- Tuesday 18th March: Open Afternoon: ‘Celebration of Learning’ 2pm onwards. More to follow.
- Wednesday 19th March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- Friday 28th March: School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: School re-opens

SAFEGUARDING

The designated safeguarding leads at St. Peter’s are me and Mrs Fitzsimons. Please speak to one of us in confidence if you have any concerns. A confidential e-mail can be sent at any time to

safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk

If you have any urgent safeguarding concerns out of school hours, these should be directed to the safeguarding team at Doncaster Council, on 01302 737777 or 01302 796000 (evenings and weekends) or online via the following link:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/safeguarding-concern-child-at-risk-report-form>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Young