



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 26

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Dear Parents and carers,

As we reach the end of term, it is an opportunity to pause and reflect on all the wonderful work that has taken place in school over the last few weeks.

On Monday, our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a visit to the Institute of Sport in Sheffield as part of the Active Fusion Festival of Sport. They enjoyed participating in a range of different activities and had a fabulous time. Thank you to Mr Drury and all the staff and parents who accompanied them on the visit.

This week, some of our KS2 pupils have participated in a hockey tournament at Doncaster Hockey Club. Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils won their tournament and returned to school with a lovely, engraved shield. The Year 5 and 6 team performed extremely well too but just missed out on a semi-final place. Thank you to Mr Ward and the adults who supported them.

On Wednesday evening, Mia in Year 6 proudly represented the school at the annual Danum Read Aloud Competition at the Danum Gallery Museum and Library in the city centre. She performed brilliantly with a performance of the poem 'Finding Magic' by Eric Finney. She came away with a lovely selection of prizes!

Please keep an eye on X (Twitter) for further updates about your child's learning in class.

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STAFF DEPARTURES

With great sadness, I have to inform you that both Mrs Allen and Mrs Johnson have submitted their resignations and will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term.

They are both highly valued and experienced members of our teaching team who have worked tirelessly throughout their time at St. Peter's to support the children in their care, always working with positivity, dedication and commitment. In addition, their contributions to the wider life of our school have been immeasurable, with pivotal roles in subject leadership, leaving a lasting positive impact on our curriculum. Their departure will be a huge loss to our school community, and they will be greatly missed by us all.

The recruitment process for their replacements has begun, and adverts for a full-time and part-time class teacher are now live.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP

Thank you to all the pupils who submitted an application to take part in the trip to the Houses of Parliament. I will enjoy reading through them all over the Easter break and will let you which pupils who have been selected by 17th April.

HOLY WEEK

Due to the lateness of Easter this year, the 'Easter' holidays are a little bit different, and we are back in school for Holy Week after the two-week break.

On each day from 14th – 17th April our KS2 classes will present a liturgy based on the events of Holy Week. All parents and carers are invited to attend these, and the details are as follows:

- Monday 14th April at 2.30pm: Palm Sunday – Year 3
- Tuesday 15th April at 2.30pm: The Last Supper – Year 4
- Wednesday 16th April at 9am: The Garden of Gethsemane/Arrest of Jesus – Year 5
- Thursday 17th April at 9am: The Stations of the Cross – Year 6

WRAPAROUND CARE

Unfortunately, we have been unable to recruit suitable staff for the After School Provision, and there will be a delay to its implementation. We have re-advertised the positions and hopefully, we will get some more interested applicants. Please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested and come and speak with me or Mrs Liddle if you would like more information.

NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST– EASTER HOLIDAY EVENT

'Stories in the Woods' at Sandall Beat Woods, Wed 2nd April, 10:30am – 3pm

Over the Easter break, our friends at the National Literacy Trust in Doncaster are organising a Gruffalo-themed event in Sandall Beat Woods. Families will be able to:

- Pick up a FREE copy of The Gruffalo book and our Nature Quest activity booklet
- Take part in our Nature Quest trail
- Learn how to draw the Gruffalo
- Hear The Gruffalo read live
- Take part in Gruffalo-themed games (such as bowling, croquet, ring toss and Dobble!)

More information will be published on their Facebook page (National Literacy Trust in Doncaster) soon!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

In the summer 1 term a cricket after school club will be running on Thursdays for pupils in Key Stage 2. If you would like your child to be considered, please email the school office on admin3@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk. If your child has been allocated a place you will receive a message to confirm this. We are looking to widen the participation in after school provision so we would encourage new applications.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the 31 pupils who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year. Their names were entered into a draw to win an Easter egg.

KS1 Winner Arthur B

KS2 Winner Mia B

★ This term the class with the highest attendance was Year 6 with 98.66% closely followed by Year 1 on 98.03% Well done to all! ★

All children who achieved 97% for the term have received a flyer for a FREE child ticket to Doncaster Rovers match against Wimbledon on Saturday 12th April, please note the kick off time is 12.30pm not 3pm as it states on the flyer.

UNIFORM

We have a wide selection of spare uniform items available in school. If you would like any items free of charge, please contact the school office. Any remaining items will be sent to be recycled at the end of the school year.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week and over the holidays to Alisa, Thomas, Omar, Calin, Reuben, Mia C, Harvey, Julia L, Faith, Mikolaj, Scarlett, Maja, Martha, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs O'Mahoney and Miss Bleything. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HOUSE POINTS

880 house points have been issued this term. Well done to **Red House – Whitby** with a fantastic 248 points. You can see the house points your child has been awarded on their Arbor account.

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| BLUE - Fountains | 230 | RED - Whitby | 248 |
| GREEN - Roche | 195 | YELLOW - Kirkstall | 207 |

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to these children, our 'Spring Term Superstars' who have been chosen by their teachers for a wide range of different reasons.

★ Arthur B & Victoria
★ Kamsi & Jewel
★ George & Olivia
★ Sienna & Louis

★ Saphina & Julia
★ Noah & Indi
★ Rylee & Aleena

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Monday 14th April: School re-opens
- Monday 14th – Thursday 17th April: KS2 Holy Week Liturgies in school
 - Monday 14th April: Y3 Palm Sunday 2.30pm
 - Tuesday 15th April: Y4 The Last Supper 2.30pm
 - Wednesday 16th April: Y5 The Garden of Gethsemane 9am
 - Thursday 17th April: Y6 Stations of the Cross 9am
- Friday 18th April: School closed - Good Friday
- Monday 21st April: School closed - Easter Monday
- Friday 25th April – NSPCC KS2 Parent Session – Online Safety 9am
- Monday 5th May: School closed - May Day
- Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May: KS2 SATS week
- Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd May: Y6 Residential to Holy Island
- Thursday 22nd May: School closes for May half term
- Friday 23rd May: Training Day – School Closed to pupils
- Monday 2nd June: 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>

As we reach the end of term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for our amazing school. I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Spring holiday over the next two weeks.. Let's hope we all enjoy some Spring sunshine! I look forward to seeing you all back in school on 14th April.

God Bless,

Mrs Young