



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 1

6th September 2024

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Dear Parents

What a wonderful first few days we have had back in school. It was a joy to see all the smiling faces of our children as they returned on Wednesday, and I have enjoyed catching up with parents and carers. Our staff have worked hard over the summer to plan some amazing learning opportunities for our children and to prepare beautiful and welcoming learning environments. We are all very much looking forward to the year ahead. I am delighted to say that the children have settled back into the routines of school brilliantly, and I have had the privilege of going into classes and seeing all the wonderful learning that is already taking place.

We began the new school year with an Assembly, in which I read a beautiful story called 'Stardust'. It reminded the children that we are all unique individuals, blessed with special gifts and talents, and that we must use these wisely. If we do this, we will be demonstrating our core school values of kindness, respect, belonging, faith, integrity and aspiration, which we aim to embed in our daily lives.

On Friday morning it was wonderful to start the new school year with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Henry. Remember, all parents and families are welcome into school for the celebration of Mass on special days and feast days.

WELCOME

This week, we have had our new intake of Reception children, who we are delighted to meet. They too have all made a fantastic start and we know they will have a very happy year ahead. We also welcome Mrs Fitzsimons to the school as our new Deputy Headteacher, SENCo and Year 1 class teacher. Together we will continue to lead the school and direct its strategic vision. She is delighted to be joining St. Peter's, and is very much looking forward to getting to know our children and families.

BIG TALK SESSIONS

On Tuesday 10th September, each class will be participating in a session with Big Talk Education. To keep children as safe as possible. Relationship Education is now statutory in all Primary Schools. For a number of years, we have successfully engaged the support of the specialist organisation, Big Talk Education, who are a Social Enterprise recognised by national lead bodies and Government. A separate email has been sent out to parents with all the information you need.

UNIFORM

Our children have looked very smart this week. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. If your child is not able to wear the correct uniform for any reason, please contact the office in advance to make us aware. Please note no earrings are permitted in school.

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

SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

The gate opens each morning at 8.40am and pupils are to proceed straight to class. Teaching staff will not be available for lengthy parent consultation in the mornings however the office can take any updates you may need to provide. If you need to speak with a class teacher, please contact them on the class email in the first instance for an appointment.

The upper paths are not to be used by parents as this is where children enter and exit school each day. Please use the steps and ramps to access the playground.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please can all parents be reminded that if you wish to change your child from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa you must contact the office by email in advance.

ATTENDANCE

A polite reminder that all appointments which take place during the school day must be evidenced by a appointment letter, card or text message. We have set our school target at 97% and the Education Welfare Officer attached to school will be contacting families that drop below this figure to offer support and advice where required.

ASDA CASH POT FOR SCHOOLS

Parents can download the Asda rewards app and choose which school they wish to support. Asda are donating £50 to each school with a top up of £1 for every customer that selects your school in addition to donating 0.5% of the value of their shopping cost. Asda have put £7.5m into this campaign.

The scheme is now live up until 30th of November 2024. Every little bit helps!

www.asda.com/cashpotforschools

CHILDCARE NEEDS SURVEY 2024

Parents and carers – we want to hear from you! 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 15th September 2024**.

[Childcare Needs 2024](#)

CHILDMINDERS

We have several childminders now able to facilitate school collection. Please see the links below:

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<https://fis.doncaster.gov.uk/Synergy/PublicEnquiry/Enquiries/Search.aspx?BX=vBj%2B%2BZBTquw%3D>

MK Childcare

<https://fis.doncaster.gov.uk/Synergy/PublicEnquiry/Enquiries/Search.aspx?BX=5PNeJUuVq1U%3D>

L Gannon

<https://fis.doncaster.gov.uk/Synergy/PublicEnquiry/Enquiries/Search.aspx?BX=G5LsRaWScnA%3D>

EDUCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday, 8th September, we are asked by the Church to pray for our schools, universities and colleges. Please pray for all who teach and work in our schools and all the young people who study there.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 – ST. PETER’S IN CHAINS, DONCASTER

The course of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, and Holy Communion at St. Peter’s will begin in October. It will take place on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall of St. Peter in Chain’s RC Church, Doncaster. The course is open to all children who attend Mass at St Peter’s Church and who are in school years 3, 4 and 5. There will be an opportunity to ‘sign in’ a child for the course from Sunday 8th September to 6th October.

PARKING

A polite reminder that in order to avoid congestion, we ask parents try to walk to school whenever possible and avoid parking on Sandy Lane. In addition, the school car park is for school staff and visitors only. Alternative parking for parents from Cantley, Bessacarr, Benntthorpe etc. is available at the Vue Cinema/Bowling Alley which is a short walk to and from school along the path.

I also need to make you aware that over the holidays, we have received notification from the enforcement team at Doncaster Council, that St. Peter’s is one of eight schools across the borough who have been selected to have a CCTV camera installed outside the school. This will be monitoring the yellow keep clear restriction at the front of the school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A letter has gone home with pupils in years 4 – 6 offering participation in a mixed football after school club starting on Thursday 12th September until 4.15pm running for 6 weeks. Please return the slip as soon as possible if you would like your child to be allocated a place.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Olivia, Ava, Hubert Lilly-Mae, TJ and Ife. You will receive your birthday badges in next Friday’s assembly. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and family.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10th September: Big Talk Sessions in School

Thursday 3rd October: Harvest Mass – all welcome

Thursday 3rd October: Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm

Monday 14th October: School Photographs (individual and in school sibling)

Friday 4th October: School closed INSET Day

Friday 25th October: Break up for half term

Finally, I share with you the hopes of all of our staff that we will enjoy a wonderful year together working towards the very best outcomes for your children. Thank you all for allowing us to be part of their journey.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at school next week.
God Bless

Mrs Young