



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents

Autumn is definitely here, with lovely, crisp misty mornings developing into some beautiful sunny afternoons, and we are all settled into the routines of the new term.

In Assembly this week, I spoke to the children about the Season of Creation which runs from 1st September to 4th October. This invites people to reflect on the gifts of creation, and the mission given to us by God, to care for creation and to respond to its needs and crises today. For this reason, the focus of the Head teacher Award this week is for children who have made a good start with their Geography topic and who show an interest in the wider world and taking care of the environment.

I love going into classes to see the learning that is taking place, and talking to the children so that they can share their growing knowledge with me. I am always struck how well the children work with each other; there is so much collaboration, support and team work going on.

A reminder to parents to follow our school and class X (Twitter) pages. There are lots of lovely updates and photographs for you to see highlighting all the learning taking place.

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

HARVEST MASS

Our Harvest Mass will be celebrated in school on Thursday 3rd October at 9.15am, to which you are all invited. We are about to start practising some lovely Harvest hymns for this celebration. As usual, we will be collecting donations of tinned and dried food (pasta, rice, noodles etc.), which will be donated to a local foodbank after Mass. Please can all donations to be brought into school *during week commencing Monday 30th September*, and as always, we appreciate your support and generosity.

ARBOR IN- APP MESSAGES

We are introducing the In-App feature on the Arbor Portal and Parent App, this is designed to enhance communication and provide you with real-time updates about your child's progress. ***In App notifications going forward will be our first line of communication 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, events, and your child's progress, ensuring you're always in the loop.

How to Enable Push Notifications on Arbor:

1. Open the Arbor app: Make sure you have the latest version of the Arbor app installed on your smartphone or tablet.
You will find the Arbor App in the Google Play Store if you own an android device or through the App Store if you own an Apple device
2. Go to settings: Tap on the settings icon (usually located in the bottom right corner).
3. Find notifications: Look for a section related to notifications or alerts.
4. Enable push notifications: Ensure that the toggle for push notifications is turned on.

If you do not own a smart device that will allow you to install the Arbor Parent App you will receive communication via email. In the event of a high importance message such as school closure we will communicate via text message.

Please check that we hold your up-to-date contact information to ensure you receive communications going forwards.

PARENTS EVENING

Our first parents evening of the year will be held on Thursday 3rd October between 2pm and 7pm. This will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled in so far. Please sign up for an appointment via Arbor. Bookings will be open from Monday. ***We kindly request that children are not brought to the meetings***, although provision will be provided to oversee those children whose parents have appointments at collection time. This provision will run until 3.30pm.

Y6 OPEN EVENINGS/SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Open evenings at a range of Doncaster secondary schools will be taking place over the next few weeks for current Year 6 pupils and parents.

The McAuley Catholic High School: Thursday 26th September 5pm – 8pm (presentations at 6pm and 7pm)
Acacia Road site

The Hayfield School: Monday 30th September: 6pm

Hall Cross Academy: Thursday 10th October: 4pm – 6pm

Applications open soon and can be made online via:

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

FR. HENRY WOODHOUSE

Fr Henry announced in Mass on Sunday morning that sadly he will be leaving St. Peter's to take up a post at St. Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield. This will be a real shame for our school, as during his short time as priest, he has become an important part of our school community, and made a valued contribution to developing the Catholic Life of our school. He has formed good relationships with staff, pupils and parents and will be missed by us all.

ADULT FAMILY & COMMUNITY LEARNING COURSES

Several courses are running at Lakeside Primary over the coming weeks:

- Functional Skills English Classes for Adults Every Thursday during term time 8.30 – 10.30am to book please contact Lynne lynne.robson@doncaster.gov.uk / 07920 250339
- English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) Every Monday during term time 8.30 – 10.30am contact Ester ester.smikalova@doncaster.gov.uk
- Functional Skills Maths Classes for Adults every Tuesday during term time 12.30 – 2.30pm contact Matthew matthew.hartley@doncaster.gov.uk / 07890 404490

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are currently recruiting to a Breakfast Club assistant. Please see the job description and application details on the link below.

[Breakfast Club Vacancy](#)

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

UNIFORM

Our children continue to look very smart this week. Thank you for your co-operation by adhering to our uniform policy and ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform at all times.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a key priority for school. We will be sending out a detailed attendance newsletter to all parents on Monday. This will cover changes to Education Penalty Notices which are now considered for **5 days of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence** (G Unauthorised Holiday, U Late to school after the registers have closed and O Unauthorised absence).

Well done to the winners of this week's attendance award.

- Y5 with a fantastic 100%!

HOUSE POINTS

Pupils are beginning to receive house points from staff members for a number of reasons including producing lovely work or being helpful or kind. You can view any house points your child has received on their Arbor account.

BLUE - Fountains	10	RED - Whitby	10
GREEN - Roche	9	YELLOW - Kirkstall	10

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week and over the weekend to Ashton, Rylee and Mrs Thickett, we hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to these children who have been recognised for children who have made a good start with their Geography topic and who show an interest in the wider world and taking care of the environment.

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| ★ Reception awards will start next week | ★ Sasha & Samuel |
| ★ Ilinca & Brody | ★ Filip K & Mia B |
| ★ George & Heidi | ★ Max & Tapona |
| ★ Charles & Forrest | |

Remember, all parents and carers are welcome to attend our end of week celebration.

DIARY DATES

- Thursday 3rd October: Harvest Mass 9.15am – all welcome
- Thursday 3rd October: Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm
- Friday 4th October: School closed INSET day
- Friday 11th October: Y5 Educational visit to Danelaw open air museum, York
- Monday 14th October: School photographs (individual and in school sibling)
- Friday 18th October: Y4 Road Safety Session – please return all consent slips
- Friday 25th October: Break up for half term
- Thursday 14th November: KS2 trip to Doncaster Film Festival to see Migration (U) consent via Arbor
- Thursday 28th November: Flu Immunisation in School

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

Mrs Young