



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents

I am sending the Newsletter a day early this week as school is closed tomorrow for a trust wide staff training day. It has been another busy few days in school, with lots going on.

On Tuesday morning, as part of National Poetry Day, Year 4 enjoyed a poetry writing session with local author and illustrator Phil Sheppard. Phil works for the National Literacy Trust in Doncaster, and is a great friend of our school. The session was based on Maths through Stories and was very engaging for all the children. The children wrote, illustrated and performed a fabulous Maths related poem called 'Max's Party' which can be viewed via the school's Twitter/X page or the link below. We also received a lovely gift of 20 beautiful books which link Maths with Stories.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0R7VzyKLEUk>

Our Harvest Mass was celebrated in school on Thursday. It was a wonderful celebration and a reminder of the importance of giving thanks and sharing our love with others. Thank you for all your generous donations of food, which will be donated to a local food bank next week.

Today we are holding our first parents evening of the year. We hope you find this a useful opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into their new class, and their learning so far.

Remember to follow the school and class pages of Twitter/X for more information about the wonderful learning that is taking place at St. Peter's.

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

Y6 OPEN EVENINGS/SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Open evenings at a range of Doncaster secondary schools have been taking place over the last few weeks for current Year 6 pupils and parents.

There is one more to be held as follows:

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

Applications are now open and can be made online via:

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

Please note the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2024

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**.

This Sunday is therefore the last day for signing in for the Holy Communion course.

ARBOR 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, events, and your child's progress, ensuring you're always in the loop.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Football Y4 – 6 Thursdays from 12.09 to 23.10
- Sketch Club Y2 & 3 Tuesdays from 08.10 to 26.11
- Board Games KS2 Mondays from 04.11 to 16.12

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. Please check the class pages for PE days. Please remember the PE kit is plain white and plain navy.

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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a key priority for school. Please note important changes to Education Penalty Notices which are now considered for **10 sessions (which is equal to 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.

- Y2 with a fantastic 99.52%!

HOUSE POINTS

An amazing 95 house points have been issued this week. You can view your child's house points on their Arbor account.

BLUE - Fountains	20	RED - Whitby	32
GREEN - Roche	19	YELLOW - Kirkstall	24

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week and over the weekend to Amelia and Ava, we hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends. You will receive your birthday stickers in next week's assembly.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Due to the staff training day on Friday, there is no Celebration Assembly this week. Remember, all parents and carers are welcome to attend our end of week celebrations.

DIARY DATES

- 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