



St. Peter's  
Catholic  
Primary School

# Newsletter 9

8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic first week back at school after the half term break, and already there has been so much going on, with some incredible learning taking place. Although the afternoons are getting darker, there is always lots of joy and celebration here at St. Peter's!

We started the week together in Gospel Assembly in which we were reminded of Jesus' message of loving your neighbour as yourself. We thought about what this means with some real-life examples.

I have spent quite a bit of time in different classes this week, and it is a privilege to see the wonderful learning that is taking place alongside the enthusiasm and fabulous attitude to learning of our children.

Please remember to keep an eye on the school website and class Twitter pages for more information about all the learning that is taking place in school.

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Just a few things to mention this week:

## **BOGGLEDY BOOK FAIR/READING FOR PLEASURE**

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair this afternoon. It was a great success and helped us in our priority of promoting a deeper love of reading among our children. We also managed to acquire lots of lovely free books for school as a result of your support. It was a great opportunity to support such a fantastic local business, and we hope to continue to work with them in the future.

Their shop and website are always open for further purchases of such reasonably priced books

<https://www.boggledybook.co.uk/>

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils will be delivering a moving liturgy for Remembrance Day. All parents are invited to join us for this at 9am.

## **ANTI- BULLYING WEEK**

Next week is Anti-Bullying week, which we always recognise here at St. Peter's. We will be starting the week off on Tuesday with a Whole School Assembly on 'Random Acts of Kindness' led by our friends from 'With me in Mind'. On Tuesday, we will be having an 'Odd Socks Day', which is an initiative of the Anti Bullying Alliance, and provides an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! More information about this can be found on their website:

[What is Odd Socks Day?](#)

During the week children will be involved in different activities to help embed the key anti-bullying messages. The week will end with Children in Need Day, which as usual will be a non-uniform day, with a request for a £1 donation (no face paint or hair dye please!)

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Please could we remind parents to monitor the online activity of children at home especially those who have access to any kind of messaging service. This week we received an alert from Doncaster's Safeguarding Team regarding the 'Add Everyone' WhatsApp group, which exposes children to harmful and explicit material. More information can be found via the link below.

[Safeguarding Alert: The 'Add Everyone' Explicit WhatsApp Group - Safer Schools](#)

### **FLU IMMUNISATION FORMS**

The School Age Immunisation Team will be delivering Flu vaccinations in school on the **28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**. Please click on the link below to read the information about the vaccine and then complete the Electronic consent form with a **YES or NO**

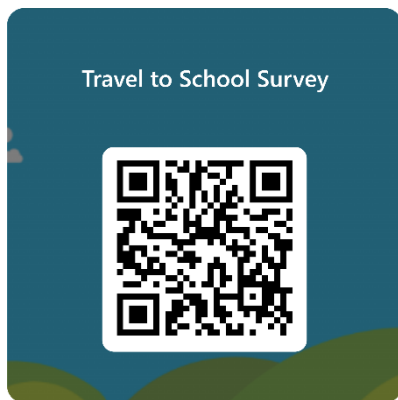
<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/106760FLU243451>

### **TRAVEL TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

The school streets team together with the Communities team, will be attending Sandy Lane on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November to engage with parents, children and families. This coincides with Road Safety week therefore they plan to promote road safety messages alongside discussing the school street initiative.

They have asked all parents to complete the travel to school survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4ryYz33bJJ>



### **TEXTILE BANK**

Remember we have a textile bank located in the staff car park for any clothing that you no longer want. The school are paid a fee dependent on the weight of items collected each term.

### **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**

### **RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2025**

Applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2025. The closing date for this is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

I know it is a few weeks away yet, but our Christmas tree will be going up at the end of this month. Over the last few years, it has become traditional for us to decorate the school Christmas tree with homemade decorations made by the children. It makes the tree so unique and special, and representative of the individuality of the children in our school.

Please could I ask you to spare a bit of time to help your child make a Christmas tree decoration at home and bring it in to school before Friday 29th November. Please ensure that decorations are not too big as there are potentially 200 to fit on!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The KS2 Inclusive Sports and Board Games after school clubs started this half term. Sketch club is also still running for younger pupils.

## BIRTHDAYS

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

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to our certificate winners who have been recognised this week for their wonderful writing

★	Martha & Vinny	★	Eryk & Sofia
★	Kamsi & Zuzanna	★	Noah & Scarlett
★	Ava & Ashton	★	Mia & Lilly Mae
★	Krzysztof & Timo		

Also well done to Sienna and Grayson who received their Maths awards this week.

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 5 and Year 3, winners of the attendance award this week with an impressive 98.75%.

If you are ever unsure whether your child is too unwell to attend school, please check 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.

## HOUSE POINTS

44 points have been issued this week. To see your child's house point total please log onto their Arbor account.

BLUE - Fountains	16	RED - Whitby	12
GREEN - Roche	06	YELLOW - Kirkstall	10

## DIARY DATES

- Monday 11th November: Y6 Remembrance Liturgy 9am – all welcome
- Tuesday 12th November: Odd Socks Day for Ant Bullying Week – please wear odd socks/tights with your usual school uniform.
- Thursday 14th November: KS2 trip to Doncaster Film Festival to see Migration (U)
- Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day (Non uniform day and £1 voluntary donation)
- Thursday 28th November: Flu Immunisation in School
- Monday 2nd December: Advent Wreath Blessing Service 9am – all welcome
- Thursday 5th December: Year 5 Come and See Assembly: 9am
- Wednesday 11th/Thursday 12th December EYFS/KS1 Nativity –1.45pm
- Tuesday 17th December: Christmas jumpers/Christmas dinner/movie afternoon
- Wednesday 18th December: Rocksteady Concert
- Thursday 19th December: End of term celebration assembly 9am

- Thursday 19th December: Christmas party afternoon
- Friday 20th December: Advent Liturgy 9am
- Friday 20th December: School closes 1.30pm

#### **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](mailto:safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk)

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing your smiles at the gate on Monday morning. I will see some of you at the Remembrance service at the war memorial near Elmfield Park on Sunday morning. Thank you to those pupils who have volunteered to be part of this.

Mrs Young