



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents,

Winter finally arrived this week and school looked very pretty in the snow when I arrived early on Tuesday morning. It is certainly starting to feel festive here at St. Peter's, and I am enjoying listening to Reception and KS1 practise for their Nativity while I work in my office!

Our children have also been enjoying participation in sporting events. Last week a group of Year 5 and 6 girls came together to compete in a football tournament at the Eco-Power stadium. It was the first time they had played together as a team, and they performed brilliantly – a great opportunity for them to gel as a team and develop their skills. Thank you to Miss Hughes and Mrs Lewis for accompanying them and coaching them at the event.

On Wednesday morning, Years 4-6 enjoyed a Parliament session with a representative from UK Parliament. They learned all about the work of Parliament, voting and democracy. The children were incredibly receptive and engaged throughout. There were some great questions, and I think we have some budding politicians in school!

Yesterday a group of Year 4 pupils represented the school at a basketball tournament at Hall Cross Academy. The team did brilliantly well to win a couple of matches and represent the school so well. Thanks to Mr Ward and Mrs Wilson for supporting them at this event.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Our Christmas tree will be going up next Friday! 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 this weekend and bring it in to school.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL

An information session for Y6 parents about the Y6 Residential meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th November at 6pm. Payment arrangements will be shared at the meeting, but please note that a payment facility is now available on Arbor if you want to start making payments in instalments.

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS TICKETS

Doncaster Knights are continuing to offer free entry to their games for St Peter's families. The next game is Saturday 30th November KO 2.30pm – Doncaster Knights V Cambridge. Contact the school office to order your free tickets.

KEY STAGE 1 REQUESTS

ROOFING FELT: If anyone can donate any waterproof material we can use on the sheds in the outdoor provision area, please contact the school office. Thank you!

BOOKS: If any families can donate preloved books in good condition the KS1 classes are hoping to run a book exchange from January. We are also looking for sensory books with lights and sounds. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS WEEK MENU

The Christmas week menu is now available to view on the school website. Christmas lunch takes place on Tuesday 17th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have Christmas dinner on this occasion, please contact the office by email. The lunch is free for KS1 and £2.95 for KS2 pupils.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

St Peter's School Council complete the first litter pick of the year. They collected litter along the paths to the front and side of the school. The Council enjoyed the activity so much they would like it to become a fixed event in their calendar, completing weekly picks to maintain a clean environment around our school.



ARBOR

REPORTING ABSENCES: From January 2025 all pupil absence must be reported through the Arbor app, instructions on how to do this will be circulated next week.

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

KICK ON COMMUNITY

'Kick On Community' is running an initiative that has been funded by the national lottery targeting children aged 8-15 years to take part in FREE multisport activities. Please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter.

RARING2GO! WINTER EDITION

Please find the link below for the last Raring2go! edition of the year. This edition has got lots of ideas to help families have fun over the festive period.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/doncaster/winter2024/>

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 15th January 2025.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to William, Willow, Stephanie, Lillie-Rose, Izzy, Vinny and Jakub. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 4, winners of the attendance award this week with an impressive 99.63%.

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.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to our certificate winners who have been recognised this week for their good work in Science.

★ Molly & Kinga
★ Connie & Jermaine
★ Elijah & Sonia
★ Eva & Fin

★ Thea & Leonardo
★ Jakub & Caleb
★ Lola & Hubert

HOUSE POINTS

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

Well done to Rd House – Whitby!

BLUE - Fountains	13	RED - Whitby	28
GREEN - Roche	16	YELLOW - Kirkstall	17

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 26th November: Y6 to attend St. Francis CMAT Mass at St. Peter's 11am
- Tuesday 26th November: Y6 Residential meeting for parents 6pm
- 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
- Monday 6th January 2025: School re-opens 8.45am

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

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday morning.

God Bless,

Mrs Young

YOUTH SPORT INITIATIVE

COMING SOON

FUN, FREE MULTISPORTS SESSIONS FOR 8-15 YEAR OLDS

TUESDAY'S 4:30 -6PM
HALL CROSS LOWER SCHOOL

THURSDAY'S 4:30 - 6PM
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REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:
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