



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 13

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Dear Parents and carers,

This week, we marked the beginning of Advent with a beautiful service in which our Advent wreaths were blessed by Deacon Marshall from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Armthorpe. RE lessons in school are now focussed on the topic of Advent, and I am so impressed by the knowledge of our children around this important season and the symbolism of the Advent wreaths.

Advent is such an important season for Christians, as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Our Christmas tree looks absolutely beautiful in the hall adorned with stunning homemade decorations made entirely by our children.

On Thursday, Year 5 delivered a beautiful and thoughtful liturgy on the theme of their last RE topic, Belonging. It was a wonderful reminder of one of our core school values, and what qualities are needed for successful belonging – to a club, a friendship group, a family and a school community. The children also shared some of their beautiful letters of gratitude and appreciation to their families, which were very powerful and moving. In addition, there was some incredible singing! Thank you to Mr Wynne and our Year 5 children – and their families who came along to share the liturgy with us.

Just a few other things to mention this week:

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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KS1 NATIVITIES

A reminder that the EYFS/KS1 Nativity will be held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December at 1.45pm. Please ensure you bring your tickets to the event. Each one is unique to individual pupils. **Please note that for safeguarding reasons, no recordings or photographs are allowed to be taken during the performance.**

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Tuesday 17th December is Christmas dinner day, when children can wear a Christmas jumper or suitable festive clothes. If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like a Christmas dinner, please make sure you have informed the office by Tuesday 10th December at the latest. In the afternoon, our children will enjoy a Christmas movie in class and perhaps a visit from someone very special...!

CHRSTMAS PARTIES

On the afternoon of Thursday 19th December, your child's class teacher will organise party games and Christmas activities in class. This is a **normal school uniform day and children do not need to bring clothes in to get changed into**. However, a **small** donation of food – crisps, shop bought biscuits/cakes, squash etc is always gratefully received. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that school closes at **1.30pm** on Friday 20th December for the Christmas holiday. There will be an Advent Liturgy consisting of readings and carols at 9am that morning to which you are all invited. School re-opens to pupils on Monday 6th January 2025.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL

A reminder to Y6 parents that the deposit of £30 is required by 13th December. If you have any further queries about the residential, please contact the school office.

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS TICKETS

The next game takes place on Saturday 14th December v Caldby KO 2.30PM. Please contact the school office with any tickets request by Monday 9th December.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that the Inclusive Sports after school club has its last session on Thursday 12th December and the Board Games club finishes on Monday 16th December. Details of the clubs running after Christmas will follow in due course.

UNIFORM

A reminder that full uniform should be always worn, including plain black shoes/boots. Now the weather has got much colder please ensure children bring warm coats, hats and gloves for outdoor play.

PHONICS COURSE

The Adult, Family & Community Learning Team from Doncaster Council will be running a phonics course for parents of Rec and Year 1 pupils in January. The course will introduce what phonics is, how to say the letters of the alphabet correctly, blending and segmenting - all in a fun and interactive way. The course will link with the phonics scheme used in school and will help parents to support their children continue their progress at home. The course runs for 6 weeks - 1 week for an introduction session (Fri 10.01) and then 5 subsequent weeks for the course 9 – 11am. Children are invited to the end of each session to join their parents in a craft activity. To register your interest please contact the school office on admin3@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Fitzsimons has organised a coffee morning in school on Thursday 30th January at 8.45am for families of pupils who access SEND support. In attendance will be some professionals from the Local Authority and 'With me in Mind', who will help to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have about the support available. All families welcome.

SITE SUPERVISOR ROLE

Mr Bell-Weaver has tendered his resignation and will be leaving us at Christmas. We are therefore currently advertising for a site supervisor role. Full details can be found in the vacancies section on the school website, but please come and enquire at the school office if you are interested in discussing this further.

<https://stfcmat.com/job/facilities-supervisor-2/>

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>

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

NHS MANAGING WINTER ILLNESSES

Please see the attached flyer from our colleagues in the NHS who have asked us to circulate information regarding the services available this winter and which service you should avail of.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Evie B, Ryder and Abbie. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance over the past few weeks has been impacted by all the coughs, colds and bugs doing the rounds. As ever, please adhere to 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. We have been in the top 10% of school nationally for our fantastic attendance recently so it is important we avoid any unnecessary absences.

Well done to Y6 winners of this weeks attendance award with a fantastic 99.26%.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to this week's certificate winners who have been chosen by their teachers for showing one of our core school values of Respect.

★ Willow & Arthur B
★ Reni & Zuri
★ Olivia & Chizi
★ Arabella & Ava

★ Molly & Hanna
★ Indi & Leo
★ Rylee & Tilly

HOUSE POINTS

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

Well done to Yellow House Kirkstall

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| GREEN - Roche | 5 | YELLOW - Kirkstall | 13 |

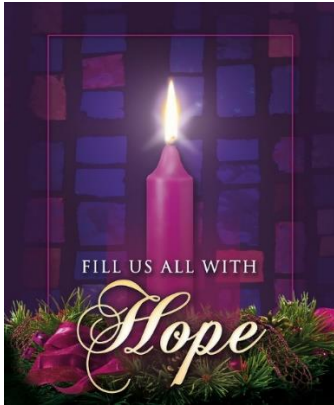
DIARY DATES

- 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 next week.



God Bless,

Mrs Young