



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 14

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Dear Parents and carers,

The festive season is in full swing now here at St. Peter's. On Tuesday afternoon, Key Stage 2 enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of the Reception/KS1 Nativity 'Donkey for sale'. Performances for parents, carers, family members and friends were held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. I'm sure those of you that were there will agree that it was a truly joyous and magical occasion, which embodied the true meaning of Christmas. All the children performed with such enthusiasm! Our thanks go to all the EYFS and KS1 staff, who worked so hard to put this wonderful production together.

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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CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Tuesday 17th December is Christmas dinner day, when children can wear a Christmas jumper or suitable festive clothes. 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 at 8.45am

RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2025

Applications are 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>

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 Y5 winners of this week's attendance award with 97% ★

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember that the Inclusive Sports after school club which took place on Thursdays has finished. Board Games holds its last session 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

We are currently advertising for a site supervisor role. Full details can be found in the vacancies section on the school website, but please enquire at the school office if you are interested in discussing this further. The closing date is Friday 3rd January 2025.

ARBOR

REPORTING ABSENCES: From January 2025 all pupil absence must be reported through the Arbor app.

[Parent Guide - Reporting Absence on 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

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Zuzanna, Tristan, Atarah, Grace, Shiloh and Taras, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Johnson. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to this week's certificate winners who have been chosen by their teachers for demonstrating enthusiasm and interest in History.

★ Albie & Nylah
★ Ethan & Atarah
★ Rocco & Calin
★ Alizah & Travis

★ Gracie & Noah
★ Leon & Filip O
★ Adn & Olly

HOUSE POINTS

144 points have been issued this week. To see your child's house point total please see their Arbor account. **Red House - Whitby**

BLUE - Fountains	31	RED - Whitby	42
GREEN - Roche	32	YELLOW - Kirkstall	39

DIARY DATES

- 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

