



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 17

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has certainly been another busy week at St. Peter's. Thankfully, the cold, icy weather has left us and Y6 are back in their classroom after the leak last week, so things have returned to 'normal' in some sense.

We have had quite a few external visitors in school this week. On Tuesday, Mrs Fitzsimons and I met with Trust leaders, who were in school to look at teaching and learning and our curriculum. Both were highly complimentary about our curriculum offer and recognised the amount of work that has gone into this over the last few years. Mrs Lee, our Director of Education accompanied me on some reading lesson visits in KS2 and was so impressed with our approach to the teaching of reading and the depth of responses from the children.

On Thursday, we were visited by the Local Authority, who were undertaking a review of inclusion and our provision for pupil with SEND. Again, this was overwhelmingly positive, with lots of strong practice being recognised and celebrated.

On Monday morning, our KS2 pupils enjoyed an Assembly delivered by a representative from 'With me in Mind', which focussed on dealing with low mood and the winter blues. Once again our children were fully engaged, providing such thoughtful and reflective responses. We work in partnership with 'With me in Mind' to help support the emotional and mental wellbeing of our children.

Planning for the Spring term is available on the class page of the school website and the 'Curriculum' page provides details of what is taught in each year group for each subject. Remember to follow the class X pages for more details of the learning taking place in school.

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@Y1StPeterDon	@Y2StPeterDon
@Y3StPeterDon	@Y4StPeterDon
@Y5StPeterDon	@Y6StPeterDon

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

[Parent Guide - Reporting Absence on Arbor](#)

Y6 SATS Meeting

Thank you to parents of Year 6 pupils who attended a useful and informative session on SATS led by Miss Topliss. A copy of the presentation has been sent out, but if you have any further queries on SATS and how to prepare your children for these, please contact Miss Topliss via the class email.

DONCASTER KNIGHT FREE TICKETS

School have been offered free tickets for the Doncaster Knights game against Newcastle Falcons which takes place on Saturday 1st February. It is a cup game so a big crowd is expected. Please contact the office by Wednesday 22nd January if you would like to receive some free tickets. All adults MUST be accompanied by a U16 child to the game.

DOME CORNER – TRAFFIC SIGNAL WORK DELAYS



DONCASTER COUNCIL UPDATE

🚧 Dome Corner – Traffic Signal Works 🚧

Road users should be advised of delays at the above junction, between A638 Bawtry Road and Gliwice Way, due to essential traffic signal maintenance.

Temporary lights are in operation for a period of up to 3 weeks.

Delays are expected, particularly around rush hour in the morning and evening.

Please plan your journey accordingly. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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

UNIFORM

Please be reminded that the school PE kit is plain navy joggers and hoodie and plain white polo shirt. Trainers are only to be worn with PE kit. As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties please contact the office staff who will be happy to assist.

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. A confidential e-mail can be sent at any time to safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk

If you have any urgent safeguarding concerns out of school hours, these should be directed to the safeguarding team at Doncaster Council, on 01302 737777 or 01302 796000 (evenings and weekends) or online via the following link:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/safeguarding-concern-child-at-risk-report-form>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Details of the clubs running this half term are as follows:

Young Voices	Wednesdays	3.15 – 4.15pm
Badminton/Boxercise	Thursdays	3.15 – 4.15pm

ATTENDANCE

If you have to book routine GP and Dentist appointments for your child, please try to do so outside of school hours. If this is not possible, late morning and late afternoon slots are preferable. An authorised absence has to be recorded for children missing registration at 8.45am and 1 pm.

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.

★ Well done to Y6 winners of this week's attendance award with 96%



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Gurpreet, Alex, Noah, Tilly, Sofia and Victor. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

I have been visiting KS2 Reading lessons this week and am so impressed by how reading skills are taught and the enthusiasm shown by our children. For this reason, the focus of our Celebration Assembly this week is Reading. Well done to these children who work well in reading lessons, are making good progress and demonstrate a love of Reading.

★ Lakhan & Mikolaj
★ Sarah & Brody
★ Azaan & Kene
★ Forrest & Esmal

★ Ryder & Julius
★ Adi & Julia
★ Tobiasz & Lucy

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 25th January: KS1 Parents Phonics Course 9- 11am running for 5 weeks. Book via the office.
- 30th January: SEN Coffee morning: 8.45am
- 30th January: Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew
- 6th February: Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm
- 12th February: Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena
- 13th February: Y1 Come and See Assembly
- Friday 14th February: School closes for half term. Non uniform day for £1 donation
- Monday 24th February: School re-opens
- Thursday 27th/Friday 28th February: Book Fair in school
- Thursday 27th February: Y3 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
- Thursday 6th March: World Book Day
- Friday 14th March: Red Nose Day – non uniform for £1 donation
- Tuesday 18th March: Open Afternoon: ‘Celebration of Learning’ 2pm onwards. More details to follow.
- Wednesday 19th March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- Friday 28th March: School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: School re-opens

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
God Bless,

Mrs Young