



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 20

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another incredibly busy week here at St. Peter's with so much going on. It is always a pleasure to show visitors around our wonderful school, and they are always struck by the calm, purposeful learning atmosphere we create and the impeccable behaviour of our children.

This week we have recognised Children's Mental Health Week in school. Each class has undertaken additional learning activities focussing on developing positive mental health and self-awareness in line with this year's theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. We also have a beautiful display of books linked to this in our school library.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attend our Parents' Evening this week. We hope you enjoyed a constructive conversation about your child's progress and personal achievements with their class teacher. Thank you for all the feedback you provided about the school, which forms part of our ongoing self-evaluation and school improvement process.

A reminder that next Friday, 14th February is a non-uniform day for pupils to raise money for school funds.

Remember to follow the class Twitter pages for more details of the learning taking place in school.

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

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY

This week our KS2 children participated in an enjoyable and worthwhile initiative which had been organised by the Sustainability team at Doncaster Council. We were invited to join them in a community tree planting day close to our school. Spending time outside in the spring sunshine, connecting with nature was wonderful for our wellbeing, and was enjoyable for all involved. It helped strengthen our community links and supported us in helping the children to understand their responsibilities as community and global citizens - one of our key curriculum principles. Care for Creation is one of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which we continually embed here at St. Peter's. There are some lovely photos of the day on the class Twitter/X pages

COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please could we ask parents and carers to wait on the playground at the end of the day, and not on the upper paths at the top of the steps. Teaching staff need to wait with classes in this area during collection to ensure that children are safely dismissed. The increasing number of adults and pushchairs is causing a huge amount of congestion and is preventing children from being collected safely. Thank you.

DOGS

A reminder that under no circumstances should dogs be brought onto the school premises.

BIKE/SCOOTER CAGE

Please be reminded that the school is not insured to store bikes and scooters left in the cage overnight.

YOUNG VOICES

We are aiming to be at the concert venue by 2pm at the latest for the concert rehearsal. A coach has been arranged to collect the children at 12.30pm. The coach will remain at the venue and return pupils to school after the concert which will be at approximately 9.40pm.

All pupils involved in the Young Voices concert will be on first sitting for lunch (whether they are on school dinners or packed lunch). Each pupil will also need to take a packed lunch to the arena which they will eat at 5pm. School will take spare bottles of water but please ensure your child brings their own labelled water bottle with them on the day.

UNIFORM

We have a wide selection of spare uniform items available in school. If you would like any items free of charge please contact the school office. Any remaining items will be sent to be recycled at the end of the school year.

We are seeing more and more trainers being worn as part of school uniform. Please be reminded that shoes should be worn apart from when the children have scheduled PE lessons. Please be reminded that the school PE kit is plain navy joggers and hoodie and plain white polo shirt. Jewellery, especially earrings are not permitted under the health and safety guidance. As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the office staff who will be happy to assist.

FREE RUGBY TICKETS

We have been sent a big thank you to all the families who joined Doncaster Knights for the cup game against Newcastle – the turnout was fantastic! The next home game is on 15th February against Caldy, another cup game. As usual they are offering free tickets to our families (all adults must be attending with at least one child). Please let the office know if you would like to go by Tuesday 11th February.

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.

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 Y2 winners of this week's attendance award with 99%



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Maisie, Carter, Johan and Georgie. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HOUSE POINTS

62 house points have been issued this week. Well done – **Yellow House - Kirkstall**. You can see the house points your child has been awarded on their Arbor account.

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

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to these children who have been recognised for showing resilience – one of the key learning behaviours we promote here at St. Peter's.

★ La'relle & Arthur O'K
★ Maya & Israel
★ Jaiveer & Eleanor
★ Shaza & Louis

★ Jack & Sasha
★ Izzy & Gurpeet
★ Darun & Milosz

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 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 27th February: Rec Air Ambulance Talk (Rec pupils wear green for £1 donation)
- Monday 3rd March: Y2 trip to DGLAM – Journey of Rail in Doncaster
- Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday Service 9am
- Thursday 6th March: World Book Day
- Thursday 13th March: Y4 Come and See Assembly: 9am
- Friday 14th March: Red Nose Day – non uniform for £1 donation
- Tuesday 18th March: Open Afternoon: 'Celebration of Learning' 2pm onwards. More to follow.
- Wednesday 19th March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- Friday 28th March: School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: School re-opens
- Friday 18th April: School closed: Good Friday
- Monday 21st April: School closed: Easter Monday
- Monday 5th May: School closed: May Day
- Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May: KS2 SATS week
- Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd May: Y6 Residential to Holy Island
- Thursday 22nd May: School closes for May half term
- Friday 23rd May: Training Day – School Closed to pupils
- Monday 2nd June: School re-opens

SAFEGUARDING

The designated safeguarding leads at St. Peter's are me 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>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Young