



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 21

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Dear Parents and carers,

We are now halfway through the academic year, and it is lovely to see the days getting a little bit longer. There have been some incredible sunrises over school and the lake over the last couple of weeks. Once again, I have taken the opportunity this week to visit classes and have witnessed the most amazing learning taking place.

On Tuesday morning, our KS2 children enjoyed an engaging and informative Recycling session from Doncaster Council, and our Y6 pupils participated in an online safety session with representatives from the School Nursing Team. Both visitors commented on the exemplary behaviour of our children and appreciated their interest and fantastic questions.

Thank you to Year 1 for the most beautiful Class Liturgy on Thursday morning. Unfortunately, I had to be out of school yesterday morning, but I heard the rehearsals from my office and understand it all came together brilliantly. The assembly was based on their recent unit of RE work on sharing the good news, setting a good example and allowing our light to shine. The children retold the story of Jesus being presented in the Temple, and there was some wonderful singing. It really brought joy to our hall and was a truly delightful start to the day.

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

YOUNG VOICES

On Wednesday afternoon and evening, a group of Key Stage 2 children attended the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. Our children have been practising the selected songs, and were in fine voice on the night, when they came together with over 4000 other children for the performance. It was an incredible experience, and a wonderful, uplifting evening for our children and families. I'm sure it will stay in their memories for a very long time! Huge thanks to Miss Bleything and Mrs Allen for organising this for St. Peter's, to all staff for giving up their time to accompany the children, to parents and family members for supporting the event – and finally to our amazing children who behaved impeccably and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

WORLD BOOK DAY 6TH MARCH 2025

Please refer to the attached letter which contains details of our World Book Day celebrations which will be taking place in school on Thursday 6th March. The day is a non-uniform day, and children have the option of coming to school dressed as a book character, but this is not compulsory.

Pupils are invited to bring their favourite book to school to share with others during the day. As part of our celebrations, a Book Fair will take place in the school library on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February before and after school.

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.

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.

Whilst most pupils are looking smart with the school uniform, we are getting a number of variations with PE kits. Please note PE kits should be plain navy with a plain white top. Teacher will be issuing reminders next half term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Y4 – 6 Dodgeball – Thursdays to 4.15pm for 5 weeks. Please Arbor message or email the office to request a place.
- Y6 SATS Boosters – selected pupils only. Please see individual letters.

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, we had 10 pupils absent from school today due to going on holiday which has negatively affected our attendance rating. With regards to booking 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 must 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 Y6 winners of this terms attendance award with 96% ★

★ Congratulations Gurpreet, attendance award winner for a great improvement. ★

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week and over the half term to Daisy, Olisa and Mrs Fisher. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HOUSE POINTS

105 house points have been issued this week. Well done **Red House - Whitby**. You can see the house points your child has been awarded on their Arbor account.

BLUE - Fountains	28	RED - Whitby	30
GREEN - Roche	24	YELLOW - Kirkstall	23

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to these children who have been recognised for setting a good example and been fantastic role models for others.

★ Willow & Evie S
★ Shiloh & Olivia
★ Jack & Hazel
★ Royem & Raajveer

★ Taras & Julia
★ Suzy & Filip K
★ James & Max

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Monday 24th February: School re-opens 8.45am
- Thursday 27th/Friday 28th February: Book Fair in school
- Thursday 27th February: Y3 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
- Monday 3rd March: 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 14th April: School re-opens
- Monday 14th – Thursday 17th April: KS2 Holy Week Liturgies in school. Times tbc.
- 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 enjoy the half term break. School re-opens at 8.40 am on Monday 24th February.

God Bless,
Mrs Young

