



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 22

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a wonderful week back in school after the half term holiday. It has been lovely to see everybody back in school, and once again, it has been a week filled with positivity and enthusiasm.

On Thursday, Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Austerfield Study centre as part of their science study of rocks and soils. They had a wonderful day and were keen to share their learning upon their return.

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

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ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT

Next week marks the start of the season of Lent, a very important part of the Church's year as we approach Easter. This will begin with an Ash Wednesday service in school at 9am on Wednesday morning. Deacon Pete from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Armthorpe will visit school to bless and distribute the ashes. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. If you would not like your child to receive a blessing of ashes for religious reasons, please contact the school office.

WORLD BOOK DAY 6TH MARCH 2025

A reminder that on Thursday next week we are celebrating World Book Day in school. For more details, please refer to the letter which was sent out just before the half term holiday. 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. They are invited to bring their favourite book to school to share with others during the day. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the Book Fair over the last two days.

MRS UMAIR

Today we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Umair, who is leaving us to take up a new position within social care. Mrs Umair has been with us for just over two years, and in a short space of time she has provided so much support especially for our pupils with SEND, alongside her delivery of Little Wandle reading instruction and phonics interventions. Alongside this, she has been an invaluable source of support to colleagues, always willing to share her knowledge and skills with others. She will be greatly missed by all staff and pupils, and we wish her every success and happiness in her future career.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

As stated in my recent letter, we are currently recruiting for two staff to deliver our after school provision. Details of this can be found on the vacancies section of the school website and the closing date is Monday 10th March.

Please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested and come and speak with me or Mrs Liddle if you would like more information.

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS TICKETS

Doncaster Knights would like to invite families to our next game against Ealing Trailfinders on Saturday 22nd March. The offer is like before, free terrace tickets to the game (adults must be accompanied by at least one child). Please let the office know how many tickets you require.

CAR PARK

A gentle reminder that parents should not park in the staff car park. Thank you

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

The first session of the KS2 dodgeball took place this week and it was lovely for the pupils to enjoy the session outside in the sunshine. The Year 6 SATs booster sessions are underway, please remember these will run weekly until the Easter holidays.

ATTENDANCE

When 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 Y4 winners of this terms attendance award with 99% ★

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Kornelia, Olivia W, Sinead, Joshua, Henry, Julia M, Kamsi and Mrs Fitzsimons. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families. ★

HOUSE POINTS

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

BLUE - Fountains	43	RED - Whitby	35
GREEN - Roche	31	YELLOW - Kirkstall	38

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to these children who have been recognised their good work in Geography last half term and for showing an interest in the wider world and global issues.

★ Evie B & Harrison
★ Hasaan & Stephanie
★ Adyn & Evie
★ Grayson & Charles

★ Leonardo & Elizabeth
★ Caleb & Mia C
★ Matas & Mia

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Monday 3rd March: Rec Air Ambulance Talk (Rec pupils wear green for £1 donation)
- Monday 3rd March: Y2 trip to Danum Gallery, Library & Museum – Journey of Rail in Doncaster
- Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday Service 9am
- Adut Family & Community Learning Free Early Years Practitioner Course Information Event 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 have a lovely, restful weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Young