



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 27

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Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to school. I hope you have all had a wonderful Spring holiday, with time to rest and relax with family and friends. It was lovely to see everyone again on Monday morning, and I am delighted that the children have quickly settled back into school routines. It has already been a busy week, with some fantastic learning taking place.

This week has seen the completion of our Lenten journey in school, with each Key Stage 2 class preparing a liturgy based on the events of Holy Week. Each liturgy was very different, all thoughtfully and beautifully presented and a fitting reminder of the Easter story, which is such an important part of our Catholic faith.

Thank you to all children and the staff involved in planning and preparing these liturgies, and to all parents and family members who have come along to watch.

Please keep an eye on X (Twitter) for further updates about your child's learning in class.

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MRS BULL

Today we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Bull, who is leaving us to take up a new opportunity. Mrs Bull has been with us for 2.5 years, and in that time has provided so much support especially for our pupils with SEND and delivery of Little Wandle reading sessions. She will be greatly missed by all staff and pupils, and we wish her every success and happiness in her future career.

VE DAY

On Thursday 8th May, we will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE day) which marks the end of World War 2 in Europe. It is an opportunity for the school to unite to honour and pay tribute to the Second World War generation from across the UK and Commonwealth, and is part of a range of local, national and international events and activities that will be taking place across the country and Europe between 5th and 8th May to mark this historic occasion.

Children are invited to come to school either in 1940s style costumes or wearing clothes with a red, white and blue theme. Mrs Allen will deliver a whole school Assembly; special activities will take place in class and the catering staff will be serving a special VE day themed lunch for children who have a school meal.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

Once again, we will be re-advertising the positions and hopefully, we will get some more interested applicants. 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.

CAR PARK

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

NSPCC ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

On Friday morning at 9am, representatives from the NSPCC are in school to deliver an information session for parents on online safety. The online world is ever changing at a rapid pace and with so many children having access to smartphones and social media sites it is vital that parents fully the dangers and how to keep children safe. This session will support the vital work we do in school, and I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and seek further advice and guidance about any areas of concern.

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S

A 'Friends of School' group is similar to a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The group is made up of an active team of parents who organise social and fundraising events and support the school in various ways.

Over recent years, despite numerous attempts to organise meetings, the number of parents willing to attend and serve the school in this way has dwindled significantly. This has limited the number of larger scale /seasonal events available as there simply haven't been enough people offering to organise them and help on the day.

What can a Friends of School group provide for their school?

- Raise funds for important school resources
- Hold fun events
- Run a pre-loved uniform service or shop
- Write and submit grant applications (some grants funders will only give to registered charities)
- Run community-building activities such as coffee mornings for the parents of new starters.

I am keen for St Peter's to have a Friends of Group in operation again. Membership will be open to all parents and carers of children attending the school. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact me via the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 2, winners of this week's attendance award with a fantastic 99.58%

Please can we remind all parents and carers that if your child arrives to school late you must accompany them into the foyer and sign them in on the e-reception system. Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM

School Trends are offering parents 15% off logo jumper and cardigans as part of their Parents Easter Treat 15% Off - Valid until 21 April 2025 - Promo Code EASTER15.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Adam, James-Thomas, Ezra, Anna and Mrs Seymour. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families. Due to school being closed on Good Friday, there is no Celebration Assembly this week, so we will recognise these birthdays next Friday.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Tuesday 22nd April: School re-opens 8.40am
- Friday 25th April: NSPCC Online Safety session for KS2 parents/carers: 9am
- Monday 5th May: School closed: May Day
- Thursday 8th May: VE Day – come to school wearing red, white or blue or 1940's clothing

- Friday 9th May: Class photographs
- 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
- Tuesday 3rd June: Y6 visit to Doncaster Museum
- w/c 16th June: Sports Week
- Tuesday 17th June: Sports Day
- Wednesday 25th June: Y4 at CAST – Doncaster Storytelling Festival
- Thursday 3rd July: Y6 play for parents (pm)
- w/c Monday 7th July: Y6 transition days at secondary school. Dates will be confirmed by each school
- Wednesday 9th July: Rocksteady Concert tbc
- Friday 11th July: Sponsored Walk
- Friday 11th July: End of Year Reports issued to parents
- Tuesday 15th July: Y6 End of Year disco
- Friday 18th July 9am: End of Year Mass
- Monday 21st July 9am: Leavers Assembly
- Tuesday 22nd July 9am: End of Year Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 23rd July: Break up for Summer Holidays 1.30pm

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 wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. It is a joyful celebration in the Church's calendar, and I hope your weekend is filled with happiness, sunshine and chocolate! I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 22nd April.

God Bless,

Mrs Young

