



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 17

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have very much enjoyed our first full week of the Spring Term and there have been lots of wonderful moments to share some wonderful moments that highlight our commitment to faith, learning, and community.

On Monday morning, we gathered for a meaningful Celebration of the Word marking the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this special assembly, our pupils reflected on their own baptisms and what it means to be part of God's family. We also explored the critical importance of water, learning about CAFOD's work in supporting communities worldwide who struggle to access clean water. This reflection not only connected us to our faith but also helped our pupils understand global humanitarian challenges.

Our Year 3 pupils experienced a vibrant musical afternoon on Tuesday, participating in an engaging 'Sing Out' workshop. The joy of music and collective singing always brings such energy to our school community.

On Wednesday morning, eight of our Year 6 pupils represented St. Peter's with pride at the Tag Rugby Tournament held at Castle Park. The team played fantastically well and earned a well-deserved 3rd place. Many thanks to Mrs Lewis for accompanying and supporting our young athletes during this sporting event.

This morning, we hosted a Parent Workshop focused on anxiety, and I'm grateful to all the parents who took the time to attend. We hope the session provided useful insights and strategies to support our children's emotional well-being.

SCHOOL WEBISTE and X (Twitter)

Remember to follow the school and class pages of Twitter/X for more information about the wonderful learning that is taking place at St. Peter's.

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Y6 SATS BOOSTER SESSIONS

We have recently launched our SATS Booster sessions, which are designed to support some of our pupils in their upcoming assessments. These additional learning opportunities are taking place after school and are tailored to help our pupils achieve their very best. The sessions are structured as follows:

- **Monday:** Maths (Mr Ward)
- **Tuesday:** Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Miss Topliss)
- **Friday:** (Mr Drury)

If your child has been identified for these sessions, their attendance is crucial. These targeted sessions will help secure the best possible outcomes for our pupils, providing them with additional support and confidence as they prepare for their assessments. My thanks to the teaching staff who are generously giving up their time to deliver these important sessions.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Please be reminded that the upper paths around the school building, and the steps which lead to them, are not to be accessed by parents and carers before and after school. This is to ensure the safety of pupils entering and exiting the building under the guidance of staff.

FRIENDS OF ST PETERS

The Friends of St Peter's will be holding an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) at 3pm on 30th January in the school hall. At the meeting we will vote on the adoption of the constitution and acceptance of the committee in its current form (Chair: Adeline, Secretary: Emily, Treasurers: Nadia and Michelle, Members: Alison, Ana, Ewa, Marta). If you wish to read the constitution beforehand there is a copy available in the school office.

By having this vote, we will then be able to apply for charity status for the Friends group. All parents are welcome to attend. Please contact the office for details.

BREAKFAST CLUB / AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE

A reminder that our breakfast and after-school wrap around care are available and can be booked via the Arbor app. The clubs run from 7.30am to 5.45pm and a snack is provided. Please ensure that all bookings for both Breakfast Club and After School Club are made via Arbor. There is a strict limit on numbers due to staffing ratios, which cannot be exceeded. It puts us in a very difficult position if children turn up when they are not booked on.

FREE KNIGHTS RUGBY TICKETS

Doncaster Knights have 50 free tickets for pupils at school to use in their forthcoming game.

Doncaster Knights vs Cornish Pirates



17 Saturday 31st January



Doors and Bars Open at 12:00pm



Kick-off: 2:30pm



Castle Park, DN2 5QB

New this season is the Ballards Family Stand where pupils will be situated. This will be a hub of activity on a match day with player visits, Q&A and photo opportunities. Gates on Saturday open at 12:00pm.

UNIFORM

For safety reasons, no jewellery is allowed in school. Children will be asked to remove earrings, bracelets etc. unless it is a **statutory** part of their religion or you have signed a disclaimer. Please be advised that footwear should be plain black with no bright markings, chains or embellishments. Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted.

PARKING

A polite reminder that in order to avoid congestion, we ask parents try to walk to school whenever possible and avoid parking on Sandy Lane. In addition, the school car park is for school staff and visitors only. Alternative parking is available at the Vue Cinema/Bowling Alley which is a short walk to and from school along the park path.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Timurs, Gurpreet, Sorei, Alex R, Noah C, Sofia, Victor and Mrs Cunningham. We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

The Head teacher's award this week is for children who demonstrate one of our core values – integrity. Well done everyone.

★ Ilinca & Alisa
★ Lillie-Rose & Evani
★ Ava & Hazel
★ Faith & Ava

★ Leo & Evie
★ Hanna & Sorei
★ Mia B & Adi

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who are this week's winners of the attendance award with a fantastic 99.33%.

Please adhere to the NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> if you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

HOUSE POINTS

55 points have been issued this week! To see your child's house point total please see their Arbor account.

Well done to **Red House (Whitby)**

BLUE - Fountains	12	RED - Whitby	19
GREEN - Roche	8	YELLOW - Kirkstall	16

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30th January: Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
- 5th February: Parents evening
- 13th February: Break up for half term
- 23rd February: School re-opens 8.40am
- 26th/27th February: Scholastic Book Fair in School
- 3rd March: Y6 visit to Doncaster Museum
- 5th March: World Book Day
- 12th March: Y4 Festival of Sport
- 17th March: Rail Safety Assembly
- 19th March: Open Afternoon (Celebration of Learning) 2pm onwards
- 20th March Red Nose Day (non-uniform)
- 20th March: Y1 & 2 History Workshops (in school)
- 24th – 27th March: Holy Week Liturgies 9am
 - 24th March: Y3 Palm Sunday
 - 25th March: Y4 The Last Supper
 - 26th March: Y5 Garden of Gethsemane
 - 27th March: Y6 Stations of the Cross
- 24th March: Y3/4 Hockey Tournament
- 24th March: Spring Disco for pupils (after school)
- 25th March: Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
- 25th March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- 27th March: Break up for Easter Holidays
- 13th April: 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

