



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 25

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another very busy week at St. Peter's as we approach the end of the Spring term.

On Wednesday morning, all our children participated in the Big Lent Walk – a fundraising event for CAFOD. We enjoyed a lap around the lake in some wonderful spring sunshine. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together, get active, and raise money for those in need during this season of reflection and giving. Thank you for all your support with this event – and special thanks to all our parent helpers and volunteers. It was a lovely community event. Add details about sponsor money.

Thank you to all staff and pupils for the hard work that went into the open afternoon on Thursday. We hope you enjoyed the range of interactive activities and the opportunity to share all the wonderful learning with the children. It is always lovely to invite our community into school. Thank you so much for supporting this event.

Today, KS1 enjoyed exciting drama workshops led by The Drama Hut, bringing their learning to life in a creative and engaging way. Year 1 stepped back in time to the Great Fire of London, where they explored historical events through drama, including creating freeze frames, acting out poems and even becoming the fire itself through movement and song. They also discussed extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary and thought carefully about how the fire changed London. Meanwhile, Year 2 travelled into space, learning about the order of the planets and exploring the historic moon landing by imagining how Neil Armstrong may have felt during his journey. Through improvisation, poetry and creating their own timelines of space travel, the children developed a deeper understanding of this significant moment in History. Both workshops were thoroughly enjoyed and provided a memorable way to deepen the children's learning experience.

Thank you for all your support with Red Nose Day today. Once again, it was lovely to see the children enjoying a non-uniform day. We raised an amazing £170!

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.

www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk @stpetersdon @RecStPeterDon @Y1StPeterDon @Y2StPeterDon @Y3StPeterDon @Y4StPeterDon @Y5StPeterDon @Y6StPeterDon

MONDAY 23rd MARCH – DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

On Monday 23rd March we will be marking Down Syndrome Awareness with an "Odd Socks Day." This is the first time we have recognised this event in school, and it has been kindly suggested by a member of our community. This is a lovely opportunity for us as a school community to celebrate difference, inclusion and kindness and to help children understand that everyone learns and grows in different ways.

Why Odd Socks? This idea links to chromosomes, which under a microscope can look a little like pairs of socks. People with Down syndrome have three copies of chromosome 21 instead of two, which is why

Down syndrome is sometimes called Trisomy 21. Odd socks are a fun, simple way to start conversations about celebrating differences.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

We will be marking Holy Week with a series of liturgies delivered by our Key Stage 2 classes each morning from Tuesday 24th – Friday 27th March at 9am. This is always a thoughtful and reflective start to the morning as we end our Lenten journey in school. All are welcome.

- Tuesday 24th March: Palm Sunday – Year 3
- Wednesday 25th March: The Last Supper – Year 4
- Thursday 26th March: The Garden of Gethsemane/Arrest of Jesus – Year 5
- Friday 27th March: The Stations of the Cross – Year 6

SPRING DISCO 24TH MARCH 2026

There are a few tickets remaining for the Spring Disco taking place on Tuesday 24th March. Please scan the QR code on the poster (there is one of the front door of school) or bring £5 to the school office if you would like one of the remaining tickets. These will be issued on a first come first served basis.

DONCASTER ROVERS EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

ACTIV8 HALF TERM CAMPS

Activ8 Camps are excited to be offering an Easter holiday camp at Bessacarr Primary open to children in the local community in Reception – Year 6. This camp is OFSTED registered, which means you can use Tax-Free Childcare or childcare vouchers to pay.

This is a paid camp, with two timing options available

- 8:00 - 15:00 - £23
- 8:00 - 17:00 - £30

Early bird offer - book before 15th March and save 10% on your booking. Use code EASTER10 at checkout.

How to book - visit www.activ8camps.co.uk select the Bessacarr location and choose the dates and times that suit your family.

RUGBY LEAGUE FREE EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS



The poster features a dark blue background with several images of children playing rugby. At the top left is the crest of 'THE DONKS' with the numbers 19 and 51. The word 'Free' is written in large, bold, yellow letters in the top right. The main title 'Easter Activity Camps' is in large white and yellow font. Below it, the text 'Ages 6-11 Multi Sports Rugby League Fun Games & Activities' is in yellow. The dates and times are listed in yellow and white. The venue is 'Bentley ARLFC, 257 Bentley Rd, Doncaster, DN5 9TG'. Logos for Club Doncaster and City of Doncaster Council are on the left. Logos for HAF and MK2 are on the right.

Free

Easter Activity Camps

Ages 6-11 Multi Sports Rugby League Fun Games & Activities

Date Monday March 30 – Thursday April 2
Monday April 6 – Thursday April 9

Time 10am – 2pm

Venue Bentley ARLFC,
257 Bentley Rd, Doncaster, DN5 9TG

in association with HAF

HAF Holiday Activity & Food Programme

Book your **FREE** place now at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDRD9XB

Club Doncaster
City of Doncaster Council

MK2 LIFTTRUCKS

HEALTHY EATING AT ST PETER'S

At St Peter's we are committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and supporting children to develop positive habits that help them learn, grow and feel their best during the school day.

We have recently noticed that some lunchboxes contain a number of high-sugar or highly processed foods. Whilst we understand that preparing lunches every day can be challenging and that treats are sometimes included, we would like to take this opportunity to gently remind families about the importance of providing a **balanced, healthy lunch** wherever possible.

Healthy food helps children to:

- maintain energy levels throughout the day
- concentrate better in lessons
- support their physical growth and development
- develop lifelong healthy eating habits

When preparing lunchboxes, we encourage choices such as:

- a sandwich, wrap or pasta
- fresh fruit or vegetables
- yoghurt, cheese or another healthy snack
- water or milk rather than sugary drinks

To support families, the NHS has produced some very helpful guidance and simple ideas for healthier packed lunches. You may find the suggestions useful when planning lunches for your child:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

As an alternative, our **school meals provided by Caterlink** are also a great option. They are freshly prepared, nutritionally balanced and follow the **School Food Standards**, ensuring children receive a

healthy meal including protein, carbohydrates and vegetables each day. I have attached an information poster which shares more about how our school meals support healthy eating.

We truly appreciate your support in helping us encourage healthy choices for all of our pupils. If you have any questions about school meals or would like support with lunchbox ideas, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the school office.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB OFFER

New After-School "Tracks"!

We're shifting gears! To help parents with flexible childcare, we are introducing new session options starting after the Easter break (**Monday, 13th April**). Whether you need a full afternoon of fun or just a quick stop before heading home, we've got a space for you.



THE FULL CIRCUIT – full existing offer

- **Time:** 3:15 PM – 5:45 PM
- **Cost:** £12.00
- **Includes:** Healthy snacks and activities.



THE PIT STOP CREW - Parents needing a little extra time for a flexible pick-up

- **Time:** 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
- **Cost:** £3.50
- **Details:** Activities only (no snacks).

Please see the separate letter that is going out to all parents on Monday for full details.

Doncaster Knights vs Hartpury

Doncaster Knights are offering 50 free tickets for students as Under 16's go free to the Knights' upcoming home fixture. Please place your requests with the office.



17 Friday 27th March



Doors and Bars Open at 5:00pm



Kick-off: 7:30pm



Castle Park, DN2 5QB

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S - PARENTS LOTTERY

Join the Friends of St Peter's Lottery (Part of The Parent's Lottery managed by Parentkind Enterprises Ltd.)

Pay £5 a month to be entered into weekly draws to win up to £25,000

<https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/friends-of-st-peters1770058988>.

The Parents Lottery is a weekly lottery and all tickets bought are entered into weekly draws. You will receive a letter in the post, within seven days of purchase, detailing your payment dates (if bought through Direct Debit) and the random generated lottery ticket number assigned to you. These numbers will not change for as long as you play the Parents Lottery. Should you hold a winning ticket, you will be contacted in writing to advise you of this fact. Direct Debit payers will have their winnings paid directly into their bank account and card payers will receive a cheque enclosed in the notification letter. In addition, you can check the winning lottery numbers each week at <https://www.theparentslottery.org/winners>. The friend's of St Peter's will receive 60% of all ticket sales. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL MEALS

A quick reminder that when you are selecting your child's school meals on Arbor you must check them out of the basket, otherwise they do not appear on the kitchen list.

CHAPLAINCY TEAM

The Chaplaincy team and Miss Topliss will be running a KS2 Stations of the Cross group from 12.45 – 1pm each Friday during Lent in the Year 6 classroom for pupils that would like to attend.

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

A reminder that our before and after school wrap around care is available and can be booked via the Arbor app. The breakfast club runs from 7.30 and the after-school club to 5.45pm and a snack is provided at both. Please ensure that all bookings for both clubs are made via Arbor. There is a strict limit on numbers due to staffing ratios, which cannot be exceeded.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Grayson, Oakley, Dhatri, Heidi and Noah S - we hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Well done to these children who have been chosen for having a good sense of humour and for spreading joy and positivity.

★ Orlah & Amalia
★ Israel & Ilinca
★ Georgie & Olivia
★ Alisa & Raajveer

★ Lakhan & Facundo
★ Erin & Eryk
★ Izzy & Aaliyah

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 1 who are this week's winners of the attendance award with a fantastic 99.62%. 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

66 house 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	17	RED - Whitby	21
GREEN - Roche	14	YELLOW - Kirkstall	14

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23rd March: Odd Socks Day – Down Syndrome Awareness
- 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
- 17th April: Y2 visit to Cleethorpes
- 21st April: Y3 Visit to Weston Park Museum
- 24th April: Wear blue for Autism Day
- 28th April: Y4 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
- Monday 4th May: School closed: May Day
- 7th May: Y1 visit to St. Peter's Church
- Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May: KS2 SATS week
- Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd May: Y6 Residential to Holy Island
- Thursday 22nd May: School closes for May half term
- Monday 1st June: Training Day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 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

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday for the final week of term.

God Bless,

Mrs Young

