St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sending the Newsletter a day early this week as school is closed tomorrow for a trust wide staff training day. It has been another busy few days in school, with lots going on.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children visited the National Holocaust Centre to experience *The Journey*—an exhibition designed to teach children about life in Germany during the 1930s, as well as the Kindertransport, through the eyes of a young boy named Leo.

Throughout the day, the children demonstrated exceptional knowledge, deep respect, and remarkable maturity when engaging with such a sensitive and important topic. They asked incredibly insightful questions during the workshops, prompting high praise from staff, who commented on how impressive their engagement and understanding were.

Later this half term, children will join a Zoom call with Hedi, a survivor, to deepen their knowledge further. They will also partake in a Zoom call, where we will study poetry based on these events, at a later date. Any child who has attended the museum on a school trip can return for a second visit free of charge either in the school holidays or on a Sunday, so long as they bring a paying adult along with them.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE and X (Twitter)

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PARENTS EVENING

Our first parents evening of the year will be held on Thursday 15th October between 2pm and 7pm**.** This will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled in so far. Parents can sign up via Arbor from this evening at 6.30pm. ***We kindly request that children are not brought to the meetings***. Provision will be provided to oversee those children whose parents have appointments at collection time. This will run until 3.30pm.

HARVEST MASS

Our Harvest Mass will be celebrated in school on Friday 9th October at 9.15am, to which you are all invited. We are about to start practising some lovely Harvest hymns for this celebration. As usual, we will be **collecting donations of tinned and dried food (pasta, rice, noodles etc.), which will be donated to a local foodbank after Mass**. Please bring donations into school from Monday 28th September and as always we appreciate your support and generosity.

THEATRE GROUP VISIT – CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

On Wednesday 7th October, we will be welcoming the Rise theatre group to our school, who will be delivering a specially crafted play exploring the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. This promises to be a highly engaging and worthwhile experience for our pupils. The visit will bring these important principles to life in a dynamic and memorable way, helping our children to understand and reflect on the values that underpin Catholic social teaching. The theatre group's performance will be complemented by associated classroom activities, allowing pupils to deepen their learning and consider how these principles apply to their own lives and communities. This initiative aligns beautifully with our commitment to nurturing the Catholic life of our school. It provides a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to explore their faith in an interactive and creative manner, fostering discussion and reflection on how we can live out these values in our daily lives.

Y6 OPEN EVENINGS

Parents of Y6 pupils are now able to apply for secondary school. The closing date for applications is 31 st October 2026 and it is important to apply on time. Further details and a link to the online application form can be found via the following link:
https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-year-of-entry. This site contains full information about the application process and a schedule of all the open evening dates.
Some dates for our local schools are as follows:

- Hallcross Academy: Thursday 15th October

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2027

The application process for a place in Reception class will open shortly and runs until January 2027. Please make any families that you might know locally about our wonderful school.
We are holding visits to the school on the following dates:

- Tuesday 6th October 5 – 5.30pm
- Thursday 8th October 1.15-1.45pm
- Monday 19th October 10am – 10.30am

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be sending out a timetable of teacher-led after school clubs in the next few weeks. These will run from next term. This term a hockey club for KS2 pupils is being run each Thursday by Active Fusion. The parents of all the pupils that have been allocated a place have received a message detailing the arrangements.

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. 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 path by the park.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS 2027

The Department for Education has updated their parent information leaflets for the current academic year 2026 to 2027.

Information for parents is available to read online or download as a PDF leaflet, and explains:

- what parents need to know
- what each assessment involves
- when tests will take place
- how results will be shared and used

This information can be accessed via the following link and covers:

- Reception Baseline Assessment
- Y1 Phonics screening check
- Y4 multiplication tables check (MTC)
- KS2 national curriculum tests, results and teacher assessment (Y6)

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents

UNIFORM

Our children have looked very smart this week. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. A polite reminder please, especially to our new parents that 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 they have signed a disclaimer available from the school office. Trainers are not permitted as part of the uniform.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 and Year 1 who are this year's attendance winners with a brilliant 100%!
Please ensure that as much as possible, children attend school every day and arrive on time by 8.40am. Term time holidays cannot be approved.

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. All appointments taken in school time need to be evidenced. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Ben, Amelia and Elijah A. We hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HOUSE POINTS

168 points have been issued this week - well done to **Red House Whitby**!

BLUE - Fountains	43	RED - Whitby	49
GREEN - Roche	36	YELLOW - Kirkstall	40

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 2nd October: School closed St Francis Trust INSET day for all Trust schools
- Wednesday 7th October: Y4 Doncaster Council Road Safety Sessions
- Thursday 8th October: Y3 Education Visit to RHS Harrogate
- Friday 9th October: Harvest Mass 9.15am – all welcome
- Monday 12th October: Pupil photographs (individual & in school sibling)
- Thursday 15th October: Parents afternoon/evening 2pm – 7pm
- Tuesday 20th October: Autumn Disco – book now from the school shop on Arbor
- Thursday 22nd October: Year 5 Act of Worship 9am – parents/carers welcome
- Friday 23rd October: Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd November: 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

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at school next week.

God Bless

Mrs Young