



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another fantastic week in school, and we have now reached the end of our first half term. It has been a long one – eight weeks, and I think everyone is ready for a short break. Our children have settled in brilliantly to their new classes and are making wonderful progress. In particular, our new Reception class have settled into the routines of school exceptionally well.

Many thanks to the Friends of St Peter's for organising the fabulous Autumn disco as a treat for our children on Tuesday. It certainly was a fun afternoon, with dancing, games and laughter. Thank you to Mr Peters for manning the disco and organising the games, to the parents and staff who helped out and to you for supporting this fundraising event for school.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 1 enjoyed a local walk as part of their geography study of our local area. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who supported this.

On Thursday morning, we were treated to a beautiful Assembly from our Year 5 class. This brought together the learning from their 'Creation and Covenant' RE topic this half term. It was a thoughtful and reflective reminder of the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments, and how Christian values are applied to our daily lives. The Assembly finished with the hymn 'A New Commandment' the words of which form a key part of our Mission Statement. Thank you to Mr. Drury and Mrs. Fisher.

On Thursday afternoon John Hegley, a performance poet, musician and songwriter came into Year 4 to complete a lovely poetry session. All the children enjoyed the session and were enthused to create their own acrostic poem in the shape of a tree. A big thank you for John for coming in and for Mrs Connor for organising the session.

SCHOOL WEBSITE 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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM

There will be a free Tag Rugby after school club led by Coach Andrei from Active Fusion running for pupils in KS2 every Thursday for 6 weeks in the new term. If you would like a place for your child please email office@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk You will receive confirmation via email if your child has been allocated a place.

Mrs Maskey is running a board games club for pupils in KS1 each Thursday for 6 weeks. If you would like a place for your child please email office@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk You will receive confirmation via email if your child has been allocated a place.

Both clubs run until 4.15pm and collection is from the school hall.

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2027

The application process for a place in Reception class runs until 15th January 2027. Please make any families that you might know locally about our wonderful school.

CASH FOR KIDS MISSION CHRISTMAS

Mrs Hamilton is collecting Christmas gifts again this year for the Cash for Kids Mission Christmas charity. If you can donate a small gift for a child please drop it at the school office labelled with the age of the child it is for.

UNIFORM

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. Please be advised that footwear should be plain black with no bright markings.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 2 who are this week's attendance winners with a brilliant 98.46% 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. Medical appointments should be made after 1pm where possible.

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.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to these wonderful children, who have been recognised this week for their super work in Mathematics.

★ Matei & Charlotte
★ Lakhan & Harrison
★ Ife & Thea
★ Filip K & Jakub

★ Ilinca & Luca
★ Israel & Jewel
★ Jaiveer & Maja

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week and over half term to Yashveer, Chloe, Evani, Tiiso, Amber, Georgia, Ava-Mae, Charlotte, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Oleksy. We hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HOUSE POINTS

112 house points have been issued this week. Well done to **Red House - Whitby**

BLUE - Fountains	26	RED - Whitby	34
GREEN - Roche	28	YELLOW - Kirkstall	24

DATES FOR THE DIARY

There is a lot going on after the half term break, so here are some important dates.

- Monday 2nd November: School re-opens
- Wednesday 11th November: Y6 Remembrance Liturgy 10.45am - families welcome
- Friday 13th November: Children in Need Day – Non Uniform Day for £1 donation
- w/c 16th November: Anti-Bullying Week - lots of activities taking place in school
- Friday 20th November: Non Uniform Day – for Christmas Rainbow Raffle Donations
- Wednesday 25th November: Athletics competition – selected Y5/6 Pupils
- Monday 30th November: Advent Wreath Blessing 9am - families welcome
- Tuesday 1st December: Football competition – selected Y3/4 pupils
- Wednesday 2nd December: Football competition – Selected Y5/6 pupils
- Tuesday 8th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal for school
- Wednesday 9th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance 1: 9.45am
- Thursday 10th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance 2: 1.45pm
- Friday 11th December: Christmas Rainbow Raffle Draw in Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 15th December: Trust Carol Service, Rotherham. Details tbc
- Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner day
- Thursday 17th December: End of Term Celebration Assembly: 9am
- Thursday 17th December: Class Christmas parties (with a special visitor!)
- Friday 18th December: Advent Liturgy/Christmas Carol Service 9am - families welcome
- Friday 18th December: School closes for Christmas Holidays **1.30pm**
- Monday 4th January: INSET Day – School closed to pupils
- Monday 5th January: School re-opens
- Wednesday 6th January: Mass for the Feast of Epiphany: 9am - families welcome
- Friday 12th February: Break up for February half term

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 an enjoyable half term break with your families and are able to find some time to rest and recharge. I look forward to seeing you all again on 2nd November.

God Bless

Mrs Young