NEWSLETTER

Let your light shine before others, so they see your good works and give glory to God

Matthew 5 v.16

Rooted in Christian faith, which underpins the school's ethos, we seek to enable all pupils to develop their full academic potential; discover skills and talents in art, music, sport and drama; and grow in spiritual awareness and moral character. By striving for excellence within an inclusive environment, enabling every child to develop their gifts and flourish, we seek to shine as a community, so our achievements give glory to God.

10th January 2025

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable Christmas break filled with loved ones, joy and laughter. It has been so nice to chat to many of you over the past few days, and to hear all about your Christmas adventures.

The Christmas decorations are now packed away for another year, and the spring term is underway. Although this is the shortest of the three school terms, as always we have managed to plan numerous events and activities, which support the development of creativity throughout the school and aim to enhance the learning experiences of the children. These include: our second DT day; poetry recital assembly; celebration of World Book Day, when all of the children and staff will come to school dressed as their favourite book character; STEM Week, which will see the children focus upon Science, Technology and Mathematics; Arts Week, which will see the entire school spend a week learning about and experiencing different aspects of the Arts.

Furthermore, we plan to host a second music evening later on in the term, which will allow those children learning a musical instrument to have the opportunity to display their new skills and talents. In addition, in recognition of our hard-working mums and significant female carers, we plan to host a special breakfast in March. Dads and significant male relatives will get their turn later on in the school year! Added to all of this, every class will go on at least one educational visit this term, and Year 6 are off on their 5-day residential visit in February.

We remain fully committed to ensuring that all of the children at St Peter's are supported, in order to achieve their full potential in a happy and safe environment. Therefore, in addition to all of the above, we will continue to hold extremely high expectations for your children in terms of their learning and behaviour, and will closely monitor and evaluate their progress throughout the term. We will also celebrate and promote events which support the emotional and physical well-being of the children, including Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week.

We value greatly the importance of good home/school links and therefore, if we have any concerns about your child, we will contact you directly to discuss them. Similarly, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk who will endeavour to address your concerns.

Excelente Trabajo

At the end of last half term Miss Jensen, our Spanish teacher, selected one child from each class for a special award in recognition of their hard work in Spanish. Huge felicidades to the following children:

Sonia (YR), Martha (Y1), Ernest (Y2), Sandy (Y3), Lawson (Y4), Isaac (Y5) and Alexander (Y6).

School Lunch Payments

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed towards the cost of our school meals; all of the donations received are greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a **voluntary donation** towards the cost of your child's lunch, please go to **IRIS ParentMail - Payments – Shop - Donation**. A suggested donation is £1.00 per day (£5.00 per week) although you are very welcome to donate more if you are able to do so.

House Trip

Today the children from the House team Keys enjoyed a trip to Vue Cinema in Shepherds Bush to watch a private screening of the animation film The Wild Robot. The children were wonderful ambassadors for our school and a fun time was had by all.

Punctuality

The punctuality of all of the children is closely monitored. It is our hope that children arrive at school on time every day, although we appreciate that sometimes circumstances beyond your control prevent this from happening. Therefore, we allow up to 5 lates in an academic year before any action is taken. Unfortunately, a number of families have already breached this threshold last term.

Good punctuality is extremely important to your child's education. In addition to the fact that arriving at school late can be very distressing for your child, first thing in the morning is often a time when we run intervention support or pre-teach concepts to those children who require some additional support with particular areas of the curriculum. Those children arriving late at school routinely miss this additional provision. As we begin a new term, please can I ask that you all make a concerted effort to get your children to school on time. **Breakfast Club support is available from 8am every day – this provision is offered free to those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.**

Please remember that the school gates will be opened at 8.45am for children to go straight into their classrooms in readiness for the beginning of the school day: **8.55am** for children in **Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5** and **6** and **9am** for children in **Reception**.
Please also ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day: **3.20pm** for children in **Reception**; **3.25pm** for children in **Year 1** and **Year 2** and **3.30pm** for children in **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5** and **Year 6**. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Attendance

Monitoring attendance is part of our statutory duty; we are committed to working with you all to ensure that the children are attending school on a regular basis. **As stated in the letters sent out today, we recognise that at this time of year many children are affected by winter illnesses, which account for many of the absences we have seen recently.** However, if there are any underlying medical conditions we need to be made aware of, or any issues we can help with which are preventing your child from attending school, please speak to us immediately. Thank you.

A copy of the term dates for this academic year and next have been sent out to all parents and carers; these dates are also available to view on the school website. Please make a note of these dates and avoid booking events and holidays which mean that children are required to take time out of school. **Please note that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time.**

Please see below our attendance percentages for this week:

	Week commencing 6th January
Reception	**96.7%**
Year 1	**96.0%**
Year 2	**98.6%**
Year 3	**97.0%**

Year 4	**97.0%**
Year 5	**91.3%**
Year 6	**97.3%**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 10th January: **Year 5**

	House points 10/01/25	Total
Cross	**356**	**356**
Fisher	**419**	**419**
Rock	**361**	**361**
Keys	**364**	**364**

Headteacher's Award

	10th January
Reception	**Imran & Luke**
Year 1	**Cassian & Charlotte**
Year 2	**Helen & Lilyan**
Year 3	**Alaric & Seb**
Year 4	**Surafel & Dylan**
Year 5	**Becca & Lucy**
Year 6	**Edward & Martha**

Values Award

Children can be nominated for a Values Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. When making a nomination, we ask you to state the value/s the child has shown (***courage***, ***respect***, ***thankfulness, perseverance***, ***service*** or ***kindness)*** and how they have demonstrated this value.

10th January – Pipper (YR), Chloe (Y5), Amelie & Michaela (Y6)

No nuts please!

Just a quick reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please double-check the ingredients before sending any snacks into school - particularly cereal bars - as sometimes they can contain hidden nuts which can be dangerous for other children. Thank you.

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take medicine during the school day, please ensure that it is handed in, in its original packaging via the school office; we need parental permission in order to administer any medication. For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to keep any medication in their bags. Our Medical Lead is Mrs Noonan; should your child have any serious medical issues that you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page: https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/ This will give you information about what your child will be learning this coming half term.

Instagram

Please follow us **@stpetersschoolw6** and remember to like our posts!

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak, in the first instance, to your child's class teacher. We are always here to help, and believe greatly in the importance of good communication between home and school.

Warmest regards for 2025,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
06/01/25		**Children return to school**
WC 13/01/25		**Clubs to restart**
14/01/25		Year 6 Treginnis Farm Meeting (remote)
20/01/25		Martin Luther King Day
23/01/25		**Year 3 Class Assembly**
WC 27/01/25		STEM Week
29/01/25		DT Day 2
WC 03/02/24		Children's Mental Health Week
04/02/25		Year 6 SATs Meeting
05/02/25		PTA Valentine's Disco – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
06/02/25		PTA Valentine's Disco – Key Stage 2
WC 10/02/25		Year 6 residential visit
WC 10/02/25		Interschool competition (Netball)
11/02/25		Safer Internet Day
11/02/25		International Women and Girls in Science
13/02/25		**Year 1 Class Assembly**
WC 17/02/25		**Half Term**
24/02/25		**Children return to school**