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 November 2023

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. Today we reach the end of the second week of this eight-week half term. Despite it being completely exhausting for everyone, this is always my favourite half term of the school year; the clocks have gone back so the nights are drawing in; Bonfire Night is over for another year and the countdown to Christmas is on – which is always such a magical time in school. The children in Reception and Key Stage One will soon begin learning the songs and lines for this year's Nativity play; before long, sounds of our favourite Christmas carols will be heard along St Peter's Road; and, thanks to our supportive PTA and wonderful parent body, plans for the Christmas Fair and our Family Disco are now well underway.

Just a few quick reminders:

- In celebration of Odd Socks Day, an annual event that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion, we would like all of the children to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday (13th November).
- Next Thursday (16th November) the PTA have organised a Movie Night for the children. Tickets are currently on sale. Tickets for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are free; Ms Tanner will contact those families directly.
  It is very important to us that every child who wants to attend this event is able to, and that no child misses out on this opportunity for financial reasons. If you require a free ticket to Movie Night, please either drop me a quick email via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk or notify the school office. This matter will be handled in the strictest of confidence.
- Next Friday (17th November), we will be supporting national BBC Children in Need day. Children are allowed to come into school in their own clothes on this day. A payment item will be set up on ParentMail for those wishing to make a donation to this very worthy cause.

Staffing Update

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Szmigin has resigned from her part-time teaching position at St Peter's, and in line with her contract will be leaving us today. I would like to thank Mrs Szmigin for her hard work and commitment during her short time at St Peter's and wish her well for the future.

Special Mention

We are delighted to share the news that today Thor (Year 6) is attending Parliament in order to Co-Chair the Children's Rights Enquiry, in his role as young advisor to the Mayor of London. Thor will be chairing the Mental Health part of the enquiry, and also contributing to the discussions relating to racism, discrimination and climate change. Alongside this, Thor has also been invited to deliver a short speech on mental well-being in schools, the importance of eating a healthy diet and the importance

of sport and exercise in maintaining both mental and physical health. Today, Thor will be given the opportunity to propose ideas and make suggestions for change.
Thor will be speaking in front of a panel of experts including the CEO of Ofsted and various senior government ministers, who will be there to answer questions in a Question Time-like setting. Towards the end of the day, Thor and the team of young advisors will visit Downing Street to deliver some of their proposals.
What an amazing opportunity to make a difference; Thor we are so very proud of you! Next week, Thor will be leading one of our collective worship sessions, in order to share his work with the entire school.

Remembrance
This morning at 11am, we came together as a school to hold a two-minute silence in honour of all of the service men and women who have lost their lives in conflicts since WW1. We ended the silence with a special prayer.

DT Day
Yesterday the children participated in their first DT Day of the academic year. The theme for the day was Nature, and every class created a habitat for creatures found in our local area including ladybirds, butterflies, birds and bats. The children let their creative juices run wide when creating their designs, which then lead to some fantastic outcomes. Following the making process, the children spent time evaluating their products, another key objective in the DT scheme of work. Please look out for Miss Miller's DT newsletter, which will provide more details about the work completed by each class. Thank you to Miss Miller for organising such a great day for the children.

Royal Albert Hall
On Wednesday, the children in Year 3 visited the Royal Albert Hall to attend a 'Discover Music and Maths' workshop. They also got the chance to sit in a box in the main auditorium, only 3 down from the royal box! The children behaved impeccably and a good time was had by all.

Stranger Danger
Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 enjoyed an encounter with the law on Tuesday! They came face to face with not one, but six metropolitan police officers. They brought with them information about stranger danger, to equip the children with ways to keep safe whilst they are out and about. The children also loved looking at all their safety equipment, trying on helmets, shields and handcuffs!

They then had the opportunity to ask the officers lots of questions about how they keep themselves safe. An informative session, which was hugely enjoyable for all.

Poetry Recital
Last Thursday the entire school participated in our first poetry recital assembly of the academic year, during which the children performed a range of poems written by the infamous children's poet Michael Rosen. I am always so impressed by our children on occasions such as this, no more so than last Thursday when every class, without exception, recited their poem with confidence, enthusiasm and passion. It was my favourite poetry recital to date and proved a wonderful start to a very wet and dreary Thursday morning.

The following poems were performed by the children:

- Year 6 – Strict
- Year 5 – Chocolate Cake
- Year 4 – The Book
- Year 3 – Don't Say Said
- Year 2 – Boogy Woogy Buggy
- Year 1 – The Great Big Hole
- Reception – My Friend Elsie

Thank you to everyone who supported this event; whether you were able to come along to watch your child perform, or helped your child learn their poem over the half term break (I saw several parents joining in with the actions to the poems!) your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Parents Evening Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent/teacher meeting event on either Monday or Tuesday, it was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance.

Punctuality

Please remember that gates are 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. **The side gate and the main school entrance gate will both be closed at 8.55am and the Reception gate will close at 9am**. Please ensure that your child arrives on time, as arriving late is not only disruptive and often upsetting for your child, but can also disrupt the learning of others. **If your child does arrive late, please ensure that you report to the school office to ensure that your child is marked in the register.** 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

A copy of the term dates for this academic year and the academic year 2024 -2025 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 the past two weeks:

	Week commencing 16/10/23	Week commencing 30/10/23
Reception	**92.7%**	**98.3%**
Year 1	**100%**	**98.0%**
Year 2	**95.7%**	**96.7%**
Year 3	**95.3%**	**99.3%**
Year 4	**98.7%**	**95.7%**
Year 5	**93.7%**	**99.0%**
Year 6	**96.7%**	**99.3%**

House Points

	House points 3/11/23	House points 10/11/23	Total
Cross	**360**	**800**	**3204**
Fisher	**356**	**726**	**2718**
Rock	**435**	**683**	**3104**
Keys	**257**	**565**	**3003**

Headteacher's Award

	3rd November	10th November
Reception	**Saskia & Cassian**	**Juniper & Thea**
Year 1	**Belle & Eliza**	**Helen & Gabriel**
Year 2	**Carter & Ruby**	**Joni & Lukas**
Year 3	**Louis & Zach**	**Alicia & Isaiah**
Year 4	**Alfie & Milena**	**Aurelia & Bowen**
Year 5	**Elsa T & Michaela**	**Louis & Luke**
Year 6	**Poppy D & Ariella**	**Ted & Sabrina**

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.

3rd November – Jocelyn (YR) Rose (Y3) Thor (Y6) Charlie (Y4) Thomas (YR)
10th November – Chloe & Lucy (Y4) Bea & Thor (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 Johnston; 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 on @stpetersschoolw6

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,

Miss Frazer

Diary Dates

WC 13/11/23		National Anti-bully Week
13/11/23		Odd Socks Day – children and staff to wear odd socks to school
16/11/23 – 16/12/23		Disability History Month – theme Disability, Children and Youth
16/11/23		**PTA Movie Night**
17/11/23		Children in Need
23/11/23		**Year 3 Class Assembly**
02/12/23		**PTA Christmas Fair**