Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world
"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."- Micah 6 v. 8

Newsletter 11th February 2022

A huge silent cheer to us all, for getting to the end of what has been a very challenging half term. January, a month which always seems to last much longer than any other, is now over; the nights are slowly getting lighter and today signals the fact that we are now halfway through this academic year. Next week, we have a week to relax and recharge our batteries – which I am sure we will all agree is much needed.

Added to this, I am delighted to inform you that our COVID case numbers have now dropped dramatically, so the additional measures we put in place a few weeks ago – namely, asking children who are COVID negative to remain at home if their sibling has tested positive - will no longer be in place after half term. Furthermore, we plan to re-introduce face to face assemblies for the children, although for now we will continue only mixing one key stage at any one time. As always, we thank you for the support, patience and understanding you have shown us, it is greatly appreciated by us all.

Whatever plans you have for the half term break - mine include a trip to IKEA and a few days in Liverpool - I hope that you stay safe and well, and enjoy time together with your family and friends. We look forward to everyone returning to school on **Monday 21st February**.

Gold for St Peter's

Earlier this week, we were notified of the fact that we have achieved a Gold Award in recognition of our achievement in active and safer travel initiatives. A huge thank you and well done to Miss Cook, who submitted our application for this award, we our truly delighted to receive such wonderful recognition for our work.

So long, farewell…

Our current PTA chair, Louisa, leaves the St Peter's community today with her family, to begin a new life in Somerset. Louisa has undertaken the role of PTA chair for the past 18 months, working under very challenging conditions to raise money for our school. Under her leadership, we have been able to fund the purchase of 14 air filters, two for every classroom across the school. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank Louisa for all of the contributions she has made to St Peter's, and to wish her and her family much happiness for the future.

DT Day

Thank you to Miss Miller for organising a fabulous DT Day yesterday, which all of the children greatly enjoyed. The theme for the day was music. Inspired by a remote, whole school assembly led by Miss Miller at the start of the day, the children were actively engaged in using and applying their design skills to make a musical instrument. These included rainmakers, wind chimes and xylophones. Prior to making their instruments, the children spent time on the design part of the process, then the fun task of making began. The art room was transformed into a woodwork studio and children were busy measuring, sawing, sanding and gluing their instruments. Gabriella (Y4) told me that she had never

worked so hard! Once the instruments were constructed, they were then decorated, to ensure that they closely resembled the designs. Finally, the children evaluated their work against their original designs. A busy, fun packed day was had by all.

Catering News

After half term, you will receive the first copy of our Kitchen Newsletter which, moving forward, will be sent out on a half-termly basis. The Kitchen Newsletter, which will be written by Andrew and Rewa (our catering duo), will update you on the workings of the kitchen, showcase our menus, and will also include popular recipes which you can try at home. We hope that you enjoy reading this new addition to our home-school communications and find it useful. In addition to this, COVID allowing, we plan to hold a tasting session, also after the half term break, to allow parents and carers the opportunity to sample some of the dishes served to the children at lunch. More details to follow.

Year 1 Assembly

Last Thursday, Year 1 delighted us with their retelling of the classic story Handa's Surprise. In addition to their story-telling, the children also shared some geography facts they have recently learnt about the different continents; they showed us an example of the bean plants they have been growing in class, and they performed two songs, one in Swahili. Every class member was actively involved; the children performed with great confidence, clearly enjoying the opportunity to share their learning with the rest of the school. Thank you to Year 1 for delivering such a wonderful assembly. Thanks also to Miss Edmondson, Mrs Todaro and Miss Friel for their hard work too. A huge silent cheer to you all.

Year 6 visit to the Central Gurdwara

On Thursday last week, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Central Gurdwara in Shepherd's Bush, to learn more about Sikhs and where they worship. They enjoyed a wonderful tour, during which they had the Sikh principles of faith clearly explained. The children were shown how to write their names in calligraphy, and were treated to a delicious meal of lentils and rice cooked by some Afghanistan refugees, who kindly gave up their time to cook for them. The class were beautifully behaved, and were really captivated by what they were taught.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

This week, we have been celebrating National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, focussing upon the theme of 'Growing Together'. Every day this week, the children have been completing a 'My Wellbeing Challenge Booklet', which provides tips for looking after well-being. This includes a focus upon kindness; wellbeing and resilience; appreciating people and doing good deeds. Place2Be created an excellent assembly which each class had the opportunity to watch, a link to the video is attached: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dySvIlAuiEk

In addition to this, every child completed a focussed activity, with some classes creating 'Support Balloons': https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XVOnukmI5Y

The children also had the opportunity to listen to a range of celebrities talking about their own 'growth stories'. These included: Dr Alex George (NHS doctor, presenter, author and YouTuber) who was appointed as the government's first UK Youth Mental Health Ambassador; YolanDa Brown (saxophonist, composer and broadcaster) who the children might also recognise from her CBeebies show YolanDa's Band Jam; Andy Lewis MBE (the European, World and Paralympic Champion) and Sky Brown, who became Team GB's youngest ever Olympic medallist at the Tokyo Olympics and won the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year award.

Special thanks to Mrs Johnston and our Kindness and Well-being Ambassadors for all of their efforts in organising this important week.

Place2Be have a range of resources which parents and carers might find useful; these include practical tips to support your child's wellbeing and behaviours. Please refer to the following link for more information: https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/

Online Safety

On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries. It is a day when we celebrate all of the wonderful things about being online and, most importantly, remind the children how they can keep themselves safe when online.

This year, the theme for the day was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' This saw the children engaged in exploring the world of gaming, and taught them about acceptable behaviours for interacting with their peers online. The day started with a whole school virtual assembly, led by Miss Russell and our Online Safety Ambassadors. Following on from this, the children were engaged in age-related activities which explored these ideas in greater detail. Thank you to Miss Russell for organising this event.

International Women and Girls in Science Day

Today we celebrated International Day of Women and Girls in Science. This is an important day aimed at promoting full and equal access to, and participation in, science for women and girls, and to encourage equality in the STEM fields. In recognition of this significant day, every class spent time today learning about inspiring women in science. Miss Cook ensured that each class had a different focus:

- Reception – Jane Goodall
- Year 1 - Joan Beauchamp Procter
- Year 2 - Charlotte Armah
- Year 3 - Mah Hussain-Gambles
- Year 4 - Katia Krafft
- Year 5 - Jo Shien Ng
- Year 6 - Jassel Majevadia

In addition to learning about the unique achievements of these inspirational women, the children in Key Stage Two also spent time discussing the issue of diversity in science, in relation to ethnicity and culture.

As a school, we believe passionately that celebrating days such as these is so important in helping to motivate and inspire our children, and to show them that with hard work and dedication they can achieve anything they set their minds to in the future.

Movie Night

Thank you to our wonderful PTA team for organising a Movie Night which was enjoyed by the children on Thursday. The children enjoyed snacks and a drink during the Movie, and sang along with gusto to the songs from the film. I walked around the classrooms during the event, it was lovely to see the children so happy, enjoying this end of half term treat.

Year 6 SATS Meeting

Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting on Monday 31st January. During the meeting, Mrs Adcock talked parents through the timetable for SATs week and shared examples of past papers with those in attendance. She also outlined how parents and carers can support their children at home, in the run up to SATs week and during the week itself. Mrs Adcock was also on hand to answer any concerns or questions raised.

It's cold outside

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school during this term, the children are outside for break several times a day, and although they don't always feel the cold, they do need to wear a coat to prevent them from becoming ill. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Better late than never, but better never late…

Please ensure that your child arrives punctually to school each morning equipped with everything they require for the school day. **Classrooms will be open from 8.45am**. Arriving late to school is not only disruptive to the class as a whole, but can also be distressing for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

House Points

	House points 4/2/22	House points 11/2/22	Total
Cross	**291**	**311**	**1141**
Fisher	**352**	**284**	**1300**
Rock	**465**	**210**	**1299**
Keys	**326**	**340**	**1355**

Headteacher's Award

	4th February	11th February
Reception	**Amber & Amy**	**Carter & Alexander**
Year 1	**Orly & Sadie**	**Pawel & Surafel**
Year 2	**Becca & Zoe**	**Amie & Josiah**
Year 3	**Martha & Georgie**	**Eliagh & Cosi**
Year 4	**Remi & Poppy G**	**Nujin & Sabrina**
Year 5	**Juliet & Carla**	**Janis & Emily**
Year 6	**Thomas & Matylda**	**Milo & Henry**

Values Award

Children can be nominated for a Values Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. Currently we are looking for nominations for children who have demonstrated the act of **perseverance**, as this is the Christian Value as a school we are focusing upon this half term.

4th February – Josephine (YR), Zach (Y1), Alfie (Y2), Edie (Y3), Ella (Y5) and Mattia (Y6)
11th February – Francesco (Y1), Tilly (Y2), Cosi (Y3), Rosie & Juliet (Y5), Tom (Y6)

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page; this will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk.

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak 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.

Have a good weekend.

Miss Frazer

WC 14/02/22		Half Term
21/02/22		**Children return to school**
01/03/22		**Year 2 SATs Meeting**
02/03/22	9am	Service in celebration of Ash Wednesday
03/03/22	9am	World Book Day
07/03/22	4pm – 7pm	Parents Evening
08/03/22	3.30pm – 6pm	Parents Evening
10/03/22	9am	Poetry Recital
W/C 14/03/22		Arts Week