Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world

***"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."* – Micah 6 v. 8**

The children have fully settled back into the swing of things after the half-term break, and we are ready for the second half of the term! Mr Rob and I always have disagreements about this time of year. This is always my favourite half-term: the clocks have gone back, the heating is on in school with the fresh, crisp air outside, the nights are drawing in making everything feel a little cosier and the crunchy leaves are fun to walk through. Mr Rob, however, will always tell me that I am not the one changing the clocks, or having to fix the boiler or sweeping up the leaves in the morning! Regardless, there is something magical about this half-term, and the countdown to Christmas is well and truly on. The children in Reception and Key Stage One will soon begin learning the songs and lines for this year's Nativity play, and Chef Andrew and I are discussing plans for our school's Christmas Dinner. Thanks to our fantastic PTA and wonderful parent body, plans for a virtual Christmas Fair are now well underway, and sounds of our favourite Christmas carols are already ringing through the air.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Yesterday, our Year 5 class gave an outstanding performance in their class assembly which was inspired by the events of World War 2, and focussed on the plight of evacuees in the War. It was incredibly poignant, particularly during these difficult times. Year 5's acting was superb, and their lines were delivered brilliantly; every single word could be heard so clearly and confidently. It shone through how much they have enjoyed learning about World War 2. Well done to Year 5 for such a fantastic assembly; we are very proud of you all. A special thanks to Mrs Adcock and Miss Royer for all of their hard work.

Poetry Recital

Last Thursday, we held our very first virtual poetry recital, and all of the children performed beautifully. All of our classes in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were able to recite a poem with incredible confidence and understanding. A wide range of poetry was performed, and what always stands out to me is how much the children enjoy performing; a lot of effort had very obviously gone into learning the poems at home too – thank you! Mrs Noonan explained that Reception were enthralled when watching, and we can't wait until it is Reception's turn to perform too next term! Well done St Peter's, you made us all feel very proud.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, we will be supporting National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for the week is 'United Against Bullying', with the children being taught that by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference and be united against bullying. Throughout the week, the children will complete activities in class around this theme, and we will hold a whole school assembly. On Monday 16th November, we will join with many other primary schools across the country and ask everyone - pupils and staff - to wear odd socks to school, a way of representing the fact that we are all unique.

DT Day

On Wednesday, we participated in our first DT day of the academic year, and all of the children had a fantastic time letting their creative juices flow. In Year 2, I was told "DT Day is better than break time", which is a high accolade indeed. The theme for the day was Moving Vehicles, and every class created an amazing vehicle, from pull along trucks, pneumatic dumper trucks and robotic racing cars – a huge range! Please look out for Mrs Noonan's DT newsletter, which will provide more detail and lots of lovely pictures. A huge thank you to Mrs Noonan for organising everything so brilliantly.

Reception and Year 6 Buddies

At the moment, we are needing to run our buddy system a little differently, due to the current restrictions. Every week, our Year 6s are performing a story to our Reception children, and Year 6 have been working really hard to make these performances as fun and as interactive as possible! The Reception children love watching their Year 6 buddies perform, and a big thank you to Year 6 for all of your amazing effort (and acting!). We look forward to the time when they are able to be together.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, at 11am, we held a two-minute silence in honour of all those who have lost their lives in conflicts since WW1. Please click here for a link to the Poppy Appeal's online shop, if you would like to donate towards their cause.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent parents' evening meetings on either Monday or Tuesday; this was our first time running them virtually, and so we are very open to any suggestions or feedback. Hopefully, next term we may be able to run them in person, but until we can, we want to be able to run them as smoothly as possible for you. Mrs Noonan and myself are also looking at ways that we may be able to share the children's work with you towards the end of this term, as part of the joy of parents' evening is being able to celebrate that hard work together.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has completed our parents questionnaire. If you haven't already done so, please do – the deadline is Wednesday 18th November. We greatly value your opinions and appreciate your time filling it out. Once the deadline has passed, we will collate all of the data and we will report the outcomes to you in due course.

Christmas Cards

A massive thank you to Rewa Mlinaric, who ran the Christmas Card project this year. It is a difficult job at the best of times, and Rewa did such a fantastic job of organising everything and collating all of the art work. There are some photos of a selection of the cards from across the school on the class blogs, if you would like to have a look at the fantastic artwork which was produced this year. From the Christmas Card project, we made an amazing £418 in fundraising – thank you.

House Points

	6th November	13th November	Running Total (for this term)
Rock	324	587	2827
Fisher	352	603	2764
Cross	362	514	2880
Keys	297	515	2693

Acting Headteacher's Award

	6th November	13th November
Reception	Pawel and Jemima	Allegra and Dylan
Year 1	Serenity and Bowen	Bella and Lucy
Year 2	Elsa T and Luke	Risha and Zac
Year 3	Ariella and Ted	Aneirin and Charlie
Year 4	Esme and Annabelle	Aryanna and Namkhai
Year 5	Hetty and Qinlan	The whole of Year 5!
Year 6	Yabsra and Isambard	Sapphira and Adam A

Citizenship Award

Children can be nominated for a Citizenship Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. Currently we are looking for nominations for children who have displayed acts of service, as this is the Christian Value which as a school we are focusing upon this half term.

6th November – Nosike (Year 5), Ammanuel (Year 6), Librarians (Year 6), Sapphira (Year 6), Todd (Year 6), Sabine (Year 1), Marta (Year 2)

13th November – Otto (Year 2), All of Year 6, Ava (Year 1), All Teaching Staff, Ms Bell (Year 4)

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

Thank you all for continuing to follow social distancing guidelines, and for wearing face coverings (unless exempt) when dropping your children off and picking them up.

Your support in this matter is very appreciated, in order to help keep our community as safe as possible.

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take prescribed medicine during the school day, please ensure that it is given in 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 medications in their bags.

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page at www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk This will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week, and what will be learnt next week.

Class webpages are updated weekly by your child's class teacher.

We also have a Twitter account which you can find here:

https://twitter.com/St_Peters_CE

Please do give us a follow!

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.

Finally…

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

Best wishes,

Mrs Zalar

Dates for the Half Term

Dates	Time	Description
WC 16/11/20		National Anti-bullying Week
16/11/20		Odd Socks Day – children and staff to wear odd socks to school
03/12/20	3:30pm	PTA Movie Night
05/12/20		Virtual Christmas Fair
11/12/20		Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/20		Winning House Reward
16/12/20		Nativity Play Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (virtual)
16/12/20		Carols by Candlelight Key Stage Two (virtual)
17/12/20	9.30am	Christmas Quiz Key Stage Two
17/12/20	1.30pm	Christmas Party Reception and Key Stage One
18/12/20	9am	Christmas Service - Virtual
18/12/20	2pm	**End of term**