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

Newsletter 14th January 2022

Welcome back, I hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable Christmas break, despite the fact that I know many families tested positive for COVID over the holiday period. On behalf of myself and the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the lovely cards, kind words and very generous gifts which we received at the end of term, it is much appreciated.

The Christmas decorations are now packed away for another year, and the Spring term is now well underway. Although this is the shortest of the three school terms (last term was exceptionally long), we have still 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. All of the events we have planned will be carried out following government guidelines on COVID, and adhering to the additional safety measures we have introduced as a school, as outlined in the letter sent to all families on Tuesday 4th January.

These events 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 very much hope to be able to host a music evening later on in the term, which will allow those children learning a musical instrument the opportunity to display their new skills and talents. Plus, in recognition of our hard working mums and significant female carers, we hope to be able to host an afternoon tea event 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, so there are lots of things to look forward to.

As always, we are 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 also 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.

September 2022 Admissions

Just a quick reminder that the deadline for submitting primary school applications is this Saturday 15th January 2022. Even if you have a child already at the school, if you wish for their younger sibling to join us, you must put in an application by this date.

Well done Year 6

I would like to give a very special mention to our Year 6 pupils, many of whom have been working extremely hard during the Christmas break to prepare to sit secondary school exams this week. This is often a very stressful time for the children and their families, however the children have approached the process with great maturity, making us all feel extremely proud. Well done Year 6.

Christian Values

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the review of our Christian Values, we greatly appreciate your support and feedback. We have read through your comments and suggestions, and we are currently in the process of collating the information we received. We will update you in due course, when a final decision has been made as to which values we plan to adopt as a school moving forward. We hope to begin focusing upon our new values from the beginning of the summer term. Until that time, we will continue focusing upon the values we detailed at the beginning of the academic year.

You've got a friend in me…

On Wednesday, the children in Year 4 and Year 6 participated in a workshop led by Tender Education. The aim of the sessions was to educate the children about friendships, teaching them to challenge harmful attitudes about friendships and relationships, and helping to empower them with the knowledge and confidence to speak out and seek support, should a friendship cause them upset or concern. The sessions were full of fun and exciting activities, with the children being given the opportunity to role-play scenarios, which supported them in finding resolutions to possible conflicts within friendship groups.

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.

New Year, fresh start…

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 7/1/22	House points 14/1/22	Total
Cross	**60**	**251**	**311**
Fisher	**79**	**312**	**391**
Rock	**64**	**259**	**323**
Keys	**101**	**317**	**418**

Headteacher's Award

	7th January	14th January
Reception	**Matias & Dylan**	**Amy & Alexander**
Year 1	**Sylvia & Thibault**	**Amber & Dylan**
Year 2	**Tom & Jamil**	**Leon & Nicholas**
Year 3	**Luke & Chloe**	**Martha & Otto**
Year 4	**Gabriella & Alba**	**Didi & Carmelle**
Year 5	**Rosie & Sophie**	**Florence & Zai**
Year 6	**Qinlan & Isabel K**	**Oliver & Eliona**

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.

7th January – Ella (YR), Serenity (Y2), Chloe (Y3), Betsy (Y5) and Mia (Y6)
14th January – Josiah (Y1), Charlie B (Y2), Eliagh (Y3), Zai (Y5) and Mattia (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 at 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

20/01/22		Year 2 Class Assembly
31/01/22		Year 6 SATs Meeting
03/02/22		Year 1 Class Assembly
WC 07/02/22		Interschool competition (Netball)
07/02/22		STEM Week
09/02/22		Safer Internet Day
09/02/22		PTA Valentine's Disco – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
10/02/22		DT Day 2
10/02/22		PTA Valentine's Disco – Key Stage 2
WC 14/02/22		Half Term
21/02/22		**Children return to school**