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 values, which underpin the school's ethos, pupils are inspired to strive for excellence within a thriving, inclusive community. We aim to enable every child to shine and aspire to reach their personal potential, whilst respecting and caring for one another and honouring God with their individual talents.

14th October 2022

Time flies when you are busy and having fun, and that certainly sums up this first half term of the academic year. Last night we held our now infamous Family Supper event, which saw so many members of our school community come together to share food, with a wide range of tasty treats for us all to enjoy. As always it was wonderful to have the opportunity to chat to different people, some of whom were attending the event for the very first time. Special thanks to our PTA team for running this event; to everyone who contributed food to our table and to those who helped to set up or clear up at the end of the evening, your support is much appreciated.

As you are aware, next Thursday signals the end of autumn 1 for the children, I literally have no idea where the weeks have gone. When we return to school on **Monday 31st October** the countdown to Christmas will be on – the festive season always starts early in primary schools! Whatever you are doing over the half term break, when it arrives, I hope that you have a relaxing week.

Please note that Friday 21st October is a staff INSET training day.

Please also note that we have decided to reintroduce Grandparents (and elderly friends and relatives) Day to our school calendar again this year, the date for which is **Tuesday 16th May 2023**. More details to follow closer to the time, but please make a note, it is a date not to be missed!

Celebrate our community day

Yesterday we had a fantastic day, as we hosted our first 'Celebrate Our Community' day here at St Peter's. The aim of the day was to allow the children (and staff) to learn about, and immerse themselves in, some of the cultures we have within our school community. Yesterday, we focused upon Greece, India, Spain and Ethiopia; as explained, we will celebrate other countries and their cultures later on in the school year. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a wide range of workshops led by members of our parent body. These included a Greek dancing class, an Ethiopian language session, Indian warrior movement and an Indian culture session. In addition to this, our staff team taught an extra Spanish lesson to every class, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 were treated to some Bollywood dancing and the children in Year 5 and Year 6 participated in a celebrate diversity live session as part of Black History Month. A very special, and very important day for our community. Thank you to Miss Cook, members of the EDI team and all of the parents who came into school to work with the children.

Black History Month

Throughout the month of October, we are celebrating Black History Month, a month that honours the history of black communities and recognises the great achievements made by black leaders, activists and icons, who have shaped life as we know it.

This year, the children are focusing upon four themes:

- Black British History and Black History (the Windrush generation)
- Significant Black Icons and Events
- Anti-racism – this theme will be discussed through a range of age appropriate stories
- Poetry written by people of Caribbean and African descent

Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October was national Mental Health Day, the theme for this year was "**Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority**". Throughout the week, the children have talked about mental health, completing activities which promote the importance of looking after their own mental health, and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of others. Each year group also had a specific area of focus:

- EYFS and KS1: Understanding Emotions
- Year 3 & 4: Positive Words
- Year 5: Being Kind to Myself
- Year 6: Body Confidence

Values Assembly

Last week, Year 2 delighted us with a class assembly which focused upon our six Christian values: respect, service, perseverance, kindness, courage and thankfulness. As part of their assembly, the children also performed the parable of the good Samaritan. We realised that due to the pandemic, this was the first class assembly that the Year 2 children have performed to a live audience since joining St Peter's just over two years ago. Despite this fact, the confidence shown by the children was incredible, so too was the joy which shone on their faces as they performed. A truly wonderful assembly which made us all feel very proud (and a little bit emotional too). Special thanks to Miss Edmondson, Mrs Todaro, Miss Friel and Miss Pond-Way for all of their hard work in supporting the children with this event.

Reverend Singa

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Rev Singa back into school, in order to lead our collective worship session. During her visit, Rev Singa talked to the children about her country of origin, Tonga. She began by giving the children some facts about Tonga; it is located in the continent of Oceania and houses 103,036 people (less than the number of people who live in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham); the language spoken is Tongan and English, and education is free and compulsory between the ages of 6 and 14. Rev Singa described Tonga as 'small but significant' – just like St Peter's! Thanks to our growing relationship with Rev Singa, we explained to the children that we are planning to establish a link with a primary school in Tonga. Through this link, children from both schools will have the opportunity to learn about the different cultures and traditions of the two schools and the communities represented within them.

Inter-house competitions

Next week, Mr Fullerton, supported by our PE ambassadors, will run our first inter-house sports competition of the year. The focus this half term will be football, with the children working in their house teams to earn points, in order to be awarded the PE trophy. I look forward to being able to announce the result after the half term break.

Show Racism the Red Card

Next Thursday, we are planning to support national 'Show Racism the Red Card' day, by asking everyone to add something red to their school uniform. You can do this by wearing red socks, a red tie or jumper or even by spraying your hair red (well it is half term the next day!). If you would like to

donate to this charity, you can do so via ParentMail, by clicking on the SRTRC payment item. Thank you in advance for your support.

House Points

	House points 7/10/22	House points 14/10/22	Total
Cross	**305**	**121**	**856**
Fisher	**270**	**172**	**948**
Rock	**234**	**137**	**899**
Keys	**244**	**202**	**1223**

Headteacher's Award

	7/10/22	14/10/22
Reception	**Enzo & Alba**	**Vincent & Josephine**
Year 1	**Lukas & Amber**	**Bear & Rose**
Year 2	**Allegra & Jamie**	**Sadie & Tom**
Year 3	**Bart & Leon**	**Olive & Ava**
Year 4	**Phoebe & Molly**	**Elsa G & Sipara**
Year 5	**James & Poppy D**	**Dolly & Matilda**
Year 6	**Annabelle & George**	**Betsy & Ivy**

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.

7th October – Eliza (YR), Surafel (Y2), Edward (Y4)
14th October – Rex (YR), Amy (Y1), Elsa G (Y4)

Punctuality

Please remember that 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 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. 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.

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 new Medical Lead this year is Mrs Johnston, should your child have any serious medical issues, 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 has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher.

Twitter
Please check out our account: ***@St_Peters_CE***

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

WC 17/10/22		Interschool sports competition (Football)
20/10/22		Show Racism the Red Card - children and staff to wear red to school
21/10/22		INSET Day
WC 24/10/22		Half Term
31/10/22		**Children return to school**
03/11/22		Poetry Recital (Theme – Caribbean and African Poetry in celebration of Black History Month)
07/11/22	4pm – 7pm	Parents Evening
08/11/22	3.30pm – 6pm	Parents Evening
10/11/22		DT Day 1
14/11/22		World Diabetes Day
14/11/22		Odd Socks Day – children and staff to wear odd socks to school
WC 14/11/22		National Anti-bully Week
WC 14/11/22		Road Safety Week
16/11/22 – 16/12/22		Disability History Month – Theme Disability, Health and Well-being
17/11/22		**PTA Movie Night**