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.

16th June 2023

Happy Father's Day for Sunday

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. Today has been a real treat - I have been able to relax, sit back and put my feet up, as the school reins have been taken up by Betsy (Year 6) who won the auction bid to take over the role of headteacher for the day. Ottolie, who won the raffle prize for headteacher for the day, will take her turn later on this term.

Betsy is a natural, and has done a truly wonderful job today; I would be very happy for this to become a weekly event! The role has kept Betsy extremely busy all day, but despite this fact, she has still found time to contribute to this week's newsletter:

'Hello, I am Betsy and I got to experience what it was like to work as a headteacher. For my first task of the day, I led a briefing for the teachers explaining what will be happening in school next week. I then met one of our new governors, Hester, and gave her a tour of the school. This is my welcome speech for her:
Welcome Hester, my name is Betsy.
On behalf of everyone here at St Peter's Primary School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you. We are delighted to have you with us and we appreciate your interest and support of our school. We hope that your visit gave you an insight into the daily life of our school and the progress that our students are making. We are proud of our school, and we are confident that you will be impressed by what you see. Once again, welcome to St Peter's Primary School.
I also got to lead the celebration assembly this morning, which was a bit scary at first, but then once I started talking all the nerves went away. In addition to this, I did lunch duty and helped the little ones with their lunch, making sure that they were all okay and eating enough vegetables! I then ate my lunch in the staffroom with the teachers. My day will end at 4.30pm after I have helped Miss Frazer with Imaginative Play club.
I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Frazer for letting me be in her office and follow her around all day, thank you Miss Frazer so much.'

Time flies when you are busy and having fun, and that certainly sums up the past two weeks at St Peter's, whilst also setting the scene for the final five weeks of term.

Please ensure that you have made a note of our key end of term events, as you really won't want to miss them...

- Our summer fair will be held tomorrow, **Saturday 17th June**, from **12pm until 4pm** in St Peter's Square. This event is designed to bring our community together, whilst also raising much needed funds for our school. We hope as many of you as possible are able to come along to support this event.

- Every morning at **9am** from **Monday 26th June until Thursday 29th June**, we will be holding special music assemblies to which you are all invited. The assemblies are an opportunity for the children who are learning to play a musical instrument to perform to an audience. Each morning will focus upon a different instrument/set of instruments; one performer from each assembly will be chosen by the music teachers to go through to our final, which will be held on **Tuesday 4th July**.
- On **27th June between 3.30pm and 5.00pm** and **28th June between 8.15am and 8.45am**, parents and carers are invited into school, in order to visit your child's classroom and to view their work. Class teachers will be in their classrooms for you to chat to as well. We hope as many of you as possible are able to join us.
- **On 3rd July** a meeting will be held for the **parents and carers of our current Year 5 pupils**, to discuss secondary transition and the roles and responsibilities associated with being in Year 6.
- **On 4th July** a meeting will be held for the **parents and carers of our current Reception class pupils**, to discuss transition into Year 1.
- Our whole school summer production will be performed on **12th** and **13th July**. There will be two performances on each day: **10am** and **6pm**. Tickets will be available to purchase via ParentMail from **Monday 26th June at 12pm**.
- This year's leavers' BBQ, which is held **for the Year 6 pupils and their families**, will be held on **20th July** at **5pm**.
- The final event of the academic year - please join us at our Leavers' Service, which will be held in St Peter's Church on **21st July** at **9am**. It promises to be emotional!

WAC Arts (written by Betsy)

On Wednesday (14th June), the Year 6 children went on a long trip to WAC Arts in Camden, where they got to learn a fabulous dance called 'Bruce' from the musical Matilda. They also made acting scenes, like the first day of school for Matilda and Bruce eating the chocolate cake, which they got to perform to the staff at WAC Arts. The Year 6 children really enjoyed this trip as they love acting and dancing. They came back with big smiles and lots of fun things to say about it.

Reception/Year 6 visit to London Zoo (written by Betsy)

On Thursday (15th June), the Year 6 and Reception children went to London Zoo, where they got to find out more about the animals, such as penguins, monkeys, birds, butterflies, spiders and reptiles. The Reception children were very excited about seeing the penguins jumping into the water and copying the way they walked. By the end of the day everyone was hot, but smiling after their lovely day.

Health and Well-being Week

Next week the children will be engaged in a wide range of activities, all aimed at teaching them how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and ensure their own physical and mental well-being. Sessions will include mindfulness art, dance, Fitness4kids and yoga. School favourite Kat Francois led lessons on puberty and online safety with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils last Monday and Tuesday; she also led a session for parents and carers, which gave them the opportunity to ask any questions they had. Thank you to Miss Milligan and Mrs Johnston for organising such an inspiring and fun-packed week.

Celebrate Our Community Day

Next Thursday we plan to hold our second 'Celebrate Our Community Day' of the academic year. The main focus of the day is celebration of the 75th anniversary of the HMT Empire Windrush arriving in Britain on 22nd June 1948. Miss Cook has worked alongside Natasha (mum to Zai and Remi) to plan a range of activities for the children. As part of our celebrations, the children from Year 5 and Year 6 will visit the Riverside Studios to watch a play about the life of Fanny Eaton, and Year 3 will be going to Shepherd's Bush Green, where Hammersmith and Fulham Council have

organised a day of celebrations. Today, the children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 took part in a carnival workshop led Fiona Compton.

Dad's and Significant Lad's Breakfast

In recognition of Father's Day, which will be celebrated by many this coming Sunday, yesterday Chloe and her team cooked up a very tasty full English breakfast, as our way of saying 'thank you' to all of the dads and significant male influences in the lives of our children. We were delighted to see so many in attendance; it was a lovely way to begin the day. Special thanks to Chloe and her team for their hard work in helping to make this breakfast possible.

Year 1 Phonics Test

This week our Year 1 pupils have been busy completing the national phonics test. The children have made fantastic progress this year and performed extremely well during the test. Thank you to Miss Jones, Mrs Breen, Miss Mani, Mrs Warty and Miss Dee for their hard work in helping the children to develop their phonics skills throughout the year.

Poetry Recital

On the morning of Thursday 8th June, we were delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our poetry recital assembly. The children all did a fantastic job of performing a poem, which they had diligently learnt by heart. I would like to give an extra, very special mention to Year 3, who learned to sign the words to their poem in the two days leading up to the performance. It was truly incredible to watch, and another way we are able to show inclusion and a respect and understanding for differences in our school. All of the poems chosen were in recognition of Environment Day. On the day, we were treated to:

- Reception – *Earth Day* by Jane Yolen
- Year 1 – *What can you do?* by Ananya Manhas
- Year 2 – *Nature Trail* by Benjamin Zephaniah
- Year 3 – *What a wonderful world* by George David Weiss and Robert Thiele
- Year 4 – *I wandered lonely as a cloud* by William Wordsworth
- Year 5 – *On the Grasshopper and Cricket* by John Keats
- Year 6 - *Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?* William Shakespeare

Special thanks to Mrs Noonan for organising this event.

Uniform

We are now in the summer term, which means that the children are allowed to switch to their summer school uniform (please see the website for details). Please note though, that all of the children are still required to wear black school shoes for school. Sandals and trainers are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Please refer to our website for our full uniform list https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Uniform. Thank you for your continued support.

Website

Please visit your year group class blog in order to find out more about the learning which will be taking place in class this half term https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Reception

Attendance

Monitoring attendance is part of our statutory duty. We are committed to working with you all to ensure that the children are attending school on a regular basis. If there are any underlining medical conditions we need to be made aware of, or any issues we can help with, which are preventing your child from attending school, please speak to us immediately. Thank you.

	Week commencing 22/5/23	Week commencing 5/6/23
Reception	**96.3%**	**98.3%**
Year 1	**93.7%**	**95.0%**
Year 2	**98.0%**	**97.9%**
Year 3	**95.2%**	**95.7%**
Year 4	**98.7%**	**97.9%**
Year 5	**97.8%**	**97.2%**
Year 6	**95.5%**	**96.1%**

Better late than never, but better never late

The punctuality of all of the children is closely monitored. It is our hope that children arrive at school on time every day, although we appreciate that sometimes circumstances beyond your control prevent this from happening. Therefore, we allow up to 5 lates in an academic year before any action is taken. Unfortunately, a number of families have already breached this threshold last term.

Good punctuality is extremely important to your child's education. In addition to the fact that arriving at school late can be very distressing for your child, first thing in the morning is often a time when we run intervention support or pre-teach concepts to those children who require some additional support with particular areas of the curriculum. Those children arriving late at school routinely miss this additional provision. Please can I ask that you all make a concerted effort to get your children to school on time. **Breakfast Club support is available from 8am every day – this provision is offered free to those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.**

Please remember that the school 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 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.

House Points

	House points 9/6/23	House points 16/6/23	Total
Cross	**-**	**621**	**3061**
Fisher	**-**	**637**	**3549**
Rock	**-**	**925**	**4085**
Keys	**-**	**981**	**3973**

Headteacher's Award

	9th June	16th June
Reception	**William & Theo**	**Maya & Xander**
Year 1	**Sebi & Josephine**	**Whole class**
Year 2	**Lawson & Zach**	**Alicia & Charlotte**
Year 3	**Cosmo & Alfie**	**Bart & Lucy**
Year 4	**Isaac & Susannah**	**Risha & Elsa**
Year 5	**Whole class**	**Didi & Horatio**
Year 6	**Carla & Aryanna**	**Namkhai & Sienna**

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.

9th June – Aurelia (Y3), Maya (Y4) and Dolly (Y5)

16th June - Lola, Louanne & Rio (Y2), Bart & Charlie (Y3), Eliza (Y5) and Miss Cook

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 you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Twitter

We are very active on our Twitter account. Please check us out: ***@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 19/06/23		Health and Well-being Week
19/06/23		Y5 class trip
19/06/23	6pm	New Reception Parents Meeting
21/06/23		Y2 class trip
22/06/23		Celebrate Our Community Day
22/06/23		Y3 class trip
WC 26/06/23		Music Assemblies Week
27/06/23	3.30 – 5.00pm	Open Afternoon
28/06/23	8.15 – 8.45am	Open Morning
29/06/23		St Peter's Day
30/06/23		New Reception children classroom visit
03/07/23		Transition into Year 6 Parents Meeting
04/07/23		Music Assembly final
04/07/23		Transition into Year 1 Parents Meeting
06/07/23		Y1 class trip
07/07/23		Picnic for new Reception children and parents
12/07/23	10am	Whole school summer production
12/07/23	6pm	Whole school summer production
13/07/23	10am	Whole school summer production
13/07/23	6pm	Whole school summer production
14/07/23		Whole school picnic