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 September 2022

Welcome to our new look newsletter. As promised, our new vision statement and bible verse will be appearing on all of our communications moving forward. Special thanks to Zach John for helping with the design process, we are delighted with the results.

What an emotional and very surreal week it has been following the sudden death of Queen Elizabeth II. As a school, we have spent time talking to and reflecting with the children about what they are seeing - and possibly reading - in the news. Every child has had the opportunity to write (or draw) a memory, message or tribute to the late Monarch, as we have created our very own class Book of Condolences. If you would like to contribute to the St Peter's Condolence Book, please pop into the school reception area, the book will be in place until Monday 26th September.

Values Day

Last Tuesday, we held a special Values Day in school to introduce our six new values - ***courage***, ***respect***, ***thankfulness, perseverance***, ***service*** *and* ***kindness*** **-** to the children. Throughout the day, the children completed a series of activities, all aimed at introducing our values, ensuring that the children understand what they mean, why they are important and how they can demonstrate them in their everyday lives. Every class has updated their class reflection area with work completed during the day.

This morning, during our collective worship session, a sea of hands greeted me when I asked the children for nominations for our Values Award. The children confidently named the six values and were able to articulate when they had seen evidence of our values being shown in school; it was wonderful to witness. Well done St Peter's!

The new term

Our new Year 6 class are already rising to the challenge of being the eldest children in the school, and have impressed us all with their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace all aspects of school life, as they begin their final year of primary school. The children in the other classes have all settled in well, and are already working hard and impressing their class teachers with their positive attitude towards all aspects of school life and learning.

Similarly, our new Reception class have adjusted to school life brilliantly and are enjoying school, especially the lunches! Next week, the Reception children will be paired up with their Year 6 buddies; this is always a highlight for all of the children involved, and something the Year 6 children have been looking forward to since they joined the school back in 2016. The children will meet next week for the first time; we all very much look forward to watching their growing friendships as the year progresses.

Open Classroom

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Classroom event yesterday; we hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to tour the school, and to visit your child's new classroom and meet their class teacher. If you have any concerns or queries moving forward, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

In addition to the information you collected last night, our Parent Information Booklet will accompany our newsletter today.

National Teaching Assistants' Day

Today, in honour of National Teaching Assistants' Day, we gave an extra special thank you (and a few tasty treats) to our team of hard-working teaching assistants, for the wonderful work they do to support the learning of the pupils in our school. At St Peter's, we greatly value the role of our teaching assistants, and we actively embraced the opportunity to thank them for the contribution they make to our school community.

Election Fever

Two weeks ago, we were introduced to our new Prime Minister, then more recently to our new King; it is now time to elect the new House Captains for the coming academic year. Yesterday, our Year 6 pupils delivered speeches to the entire school, detailing why they should be chosen for the role. The children all did a fantastic job, they spoke with such confidence and delivered speeches which would not have looked out of place in Parliament. We were all very impressed by their efforts, they showed wonderful courage; the rest of the school were extremely respectful as they listened to the speeches. The voting process is now underway and we look forward to being able to announce the results next week.

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 9.00am 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. If you have an outstanding medical form which needs returning to Mrs Johnston, please can you do so by Tuesday 20th September, thank you.

Headteacher's Award

	9th September	16th September
Reception	-	-
Year 1	**Amy & Thor**	**Xavier & Joni**
Year 2	**Silvia & Lawson**	**Amara & Imo**
Year 3	**Aurelia & Jovita**	**Tilly & Josiah**
Year 4	**Kennedy & Alexander**	**Elsa T & Louis**
Year 5	**Thomas & Carmelle**	**Ted & Brooklyn**
Year 6	**Rawdon & Janis**	**Elisa & Tristan**

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 September – Orly (Y2), Esme & Rosie (Y6)
16th September – Alexander (Y4), Poppy G (Y5)

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

21/09/22 – 23/09/22		Year 5 Residential visit
26/09/22		Harvest Festival
29/09/22		Year 3 Class Assembly
29/09/22		Year 6 class trip
30/09/22		Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser
01/10/22		Black History Month
06/10/22		Year 2 Class Assembly
13/10/22		Celebrate Our Community Day
13/10/23	5pm	Family Supper
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