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.

17th March 2023

Happy Mother's Day for Sunday

We reach the end of another busy week at St Peter's. When writing my last newsletter, I was encouraging as many of you as possible to attend our PTA Auction event. Well, you did not disappoint and thanks to our amazing PTA team – Charlotte, Jane, Georgina and Victoria – and the support of so many families, staff and Governors from our school community, we had a wonderful evening in an incredible venue, with delicious food and drink, and managed to raise a phenomenal **£29,372**. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, you are amazing - this money is much needed and will help to support the education of every child in our school.

The end of term is hurtling towards us at quite a rate; please note some key diary events which will take place before the end of term:

- **Monday 20th March –** Pelican Spring Concert, 4.30pm at St Peter's Church
- **Friday 24th March** – Please join us in the Scott Building **from 3pm** to view the wonderful work produced by the children during Arts Week
- **Friday 31st March** – Please join us at St Peter's Church **at 9am** for a service to celebrate Easter and the end of term

Arts Week

This week has seen us celebrate our now infamous Art Week event here at St Peter's. The theme for the week has been Picasso, with each year group focusing upon a different period in the artist's almost 80 year career. Kate Brown and a member of her team from the Halcyon Gallery brought a Picasso into school - yes you did read that correctly - we had a Picasso in school for the children to observe up close. Wow, lucky children! Kate delivered a workshop to each class talking about Picasso and his work. I was fortunate enough to be able to sit in on the Year 2 workshop, and was so impressed by the knowledge of the children and their ability to question and reflect.

A separate newsletter will be sent out from Miss Miller providing much more detail about the work completed by the children and the numerous workshops they have enjoyed. Special thanks to all of the parents and carers who helped to make our Arts Week celebrations so special again this year, to Kate Brown for being such an inspiration to us all, and to Miss Miller for organising such an incredible week for the children. This week has been filled with many enrichment opportunities, which enhance the learning of the children and take them well beyond the requirements of the national curriculum.

Neurodiversity Week

Alongside Arts Week, the children have also taken part in a range of creative activities and conversations to celebrate and acknowledge neurodiversity. On Wednesday, we were joined by six neurodivergent young people from Latymer Upper School, who talked to the children in Key Stage 2 and Year 2 about their experiences of being neurodivergent in today's society. We also welcomed a group of parents into the school who completed artwork based upon the neurodiversity symbol and read inspirational stories to the children. As Neurodiversity Week coincided with our Arts Week celebrations, each class also spent time learning about a diverse artist, including those with special needs or physical disabilities. Special thanks to our SEND Family Network Group and to Miss Cook for this important work, which has helped to raise awareness of neurodiversity in our school community.

Happy Mother's Day

Yesterday, in recognition of Mother's Day, we hosted a special breakfast for all of our hard-working mums and female carers. We have hosted this event on a number of occasions over the years, however yesterday we had more mums and female carers attend than ever before; it was wonderful to have so many mums and their children gathered together in our hall. Rewa and her team cooked a range of delicious treats, Charlotte arrived with armfuls of flowers which dressed our tables, Fleetwood Mac was playing on the sound system - a perfect start to the day!

Poetry Recital Assembly

On the morning of Thursday 9th March, we were delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our poetry recital assembly. The children did a fantastic job of performing a poem which they had diligently learnt by heart. In recognition of International Women's Day, all of our poems were written by female poets. On the day we were treated to:

- Reception – ***Cat*** by Marilyn Singer
- Year 1 – ***I opened a book*** by Julia Donaldson
- Year 2 – ***Anthropoids*** by Mary Ann Hoberman
- Year 3 – ***To a new librarian who thinks I don't write poetry*** by Jane Yolan
- Year 4 – ***I am She*** by Butch Decatoria
- Year 5 – ***We as Women*** by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Year 6 – ***So much happiness*** by Naomi Shihab Nye

Special thanks to Mrs Noonan for organising this event.

Governor Day

Also on Thursday 9th March, representatives from the Governing Body came into school, in small groups, to see different aspects of school life which included observing our poetry recital assembly, joining the children for lunch and participating in a Year 6 PE session. Our visitors were given a tour of the school by the Year 6 House Captains, who did a wonderful job; they also met with staff to discuss the school's curriculum provision. It was an extremely enjoyable day for all involved. The children were amazing and thrived upon the opportunity to share their learning and school experiences with others. Well done St Peter's!

Easter Egg Raffle

We are planning to hold an Easter Egg Raffle for the children on the last day of term. This initiative will be organised and led by our Year 6 House Captains, with the money raised being split equally between their four chosen charities - Shelter, Lumos, Save the Children, TeamSeas - and Ahbap and Turkey Mozaik Foundation, who are supporting victims of the earthquake in Turkey.

In order to do this, we would like to ask for donations of Easter Eggs: big, small, glittery, plain, eggs with a huge bow attached, they will all be very welcome! I plan to approach our local Sainsbury's and

Tesco for donations; if you have connections with a local supermarket or chocolate/sweet companies or shops, please let us know, as the more eggs we can collect, the greater possibility that everyone who purchases a raffle ticket will win a prize. Raffle tickets will go on sale towards the end of next week, and will be sold for £1 a strip. Thank you in advance for your support.

Website

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

Attendance

We closely monitor the attendance of our pupils, and remain committed to working with all of our families to ensure that the children are attending school on a regular basis. We are hopefully coming through the influx of winter illnesses, which account for many of the absences we have seen recently. However, 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 27/2/23	Week commencing 6/3/23
Reception	**98.0%**	**92.0%**
Year 1	**98.3%**	**99.0%**
Year 2	**100.0%**	**97.0%**
Year 3	**99.7%**	**99.0%**
Year 4	**95.0%**	**98.7%**
Year 5	**95.9%**	**97.4%**
Year 6	**95.5%**	**91.7%**

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.

It's cold and wet outside

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school, as we do need to walk between buildings throughout the day.

Uniform

Please refer to our website for our full uniform list https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Uniform

A few quick reminders: PE shorts should be plain navy (no motifs please); school shoes should be enclosed and black in colour, black training shoes and ankle/Doc Martin style boots are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Finally, all hair accessories, should be discreet and navy blue in colour. Thank you for your continued support.

House Points

	House points 10/3/23	House points 17/3/23	Total
Cross	**383**		**3836**
Fisher	**631**		**3891**
Rock	**537**		**4832**
Keys	**362**		**4588**

Headteacher's Award

	10/3/23	17/3/23
Reception	**Ernest & Kleo**	**Vincent & Ai**
Year 1	**Lucy & Xavier**	**Bear & Katie**
Year 2	**Pawel & Thibault**	**Lennox & Isaiah**
Year 3	**Leon & Tilly**	**Jovita & Jamil**
Year 4	**Marta & Rira**	**Michaela & Martha**
Year 5	**Dolly & Didi**	**Sabrina & Eliza**
Year 6	**Jack & Sienna**	**Rawdon & George**

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.

10th March – Isaiah & Pawel (Y2), Risha & Molly (Y4), Sara (Y6)
17th March – Isaiah (Y2), Elsa T & Ethiopia (Y4), Emily, Rosie & Esme (Y6)

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

Diary Dates

20/3/23		YR trip to Gunnersbury Triangle
20/03/23		Pelican Spring Concert
21/03/23		World Poetry Day
23/3/23		Y1 Urbanwise trip to Ravenscourt Park
24/02/23		Arts Cafe
WC 27/03/23		Interschool competition (Gymnastics)
27/3/23		Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Museum
29/03/23		Winning House Reward
30/03/23		Easter Egg Rolling
31/03/23	9am	Easter Service in Church
31/03/23	2pm	**End of term**