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 faith, which underpins the school's ethos, we seek to enable all pupils to develop their full academic potential; discover skills and talents in art, music, sport and drama; and grow in spiritual awareness and moral character. By striving for excellence within an inclusive environment, enabling every child to develop their gifts and flourish, we seek to shine as a community, so our achievements give glory to God.

17th May 2024

Unbelievably, we find ourselves almost at the end of another half term and getting ready to embark upon the final half term of the academic year. For those of you who have been with us for many years, you will know that our whole school production is a key highlight of summer 2 at St. Peter's. Our Year 6 children have been chomping at the bit to find out the title of this year's production; in fact, they have talked about little else since September, and bring up the topic of the show at every opportunity, including during prospective parents' tours. There is an exceptional amount of acting talent in our current Year 6 cohort, so we wanted to choose a play which has numerous key/main roles, to allow all of the children to shine.

As promised, we announced the title of the show to the Year 6 children yesterday, as soon as their SATS tests were completed, so as I type I am confident that word is probably already out, given the jubilance in the room when we shared the news with the children. But, for those who aren't yet aware, I will just say two words to you all - **Hakuna Matata**!

Our performances will take place on **17th** and **18th July** at **10am** and **6pm**. Please make a note of the dates in your diary, as I promise this is an event not to be missed. Please also note the dates of some other key events planned for the remainder of the summer term:

- **Sports Day** - **Friday 24th May** – this year's event will take place in **Ravenscourt Park (10am – 2.30pm)**. We invite parents, carers, friends and family to join us for this very special event in our school calendar.
- **Poetry Recital Assembly** – on **Thursday 6th June (9am)** every child will recite a poem alongside their class. The theme for this term's recital is 'Celebrate our Community', as it coincides with our second Celebrate our Community Day of the academic year. In light of this fact, each poem with be performed with a very special element. We hope that you are able to come along and support the children at this event.
- **Grandparents Day** – **Monday 10th June (1.30pm)** – an event when Grannies, Grandpas, Nannies and Grandads, plus any other significant elderly friends and relatives, are invited into school for a special collective worship session, tour of the classrooms and a delicious afternoon tea.
- **Dad's and Significant Lad's Breakfast** – **Thursday 13th June (8am) –** in celebration of Father's Day, we would like to welcome our dads and significant male influences/role models into school for a special breakfast, as a thank you for all that you do for our children.
- **Open afternoon** – **Tuesday 25th June (3.30pm – 5pm)** – an opportunity to visit the classrooms and to view the work on display.

Please note that this half term ends next **Friday 24th May**. Children can be taken home straight from Ravenscourt Park after Sports Day, or will need to be collected at **3.30pm,** unless they are attending JAG. The children return to school on **Tuesday 4th June**.

SATS

This week saw our Year 6 pupils complete their SATs tests; these are national exams which test the children on their reading, mathematics, spelling and grammar knowledge. At St Peter's, whilst working extremely hard to ensure that the children are fully prepared to meet the demands of these challenging tests, we have also ensured that the children have continued to receive a broad and creative curriculum in line with our vision and ethos. We have instilled in the children the desire to achieve to their full potential and have actively supported them in reaching this goal. We were so proud of the mature attitude of the children; they have all been beyond amazing.

Yesterday, following the completion of their final exam and the announcement about the show, the children enjoyed to a trip to the local park, complete with treats. Well done Year 6! They also enjoyed a lunch menu they had been allowed to choose (chicken burger in a brioche bun, chips, salad and a chocolate brownie) thanks to our wonderful Chef and Sous Chef, Chloe and Joy. Today they have enjoyed a Friday Funday with lots of games, laughter and time to relax after all of their hard work.

A huge thank you to Miss Milligan, Mrs Todorova, Ms Mason and Mrs Todaro for all of their hard work in preparing the children for the SATs tests, and for working hard to ensure that it was a positive experience for our children; it is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Chloe and Joy for providing the children with a wonderful breakfast to start each day. After joining the children for breakfast each morning, I will be very disappointed to return to my Weetabix next week!

Fun in Reception

There is a famous saying, which goes... 'Never work with children and animals'. Well, in Reception class this week, Miss Miller and her team have been doing just that. Not only have we welcomed 6 very cute chicks into the classroom, we are also hosting numerous tadpoles, 5 caterpillars which recently turned into cocoons, and several woodlice - given the recent fascination some of the children have expressed in this insect! The children were beyond excited yesterday when I walked into their classroom, and delighted in telling me all about the specific life cycles of their new friends. The writing and artwork inspired by these new additions to the classroom has been truly wonderful to see. Well done to Reception and our wonderful Reception team!

The Leaning Woman Sculpture

On Wednesday, the children in Year 4 and Year 5 were lucky enough to get a behind-the-scenes look into the 'Leaning Woman' restoration project. Wearing high visibility jackets and hard hats, the children were taken to the site with the stonemasonry team, observing how the historical statue is being restored and what steps have been taken to conserve this important piece of local history. Following their site visit, the children completed a soap carving workshop back at school, led by members of the Proud Places team. The children had a fantastic time sculpting their own 'Leaning Woman' models and learning about the materials and tools used for conservation and restoration.

St Peter's Square

A polite reminder about the importance of being respectful of the plants and wildlife in St Peter's Square, should you choose to visit with your children after school. We are extremely fortunate to have such a beautiful green space so close to our school. Visits to the square are likely to increase over the coming weeks, as the weather continues to improve. Please can I ask that if you do visit with your child, that you remind them of the importance of being careful when running and playing, so as not to damage the vegetation in the area. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Governor Day

On Tuesday 30th April representatives from the Governing Body came into school, in small groups, to see different aspects of school life which included observing our collective worship session, joining the children for lunch and observing our specialist Spanish teacher and PE coach in action. 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!

Online Safety Parental Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended our online safety workshop on Tuesday 30th April, we hope that you found the session informative. The slides used in the session were sent out to all parents for your reference.

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.**

@stpetersschoolw6

Our Instagram page is incredible, thanks to the wonderfully talented Lucinda Pride. It is updated regularly, detailing the many events which are happening in our school. Please remember to follow us. For those who already do, thank you and please remember to like and comment on our posts. We are very keen to create an active community to help drive more followers, which in turn raises our profile amongst local businesses and partners to help with further fundraising and support. Your likes mean a lot and make a huge difference!

Punctuality

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.

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.

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. We recognise that children can be affected by illnesses, which account for many of the absences we have seen recently. However, if there are any underlying 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.

A copy of the term dates for this academic year and the academic year 2024 -2025 have been sent out to all parents and carers, these dates are also available to view on the school website. Please make a note of these dates and avoid booking events and holidays which mean that children are required to take time out of school. **Please note that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time.**

Please see below our attendance percentages for the past three weeks:

	Week commencing 29/4/24	Week commencing 6/5/24	Week commencing 13/5/24
Reception	**99.0%**	**97.1%**	**97.7%**
Year 1	**95.7%**	**97.9%**	**99.0%**
Year 2	**98.0%**	**99.2%**	**95.3%**
Year 3	**95.3%**	**97.1%**	**94.7%**
Year 4	**99.3%**	**97.5%**	**97.7%**
Year 5	**96.0%**	**98.3%**	**98.7%**
Year 6	**98.5%**	**94.0%**	**100%**

House Points

	House points 3/5/24	House points 10/5/24	House points 17/5/24	Total
Cross	**462**	**252**	**319**	**1899**
Fisher	**461**	**378**	**380**	**2173**
Rock	**728**	**468**	**302**	**2505**
Keys	**542**	**298**	**287**	**2071**

Headteacher's Award

	3rd May	10th May	17th May
Reception	**Saskia & Laia**	**Ruby & Dia**	**Astrid & George**
Year 1	**Clara & Ernest**	**Dion & Lilyan**	**Ai & Ryka**
Year 2	**Alex Y & Xander**	**Katie & Alexander A**	**Felix & Alfred**
Year 3	**Reyan & Lola**	**Amber & Imo**	**Rio & Dylan**
Year 4	**Tom & Talia**	**Tilly & Cosmo**	**Zac & Serenity**
Year 5	**Susannah & Luke**	**Molly & Edie**	**Rira & Marta**
Year 6	**Isabel & Poppy D**	**Poppy G & Brooklyn**	**All of Y6**

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.

3rd May – Aurelia (Y4), Luke (Y5)
10th May – Olivia & Jemima (Y3), Olive (Y4), Horatio & Sophia (Y6)
17th May - Eliza (Y1), George & Jamie (Y3), Hayden (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 Noonan; should your child have any serious medical issues that 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 will be learning this coming half term.

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.

Kind regards,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
WC 20/05/24		Interschool competition (Dance)
24/05/24		Sports Day
03/06/24		**INSET Day**
04/06/24		**Children return to school**
06/06/24		Poetry Recital (theme – Celebration of our community)
06/06/24		Celebrate Our Community Day
07/06/24		Year 6 Young Enterprise Event
WC 10/06/24		Year 1 Phonics Screening
12/06/24		DT Day 3
13/06/24		Dad's/Significant Lad's breakfast
13/06/24		Reception/Year 6 Buddy Trip