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.

18th November 2022

We are now just a week and a half away from the beginning of Advent, at St Peter's we are ready to embrace the Christmas season with open arms. Rehearsals for our Nativity play 'Hey Ewe' are in full swing, the Christmas Fair preparations are well underway, and sounds of Christmas carols can be heard along St Peter's Road. Christmas is such a magical time in the school calendar, and we want to ensure that we help to create some very special memories for your children and their families, as we move towards this very special event in the Christian calendar. On **Monday 5th December** we will be putting a Christmas post box in the main school entrance and in the learning corridor, to allow children to post any Christmas cards they wish to send. Obviously, it is only for cards being sent to pupils and staff at St Peter's School, cards to Granny and Grandpa will remain the responsibility of the Royal Mail! If your child would like to use our special Christmas post box, they must remember to write the recipient's name and year group clearly on the envelope.

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

- On **Friday 2nd December** we will be holding a non-uniform day for the children. In return for them being allowed to wear their own clothes to school on this day, we would ask each child to bring in a bottle for the Christmas fair tombola. Thank you in advance for your support.
- Our Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 3rd December** from **11am – 3pm**, please come along and bring your friends and family with you too, it is going to be a great day.
- As a school we will be supporting national Christmas Jumper day on **Friday 9th December** in aid of Save the Children. We would like as many children as possible to swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper on this day.
- School Christmas lunch will take place on **Friday 9th December.**
- Also on **Friday 9th December**, the PTA are planning to host a family disco from **5.30pm – 7.30pm** in the school hall. More details to follow.
- Carols by Candlelight is led and performed by children in Key Stage Two. This year the event will be held in **St Peter's Church** on **Monday 12th December** at **4.15pm** (*please note the change of date from the original dates list, change due to the availability of our pianist*)
- Reception and Key Stage One Nativity play will be performed at **10am** and **2pm** on **Tuesday 13th December** in the main school hall.

<u>Can you help?</u>

- We would like to update our website with a short video clip of the children talking about the school and some more recent photographs of the children at work throughout the day, highlighting different aspects of our curriculum. If you are able to help with one or both aspects of this, please contact me via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

- We are also looking for someone to record our Nativity play, please get in touch via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk if you are able to do this, or know someone who can help.

Parent View

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaires which were administered earlier in the week. Both surveys closed today, so we will report back on the outcomes and any associated actions in due course.

Parent Evening Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our parent evening meetings last Monday or Tuesday, it was lovely to host the event in person and to have the opportunity to chat to so many people over the course of the two evenings. The next parent evening event will take place in the spring term, however if you have any concerns or queries before then, please email your child's class teacher in the first instance via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Remembrance Day

Last Friday at 11am the entire school came together to observe a two-minute silence in honour of all of the service men and women who have lost their lives in conflicts since WW1. Several members of our Governing Body were in school on that day and so joined us in our act of remembrance; they were hugely impressed by the respectful behaviour displayed by the children.
Thank you to everyone who supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.

Disability History Month

Wednesday 16th November marked the beginning of Disability History Month, a month to reflect upon and take an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of people living with a disability. It also helps raise awareness. The aim of the month is to promote the rights of people who have disabilities and their struggle for equality now, as well as in the past.
By celebrating awareness events in schools like Disability History Month, everyone will learn the importance of acceptance and understand that not everyone will behave, act or think the same way as them.

Black History Month heritage trail

Last week, Year 6 went on a BHM heritage trail around the local borough. The trail started in Margravine Cemetery where a black Victorian pre-Raphaelite muse, Fanny Eaton, is buried. They learnt how Eaton become a famous model for the pre-Raphaelites – a group of English painters, poets and art critics. Furthermore, Eaton appears in many famous pieces of art including William Richmond's The Slave, which can be found in the Tate Britain Museum. The next stop on the trail was Charing Cross Hospital; at this location the children learnt about Esther who worked at the hospital and also acted as a fire warden during WW2. Finally, the children ended the trail by Hammersmith Bridge at Riverside studios; the children were told that, in the 1980s, Black British writer Benjamin Zephaniah's first plays were premiered at this location. The children found this fact extremely interesting, as they recited a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah at our recent poetry recital. The children had a very informative morning, developing their understanding of black history in their local area.

DT Day

Thank you to Miss Miller for organising the first DT Day of the academic year for the children last Thursday. The theme for the day was moving vehicles, with each child designing and making a vehicle using a 'techcard' base. The complexity of each vehicle increased the higher up the school the children progressed; our Reception children made pull-along carts, the children in Year 2 created wind-powered vehicles, whilst in Year 6 the children created electric-powered pulley systems to power their

vehicles. Once created, the children then evaluated their finished products against their designs. A wonderful day of DT learning and fun was had by all.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week as a school we have been supporting and celebrating national Anti-Bullying week. The week began with the children and staff wearing odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique. The theme for this year's event was 'Reach Out'; this came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. The aim is that Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone, whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, to reach out and show each other the support we need to challenge bullying.

Throughout the week the children participated in a number of activities and online sessions in class, centred around the issue of bullying. In addition to this, Miss Milligan has introduced 'playground buddies' from different year groups, who will ensure that no-one at St Peter's is ever left alone if they want somebody to play with. Our playground buddies will be out in force each break and lunchtime wearing hi-vis jackets. Miss Milligan plans to spend time with the playground buddies in the coming weeks to teach them games to introduce to their peers at break.

World Kindness Day

On Monday we celebrated World Kindness Day. The children watched an online kindness assembly which was led by the School of Kindness (www.schoolofkindness.org). The assembly encouraged the children to explore what it really means to be kind, the impact kindness has upon our physical and mental health, and how we can each play our part in ensuring we treat others with kindness and respect.

Following on from this, in line with the theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week, we are reaching out to our parent community to continue to spread the word about kindness. Families can join the School of Kindness Kids' Kindness Club for free here: https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club where you will find lots of helpful resources, stories and texts to inspire others to act kindly; you can even earn a purple kindness badge!

Children in Need

Today we all went Spotty in support of Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity, so far we have we raised £225 for this very worthwhile cause. The payment item will remain open for a few days, if anyone else would like to donate.

Movie Night

Thank you to the PTA for organising a fantastic movie night for the children last night. The children enjoyed a tasty snack whilst watching Lightyear; it was a lovely event which was very well attended.

Parent Workshop

Last Friday, Diana from West London Speech and Therapy led a workshop for parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 1. Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope that you found the session useful.

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 11/11/22	House points 18/11/22	Total
Cross	**204**	**533**	**2512**
Fisher	**502**	**799**	**3465**
Rock	**209**	**733**	**3093**
Keys	**388**	**755**	**3427**

Headteacher's Award

	11/11/22	18/11/22
Reception	**Rosa & Mimi**	**Chara & Eliza**
Year 1	**Alfred & Katie**	**Ruby & Alexander**
Year 2	**Poppy & Louanne**	**Zach & Rio**
Year 3	**Jamil & Milena**	**Otto & Becca**
Year 4	**Amelie & George**	**Winnie & Susannah**
Year 5	**Bea & Ariella**	**Sabrina & Isabella**
Year 6	**Sienna & Florence**	**Amara & 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.

11th November - Eliza (YR), Amber (Y2), Edward (Y4)
18th November - Clara (YR), Rose (Y2), Janis (Y6)

Punctuality

This week we sent out letters to parents of children who are continually late arriving at school. It is important that children are routinely punctual, as arriving late is not only disruptive and often upsetting for your child, but can also disrupt the learning of others.

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 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 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

Diary Dates

16/11/22 – 16/12/22		Disability History Month – Theme Disability, Health and Well-being
22/11/22		Year 5 & Year 6 to Lyric Theatre – Jack & the Beanstalk
24/11/22		**Year 6 Class Assembly**
01/12/22		Reception to Lyric Theatre – Father Christmas
03/12/22		**PTA Christmas Fair**
WC 05/12/22		Interschool sports competition (Dodgeball)
07/12/22		Year 1 trip to Fulham Palace
09/12/22		Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
12/12/22		Year 4 trip to Fulham Palace
12/12/22	4.15pm	Carols by Candlelight Key Stage Two
13/12/22	10am & 2pm	Nativity Play – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
14/12/22		Winning House Reward
15/12/22	9.30am	Christmas Quiz Key Stage Two
15/12/22	1.30pm	Christmas Party Reception and Key Stage One
16/12/22	9am	Christmas Service in Church
16/12/22	2pm	**End of term**