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.

1st December 2023

Brrrrrr it is cold outside….
The next three weeks at school are extremely busy, and we hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us for the Christmas events we have planned:

- **TOMORROW** please join us at our Christmas Fair from **12pm – 4pm**. Please come along and bring your friends and family with you too, it is going to be a great day.
- On **Friday 8th December**, the PTA are planning to host a family disco from **6.00pm – 8.00pm** in the school hall.
- Reception and Key Stage One Nativity play will be performed at **10am** and **2pm** on **Tuesday 19th December** in the main school hall.
- Carols by Candlelight is led and performed by children in Key Stage Two, the event will be held in **St Peter's Church** on **Tuesday 19th December** at **4.00pm**
- Whole school Christmas service **Thursday 21st December** at 9am in St Peter's Church

In addition to this, we have lots of events planned for the children to enjoy:

- As a school we will be supporting national Christmas Jumper day on **Thursday 7th December** in aid of the Save the Children. We would like as many children as possible to swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper on this day.
- **Thursday 14th December** will see us host the winning house treat. There is still time for the children to earn more points for their team!
- School Christmas Lunch will take place on **Friday 15th December.**
- On **Wednesday 20th December**, the children in Key Stage Two will participate in the St Peter's Christmas Quiz, whilst our younger children will enjoy a Christmas Party with games and lots of dancing!

On **Monday 4th 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.

Lights Camera, Action…
Last week we welcomed a film crew from the Silk Factory Production Company to record material for a promotional video about St Peter's, which will soon be displayed on our school website.
This proved to be a fascinating experience for our pupils and staff, as we worked alongside a professional production team to create a short film, which celebrates all that is special and unique

about St Peter's. The children and staff were incredible; the camera loved them all! We are super excited to see the final edit which will be available early in the new year. Special thanks to John Piedot, Creative Director and Founder of Silk Factory and his team for arranging this opportunity at no cost to the school, we hugely appreciate it and can't wait to see St Peter's on film!

Congratulations

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Coleman's wife Sally gave birth to their daughter Matilda Amber Coleman on Tuesday 14th November. Matilda (Tilly) is absolutely gorgeous - Mr and Mrs Coleman are very much in love with their beautiful baby girl.

Parent View

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parental questionnaire. We received 91 responses, which is 44% of our community, and so the results of this survey represent the views of those families.

	Strongly Agree/Agree	Strongly Disagree/Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at St Peter's	95%	5%	0%
My child feels safe at St Peter's	97%	2%	1%
St Peter's makes sure its pupils are well behaved	92%	8%	0%
My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	16%	7%	9%
	68% 'my child has not been bullied'		
St Peter's makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	84%	11%	5%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	56%	14%	1%
	29% 'I have not raised a concern'		
My child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	20%	2%	2%
	76% 'my child does not have SEND'		
St Peter's has high expectations for my child	79%	7%	14%
My child does well at St Peter's	87%	11%	2%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	87%	11%	2%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at St Peter's	89%	5.5%	5.5%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at St Peter's	97%	1%	2%
St Peter's supports my child's wider personal development	85%	7%	8%
I would recommend this school to another parent	93%	7%	

We are delighted that so many of you reported that your child is happy and safe at St Peter's, that the children behave well and that you would be willing to recommend our school to other people.

Thank you to those who took the time to write additional comments at the end of the questionnaire. We are a reflective school, which enables us to move forward and build upon our successes, and we will be mindful of your comments when planning our next steps as a school. Unfortunately, as the questionnaire has been anonymised, we cannot respond directly to any comments made, however if you have a concern which you would like to discuss, please make an appointment with either your child's class teacher, myself or a member of my senior leadership team and we will be very happy to listen.

Walk like an Egyptian

Last Thursday in the presence of a packed hall of children, staff, parents, carers and a professional film crew, Year 3 performed a very good assembly show-casing the learning they have undertaken in history this term. The children dressed in fabulous costumes, sang, danced and shared a wealth of information about their learning. Thank you to the children and to Mrs Noonan and the Year 3 team for their hard work in helping to make the assembly possible.

He's Behind You

Oh no he isn't, oh yes he is…

Last Tuesday, the children from Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Lyric Theatre to watch their performance of Cinderella. As always, it was a fabulous show, which left the children and staff feeling full of Christmas cheer. The children had an enjoyable morning and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Year 2 trip

On Thursday 23rd November, Year 2 visited the Science Museum. Whilst there, the children had an enjoyable time exploring their science topic on materials, through interactive activities in 'The Garden' and an object scavenger hunt in one of the galleries. A session in the 'Pattern Pod' was a big hit with everyone. Finally, they rounded off their trip with time spent looking in detail at a Lowry painting that is on display in the main hall, to link in with their study of the artist this term.

Year 1 trip

On the 22nd of November, Year 1 went on their first school trip of the year to Fulham Palace Museum. Engaging in a captivating Victorian workshop, the children explored the diverse tasks that families undertook during that era. They also had the opportunity to dress up in Victorian costumes. They finished the day by looking around the beautiful grounds and had a play in the woodland play area.

MIND

During the children's final year at school they go through lots of changes, as they begin to discuss and look forward to the move up to their secondary schools. To support the children with this transition, we have established a relationship with the Hammersmith and Fulham MIND charity. Throughout the year the children will participate in a series of workshops to support their mental wellbeing. This month the Year 6 children have participated in the first two of these workshops. During the sessions, they have discussed the issue of mental health, who they can talk to if they feel overwhelmed, and how to cope with stress. The children looked at how stress is not always negative and can be used to approach situations in a positive manner. The children approached the workshops maturely and contributed enthusiastically to the discussions.

STEM Ambassadors

Last week, the children in Year 5 and Year 6 participated in a workshop led by a team of architects and interior designers, who are all STEM ambassadors. The children learnt all about the Mars Rover, which will be launched into space in 2028. During the session, the children engaged in an activity where they

made their own filter wheel, based upon the Panoramic Camera designed for Mars exploration. The children were fully engaged in the session and have already started the countdown to the launch of the Mars Rover in 5 years' time!

Disability History Month

Disability History Month aims to acknowledge and honour the contributions, struggles and rights of people with disabilities throughout history. It is a time to raise awareness about disability rights, challenge stereotypes, and promote inclusivity. At St. Peter's, our focus has been on understanding visual impairment and communication challenges. We are eagerly anticipating The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association's visit, and our classrooms are actively engaging with Makaton, learning a Nativity song accompanied by Makaton symbols and signs to promote inclusive communication.

Punctuality

Please remember that gates are 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. **The side gate and the main school entrance gate will both be closed at 8.55am and the Reception gate will close at 9am**. 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. **If your child does arrive late, please ensure that you report to the school office to ensure that your child is marked in the register.** 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

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:

	W/C 6th November	W/C 13th November	W/C 20th November
Reception	**99.7%**	**94.3%**	**96.7%**
Year 1	**92.7%**	**98.7%**	**93.7%**
Year 2	**99.3%**	**92.7%**	**94.0%**
Year 3	**99.7%**	**98.0%**	**93.0%**
Year 4	**93.0%**	**87.3%**	**96.0%**
Year 5	**98.7%**	**95.0%**	**97.3%**
Year 6	**97.0%**	**98.9%**	**97.0%**

House Points

	House points 17/11/23	House points 24/11/23	House points 1/12/23	Total
Cross	**273**	**644**	**448**	**4569**
Fisher	**330**	**638**	**654**	**4340**
Rock	**443**	**631**	**489**	**4667**
Keys	**287**	**517**	**488**	**4295**

Headteacher's Award

	17th November	24th November	1st December
Reception	**Elsie & Ella**	**Alex & Ruby**	**Arthur & Dia**
Year 1	**Chara & Clara**	**Kyra & Maya**	**Vincent & Alba**
Year 2	**Amber & Marina**	**Alexander & Xander**	**Hunter & Thor**
Year 3	**Lola & Evie**	**All of Year 3**	**Imo & Charlotte**
Year 4	**Cosmo & Charlotte**	**Serenity & Becca**	**Amie & Olive**
Year 5	**Risha & Otto**	**Martha & Ethiopia**	**Elsa T & Molly**
Year 6	**Bea & Rafael**	**Thomas & Eliza**	**Isabel & Sophia**

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.

17th November – Cassian (YR), Eliza & Rex (Y1), Evie (Y3), Aurelia (Y4)
24th November – Theodore (YR), Sebastian & Joni (Y2), Sylvia (Y3), House Captains,
1st December – Alex (YR), Lola (Y3)

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 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.

Instagram

Please follow us on @stpetersschoolw6

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

02/12/23		**PTA Christmas Fair**
WC 04/12/23		Interschool sports competition (Dodgeball)
07/12/23		Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
19/12/23	10am & 2pm	Nativity Play – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
19/12/23	4pm	Carols by Candlelight Key Stage Two
20/12/23		Winning House Reward
20/12/23	9.30am	Christmas Quiz Key Stage Two
20/12/23	1.30pm	Christmas Party Reception and Key Stage One
21/12/23	9am	Christmas Service in Church
21/12/23	2pm	**End of term**