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.

20th January 2023

Brrrr, it's very cold outside; I hope that everyone is managing to stay well and to keep warm in these sub-zero temperatures. January always feels at least twice as long as every other month in the calendar; hang on in there everyone, lighter and warmer days are hopefully not too far away.

Drum roll please…

I am delighted to begin my newsletter by sharing some very exciting news. We have just been informed that St Peter's has been chosen as the **1st Place Winner** for the 2021/2022 Young Writers Creative Writing Competition: *Adventure Hunters, Bonkers Monsters & Ancient Adventures*. Out of 24,000 entries from over 1000 schools; the entries sent in from our one form entry primary school achieved first prize – how amazing! The judge praised the creativity and writing talent of our children. In recognition of this achievement, we received The Young Writers' Award of Excellence trophy and a £100 National Book Token, which will enable us to purchase some additional resources for our library. Well done to all of the children who entered this competition, we are so very proud of you all.

I would also like to give a very special mention to Alba and Bowen Breen. Back in November, both children entered a Minecraft themed Blue Peter Competition, which required them to create a 'Blue Peter' world or film studio within Minecraft. Both children worked incredibly hard, only finding out about the competition 3 days before it closed. They persevered through a gruelling submission process, which required them to record a video walk-through of their Minecraft world, write a description and record an audio description of their creation. Before Christmas, they were both shortlisted from hundreds of applicants and were interviewed by the BBC Blue Peter team over the telephone. Then last week, they were informed that Bowen came second in his age category and Alba was placed within the top ten in hers. AMAZING! Both Bowen and Alba were awarded an orange Blue Peter competition badge, which is no easy feat! It is so lovely to be able to celebrate the achievements of our children outside of school. Bowen and Alba showed huge commitment and perseverance, making us all so very proud!

A few important dates to note

- **Tuesday 24th January** please join us in the Scott Hall at **9am** for our collective worship session which will be led by the very talented and hugely inspirational sportswoman, journalist and author Clare Balding. Clare has kindly agreed to sign copies of her books which are brought along to the event.
- **Tuesday 24th January** parents and carers are invited to join us for an online safety information workshop led by Simone Torry, Prevent Education Officer for Hammersmith and Fulham. The meeting will begin at **5pm** and will last approximately 45 minutes. *Please note that children are not invited to this event.*

Magic Breakfast

St Peter's is proud to be in partnership with Magic Breakfast, providing healthy and nutritious breakfasts to ensure every child starts their school day in the best possible way. Magic Breakfast believes that no child should be too hungry to learn, a sentiment which we as a school wholeheartedly support. Alongside offering a free breakfast club place to all children in receipt of pupil premium funding, we also have brown bread sandwiches filled with sugar-free jam available for pupils who arrive at school hungry. In addition to the fruit we also provide, the sandwiches are optional, but are available for all children to eat if they arrive at school hungry. Sugar-free jam is our current filling of choice, as it can be eaten by every child in the school; Rewa is exploring other fillings, although with the many allergies we have in the school, offering other fillings is proving a challenge.

On Tuesday, we met with a representative from Magic Breakfast who praised the efforts of the school and the measures we have put in place to try to address child hunger in school. We will continue to work alongside Magic Breakfast to support the well-being of our pupils. If you have not claimed your free breakfast club place and you think that you might be eligible, please contact the school office.

Year 4

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for the children in Year 4. On 11th January, the children visited the Kings Mall Construction Site where they engaged with the on-site professionals. The children asked lots of interesting questions as they were eager to understand the different roles, responsibilities and tasks involved in such a huge project. During their visit, the children took part in a maths activity, which required them to use and apply their mathematical knowledge and skills; the children impressed everyone with their exceptional knowledge. Following this, the children were given a tour of the site and had the opportunity to see the work in action. An engaging and insightful afternoon was had by all.

On Monday the children visited Fulham Palace in order to support their history work around the Vikings. During the visit the children took part in three activities which allowed them to become fully immersed in the Viking era; this included looking at and identifying a range of artefacts; dressing in Viking costumes and re-enacting aspects of Viking life and finally translating medieval Norse literature into English. The children fully engaged in all of the activities and shared their comprehensive knowledge when answering questions asked by the session leader. The children behaved impeccably and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Yesterday, the Year 4 did an absolutely incredible job of delivering their class assembly which was themed around Norse Myths. The amount of information the children shared during their assembly was phenomenal, not one child faltered as they delivered their numerous lines loudly, clearly and with such confidence. During their assembly, the children acted out 'The Mead of Poetry', they also performed two songs and demonstrated some very impressive dance moves. Huge congratulations to our Year 4 class, the assembly was a joy to watch. Special thanks to Miss Cook, Miss Ayling and Miss Royer for all of their hard work and support of the children.

Martin Luther King Day

On Monday we celebrated Martin Luther King Day as a school. Miss Cook put together a power point presentation which was shared by the class teachers in their respective classrooms. The older children then went on to create a dream cloud, which is being displayed in the class reflection corners. In Year 6, the children wrote their own dream speeches; below are two short extracts taken from the speeches of two of the children:

I have a dream that our world will be beautiful once more,
Relieved of the mess that has made our eyes sore.
That all of the oceans will be clear and clean,
So that the beauty of our world will be once again seen.
Ella (Y6)

I have a dream that people will not be judged,
That people will not view others with an instinctive grudge.
That all forms of sexism and racism will be chased away,
That everyone is given a chance to succeed as well as their say.
Juliet (Y6)

Road Safety Workshop

On Monday, the Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in an innovative and unique theatre experience delivered by the Riot Act. The children gained key transitional road safety skills, enabling them to become safe and sustainable travellers, raising awareness of:

➢ Distractions from phones, music, friends and peer pressure.

➢ The emotional and physical consequences of poor road safety.

➢ The importance of using crossings correctly and understanding roadside danger.

Utilising live drama, multi-media and an interactive set, the children were actively involved in the session - listening to witness statements, looking for clues and questioning key characters to find a resolution to the scenario performed.

iPads

On Tuesday, every class in KS2 had an engaging computing session lead by David Kirtha, a trainer from KRCS. KRCS is the company who provide our iPad support. David used the iPads to teach science lessons through the use of iMovie. One example of this was seen in Year 6 where the children used a green screen to produce a short video all about the heart. After school, the teachers took part in a highly valuable training session, who knew you could do so much with iPads! In the coming months, David will continue to support our school with using the iPads across all curriculum areas, to ensure that they are being used effectively to enhance the learning experiences of our children.

Patch the Positivity Bear

This morning the children were greeted not only by me, but far more excitingly by Patch the Positivity Bear; one of PSD's six mascots. PSD is the company through which we employ our amazing Sports Coach Mr Fullerton. Patch came along to meet the children and also to promote our first holiday club, which will be led by Mr Fullerton and other members of the PSD team. Please look out for the flyers which have been sent out via Parentmail, detailing how you can sign up for our half term holiday club.

Treginnis Farm

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Treginnis Farm information session on Monday. This meeting provided us with the opportunity to talk through the practicalities of the forthcoming trip and to answer any questions or concerns. Our annual trip to the farm is always one of the highlights of the year for the children in Year 6. I am disappointed not to be able to accompany the children again this year, although they will be in the very capable hands of Miss Milligan, Mrs Johnston, Mr Fullerton and Mrs Todorova; I have, though, already put in my order for some farm eggs, they are delicious and not to be missed!

Website

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

Attendance

Last week we emailed letters to all parents detailing our expectations for attendance and indicating the attendance bracket your child fell into at the end of last term. 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. As stated in the letter, we recognise that there has been an influx of winter illnesses recently, which account for many of the absences we have seen. 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.

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. 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. As we begin a new school year, 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 outside

The weather is very cold, 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 13/1/23	House points 20/1/23	Total
Cross	**315**	**272**	**785**
Fisher	**253**	**230**	**630**
Rock	**461**	**397**	**1062**
Keys	**467**	**397**	**1089**

Headteacher's Award

	13/1/23	20/1/23
Reception	**Kleo & Rex**	**Theo & Juno**
Year 1	**Carter & Sebi**	**Marina & Josephine**
Year 2	**Francesco & Charlotte**	**Lawson & Clara**
Year 3	**Max & Charlie**	**Zach & Bowen**
Year 4	**Eliagh & Rira**	**Everyone for class assembly**
Year 5	**Alba & Poppy G**	**Arel & Remi**
Year 6	**Juliette & Namkhai**	**Esme & Elizabeth**

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.

13th January – Lola & Francesco (Y2), Ava (Y3), Poppy (Y5)
20th January – Rosa F (YR), Bart (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, you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

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

WC 23/01/23		STEM Week
30/01/23		Year 6 SATs Meeting
02/02/23		**Year 5 Class Assembly**
WC 06/02/23		Interschool competition (Netball)
WC 06/02/23		Children's Mental Health Week
07/02/23		Safer Internet Day
07/02/23		PTA Valentine's Disco – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

08/02/23		DT Day 2
09/02/23		**Year 1 Class Assembly**
09/02/23		PTA Valentine's Disco – Key Stage 2
10/02/23		International Women and Girls in Science
WC 13/02/23		**Half Term**
WC 20/02/23		Year 6 residential visit