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.

20th September 2024

The new term has got off to a wonderful start, I am delighted to report that the children are settled, happy and working hard.

Our new Year 6 class are already rising to the challenge of being the eldest children in the school and have impressed us all with their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace all aspects of school life as they begin their final year of primary school. Similarly, our new Reception class have adjusted to school life brilliantly and are enjoying school, especially the lunches and time in the big playground!

Today, the Reception children were paired up with their Year 6 buddies; this is always a highlight for all of the children involved and something that the Year 6 children have been looking forward to since they joined the school back in 2018. Moving forward, the children will enjoy weekly reading sessions together and will have numerous opportunities to spend time together over the course of the year. We all very much look forward to watching their growing friendships as the year progresses.

Open Classroom

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Classroom event last Thursday, we hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to tour the school and to visit your child's new classroom and meet their class teacher. Please note that all of the paperwork we usually give out during this event can now be found on your class webpage https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/
If you have any concerns or queries moving forward, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all of the Reception parents who joined our phonics session with Miss Miller. We hope that you found the session useful and that the tools provided will help you to support your child with learning to read.

PGL

Thank you also to all of the parents who joined myself and Miss Cook remotely to discuss the forthcoming Year 5 residential visit to PGL. The countdown is now on, with less than one week to go until the trip. The children are set to have a wonderful time, experiencing many new activities and creating happy memories, which will hopefully last a lifetime.

After-school provision

Apart from the very beginning and end of each term, at St Peter's we offer a wealth of after-school clubs for the children in all year groups to enjoy https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Children/Clubs

If you then require childcare between 4.30pm and 6.00pm, this is offered to St Peter's children by a company called JAG (Junior Adventures Group). JAG will collect the children from their school club at 4.30pm and look after them in the Scott Hall until 6.00pm. I have learnt from personal experience this week that signing up to JAG is not the most straightforward process, however there is a helpline available for support should you require this - I spoke to them twice and they were extremely helpful!

Parents who register their children for JAG can book childcare sessions on a pre-booked or ad hoc basis. The children who attend this provision are given a small snack, and participate in a wide range of games and craft activities with other children from across the school. Sessions are fun, and the feedback we receive from those who attend is always extremely positive. Parents were recently sent a promotional code to use which allows children to receive a FREE session, code ADVENTUREPASS, so now is the perfect time to sign your child up and give JAG a try.

If your child is not registered for JAG then it is important that they are 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 or at **4.30pm** for any child attending one of our school clubs. Unfortunately, since the start of term we have had a number of parents arriving late to collect their children. If you are unable to collect your child on time, then we would ask that you arrange for another parent to collect your child (and inform the school of this arrangement) or that you book your child a place at JAG, as we do not have staff available after 4.30pm to supervise uncollected children. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Harvest Festival

Just a reminder that we will be holding a service next Tuesday, 24th September at 9am in St Peter's Church in celebration of Harvest. During the service we will be supporting The Upper Room and Sunday Suppers. A separate letter will be sent out today which details the most needed items by both charities.

We hope that many parents and carers are able to join us, and thank you all in advance for your support.

Election Fever

Last Wednesday our Year 6 pupils delivered speeches to the entire school in a bid to be selected as this year's House Captains. The children were incredible, they all spoke with confidence and delivered speeches which would not have looked out of place in Parliament. We were all very impressed by their efforts; they showed wonderful courage. The rest of the school were extremely respectful as they listened to the speeches. The voting process was then undertaken and I am delighted to announce that this year's House Captains are, drum roll please…

Cross	Elsa T & Molly
Fisher	Zac & Risha
Rock	Wynie & Sipara
Keys	George & Becky

I met with our newly appointed House Captains this afternoon, and was thrilled to see that they are brimming with enthusiasm for their new roles and have lots of ideas they wish to execute throughout the year.

School Lunch Payments

The London Mayor has agreed to extend the funding for an additional year to allow all primary school children in London to receive a free school lunch. Whilst we are hugely supportive of this measure, we need to highlight to parents the fact that the funding given to schools does not fully cover the cost of each meal, when taking into account staffing costs, rising ingredient costs etc. Last year, we

operated a system which allowed those parents who wanted to contribute towards the cost of the school meals an outlet to do so. A suggested donation was £1.00 per day (£5.00 per week). We are hugely grateful for the donations we received last year, as these helped to offset the additional costs we incurred, allowing us to allocate funds to other projects within the school.
If you would like to give a weekly donation or make a one-off payment towards the school meals costs, please do this via IRIS ParentMail Accounts. Thank you in advance for your support, it is hugely appreciated.

Attendance

A copy of the term dates was sent out at the beginning of the academic year, 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 first two weeks:

	Week commencing 2nd Sept.	Week commencing 9th Sept.
Reception	**n/a**	**99.0%**
Year 1	**98.3%**	**99.0%**
Year 2	**99.4%**	**100%**
Year 3	**99.4%**	**99.0%**
Year 4	**95.6%**	**97.0%**
Year 5	**95.6%**	**97.3%**
Year 6	**97.8%**	**99.3%**

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 are close to breaching this threshold, and we have only been back at school for two and a half weeks.

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 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 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.

House Points

	House points 13/9/24	House points 20/9/24	Total
Cross	**215**	**198**	**413**
Fisher	**210**	**195**	**405**

Rock	**232**	**187**	**419**
Keys	**214**	**221**	**435**

Headteacher's Award

	6th September	13th September	20th September
Reception	**n/a**	**n/a**	**Sophie & Sasha**
Year 1	**Peto & Kezzie**	**Oscar & Mia**	**Ruby & Martha**
Year 2	**Mimi & Xander**	**Redd & Maia**	**Ernest & William**
Year 3	**Ottolie & Carter**	**Ella & Lucas**	**Ruby & Hunter**
Year 4	**Jemima & Louis**	**Rose & Thibault**	**Sadie & Lawson**
Year 5	**Isaac & Anna**	**Rebecca & Talia**	**Bowen & Otto**
Year 6	**-**	**Swimming**	**Whole class**

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.

6th September – Thea & Peto (Y1), Sadie (Y4), Zach (Y5)
13th September – Ruby (Y1), Alicia (Y4), Tom & Josiah (Y5)
20th September – Pippa (YR), Felix (Y3), Lola (Y4), Amie (Y5)

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.

Instagram

Please follow us on @stpetersschoolw6 and show your support for our school by liking our posts. Thank you!

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

24/09/24		Harvest Festival
25/09/24		Year 5 Residential visit
26/09/24		**Year 6 Class Assembly**
27/09/24		Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser
October		Black History Month
10/10/24		**Year 5 Class Assembly**
10/10/24		World Mental Health Day
17/10/24		Celebrate Our Community Day
17/10/24	5pm	Family Supper
WC 21/10/24		Interschool sports competition (Football)
24/10/24		**Year 2 Class Assembly**
25/10/24		Show Racism the Red Card - children and staff to wear red to school
WC 28/10/24		**Half Term**