Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world

***"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."* – Micah 6 v. 8**

Today we reach the final day of our first half term of the academic year, and what a half term it has been! It has been very fitting that our Christian Value for this half term has been compassion; everyone within our school community has shown such kindness to each other, and it is times like these which bring us closer together. This has been a half term unlike any experienced before, and I would like to thank you all for your incredible support, understanding and patience. I would also like to thank our outstanding staff team, who have gone above and beyond, in every single duty, in order to help ensure that our children have received the very best return to school.

The children have been wonderful. Our new Reception class have settled into school life beautifully; our new Year 6 class have been excellent role models, and all of the other children have taken the increased responsibility and expectations associated with being in a new year group completely in their stride.

Even though there have been many changes at St Peter's, there is one thing about being in a primary school that will never change - Christmas! It feels strange to say that the Christmas season is almost upon us, but it is, and Mrs Noonan, Miss Murphy and Miss Ioannou have already started making plans for our Nativity play; it won't be long before the sound of Christmas carols will be ringing out from the school along St Peter's Road. With the new changes, we do need to adapt, and it is likely that the Nativity and Carols by Candlelight concert will be pre-recorded, but Mrs Noonan and myself are busy planning how we can make these events as special as we can, whilst still adhering to Covid restrictions.

If I don't get to see you all, I want to wish you a wonderful half term. Living under the current restrictions, it is likely that we will all be having a half-term holiday at home next week. Whatever you are doing, stay safe, and have a wonderful week's break.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Yesterday, our Year 4 class delighted us with their first class assembly of the academic year. The assembly was inspired by Norse myths, and their interesting gods and goddesses. The children shared their learning about the Vikings and performed some Norse myths. Their acting was absolutely superb! We definitely have some budding thespians in Year 4! Well done to Year 4 on a fantastic assembly; they made us all feel very proud. Special thanks to Miss Cook, Miss Jones and Mrs Bell for all of their hard work.

Sports Events

This week, Miss Cook and Mr Cotton have organised for the children to take part in sporting House Competitions in our PE lessons. Mr Cotton has tallied up all of the results from the competitions, and we look forward to announcing the winning house early next half term! The winning house will also be receiving a special trophy, and each member of the house will receive a certificate.

As a school, we will also be taking part in a number of virtual games, including cross country and dance, as part of the London Youth Games. More information will follow next half term!

Black History Month

Throughout October, we've been celebrating Black History, and this week we have especially focused upon a range of inspirational female role models. Year 1 have been learning about Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Mae Jemison; Year 2 have been learning about Mary Seacole; Year 3 have been learning about the Notting Hill carnival and specifically Claudia Jones and Rhaune Laslett-O'Brien; Year 4 have been learning about the American Civil Rights Movement and Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks; Year 5 have been learning about Lilian Bader; Year 6 have been learning about Olive Morris and Reception have been learning all about the Anansi stories and Ghanaian music.

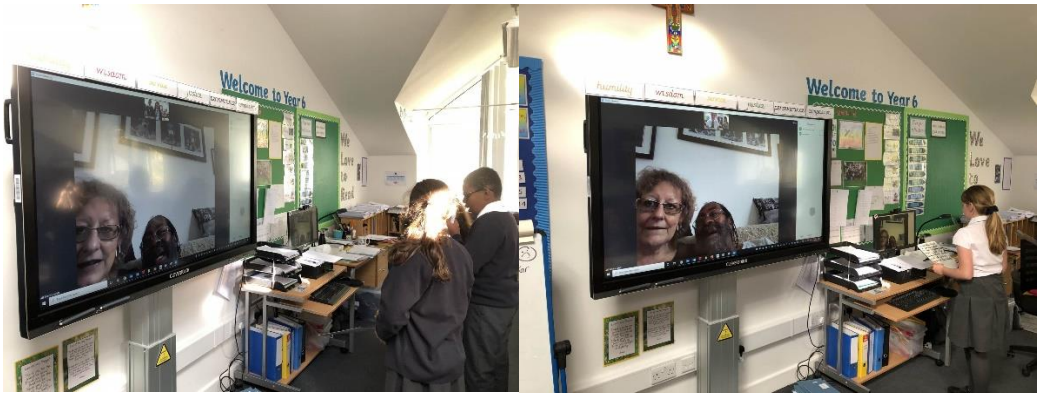
The children have produced some phenomenal work, and thank you to Mrs Adcock for leading our Black History Month Celebrations.

On Wednesday, Andrew, Sachika and Tracy also cooked up a delicious lunch for the children, which included Doro Wat, Jollof Rice, Fried Plantain and Molasses and Ginger Cake.

Thank you to everyone who has been in contact with us, and a special thank you to Jaecklin (Kyeiwah May's mum), for producing some amazing presentations for each year group to use.

<u>Windrush Presentation</u>

On Wednesday, the school enjoyed an assembly on The Windrush, run by Sinai Fleary, in which they learnt about what The Windrush was, when it happened and the experiences of those people arriving in this country. Years 1-6 also enjoyed some Caribbean Dance Workshops where they listened to music and learnt some dances, including the Limbo!



As part of their learning on the Windrush, Mr Thomas arranged a very special virtual visit for our Year 6 class, and were able to virtually meet Mr and Mrs Uylett, and Mr Uylett told the children all about his experience of travelling to London from Jamaica in 1959!

<u>Chelsea FC</u>

On Monday, Oli Moore from Chelsea FC led a presentation and told us all about some inspirational black sporting figures. He has also set the children a challenge, which the Key Stage 2 children have as optional homework for this half-term! If they complete the challenge, and win the competition, they have the chance to be a part of a book which Chelsea FC are publishing.

DT Day

Preparations are underway for our first DT of this academic year, which will take place on Wednesday 11th November. Mrs Noonan has been busily organising the day, which is themed around moving vehicles, and it promises to be a lot of fun!

Year 6 Parents

Just another quick reminder that the deadline for your secondary school applications is rapidly approaching; all application forms MUST be submitted by 31st October 2020 or you will be treated as a late applicant. We wish you the very best of luck with your applications process.

Mathletics and Readiwriter

At St Peter's, thanks to a generous donation from our PTA, we purchase a Mathletics and Readiwriter subscription for every child in the school. Mathletics and Readiwriter are both online learning tools designed to increase your child's confidence and knowledge in Mathematics and Spelling. The children have brought home their log on details for this year, which will enable them to continue (or to begin) using the programmes at home.

We hope that they have fun using them.

Poppy Appeal

Due to Covid restrictions, we unfortunately cannot have our usual Poppy Appeal donation box in the office this year. Instead, we would like to promote their online shop, if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal:

https://www.poppyshop.org.uk/

Uniform

Please remember that after half term all children should come to school in their full winter uniform, so no more summer dresses. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

House Points

	16th October	23rd October	Running Total (for this term)
Rock	530	280	1916
Fisher	557	258	1809
Cross	550	255	2004
Keys	662	258	1881

Acting Headteacher's Award

	16th October	23rd October
Reception	Surafel and George	Alicia and Lola
Year 1	Josiah and Becca	Wim and Charlie S
Year 2	Maya and Marta	Sipara and Louis
Year 3	Remi and Sandy	Rufus and Poppy D
Year 4	Ella and Sienna	All of Year 4!
Year 5	Stella and Aimee	Freddy and Sebastian
Year 6	Matilda and Elsie	Annabel and Max

Citizenship Award

Our Citizenship Award is given in recognition of acts of compassion and good citizenship, which have been demonstrated around the school. Children can be nominated for a Citizenship Award by other pupils, parents and staff members.

16th October – Miss Royer (Year 5), Imogen (Reception), Mattia (Year 5) and Dolly (Year 3)

23rd October – Isabelle S (Year 5), Zac (Year 2), Isambard (Year 6), Isaiah (Reception) and Miss Cook (Year 4)

A huge well done to all.

A few reminders

- In the interests of health and safety, please can I remind you that children should not cycle or scooter on the school premises. As the children arrive at school, they need to dismount and walk their bikes and scooters to the sheds. Similarly, at the end of the school day, all bikes and scooters should be walked to the school gates before the children ride them.
- All bikes and scooters should be taken home at the end of every day; please do not leave them in the playground overnight.
- Finally, please do not leave dogs tied up on the railing directly outside of the school gates; we are finding that when cute puppies or dogs are being tied up on the railing, children are crowding together to have a closer look and stroke, and under the current circumstances it's not something which they should be doing.

Thank you all for your support and co-operation.

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take prescribed medicine during the school day, please ensure that it is given in 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 medications in their bags.

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page at www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk this will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week.

Class webpages are updated weekly by your child's class teacher.

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to myself, Mrs Noonan or your child's class teacher. We are always here to help and believe greatly in the importance of good communication between home and school.

We hope that you have a wonderful, and safe, half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Zalar