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.

24th July 2024

Today signals the end of another incredible year at St Peter's which has been filled with so many achievements, successes, and much joy and laughter. In addition to the many wonderful events the children have enjoyed, which have been documented in my newsletters, on our Instagram page and on the school website, we are thrilled to be able to share our end of year Key Stage Two results with you all, which show that our children's achievements far exceed national expectations.

93% of children at St Peter's achieved the expected standard for Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined, compared with a national average of **61%.**

	St Peter's	National
Reading	**93%**	74%
Reading GDS	**48%**	
Writing	**96%**	72%
Writing GDS	**52%**	
SPaG	**96%**	72%
SPaG GDS	**63%**	
Mathematics	**100%**	73%
Mathematics GDS	**59%**	

Whilst it has been another very positive year for our school, it has also been a year filled with great sadness, as we remember our pupil Jack Hollis who lost his life on Wednesday 29th November 2023, at the age of 12, following a brave battle against bone cancer. On 1st July we were honoured to be able to hold our very first Jack Hollis Day, which involved the entire school participating in a range of sporting activities, Jack's great passion. Moving forward, this will now become an important annual event in our school calendar.

This morning we said a final goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class, who are about to take the next step in their school careers. We are so very proud of every child in the class; they have all shone brightly during their time at St Peter's in so many different ways. Throughout the year they have grown in confidence and maturity, and are all now very ready to face the challenges associated with attending secondary school. They are a very special class, full of enthusiasm, energy and great fun, whom we will all miss greatly next year. I wish them all every success and much happiness for the future, and I look forward to hearing all about their continued progress and achievements.

As another year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff team for their support, hard work and enthusiasm. I feel very fortunate to work with such a dedicated group of people, all of whom want the very best for your children, and go above and beyond in all of their duties to ensure this.

I would also like to thank our Governing Body, all of whom give of their time freely and willingly in support of our school. They are always on hand to offer advice, support or a listening ear, and make regular visits to the school to ensure that they have a thorough overview of the life and workings of our school.

Special thanks to Vicky Russell, our Chair of Governors. Vicky's term of office will come to an end in August, and after serving on the board for the past 8 years - 5 years as Chair – she has decided not to stand for re-election. However, Vicky has kindly agreed to remain on the board for an additional year in the role of Associate Governor.

Special thanks also go to Emma Bruce, our longest serving Governor, for her dedicated service to our school. Emma will no longer be a Governor at St Peter's from September, but will always remain a much-valued friend. Yesterday, she kindly presented the Emma Bruce Award for Service to Rosa Frost; this award will be given to one pupil annually in recognition of their service to others.

Thank you also to you, our parents and carers, for your support, feedback (positive and negative – it all helps us to improve), encouragement, flexibility and willingness to support our various events and initiatives. You have been incredible again this year, thank you. We cannot end the year without giving a very special mention to our PTA Leads, Charlotte and Jane, who have continued to work tirelessly for our school again this year, organising events which bring the school community together, whilst also raising much needed funds. I am so grateful for everything they/you all have done this year; we really would not be able to continue offering the enrichment experiences we do, on the current scale, without your support.

Last but certainly not least, I want to acknowledge and thank our incredible children. Every person who comes into our school praises their attitude towards school life and learning; their enthusiasm and their outstanding behaviour. Well done to each and every pupil, you are the reason for everything we do here at St Peter's.

If I don't see you personally before we finish at **2pm** this afternoon, I hope that you have a wonderful summer break. Whatever you have planned, please stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming many of you back to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**.