Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world
"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."- Micah 6 v. 8

Newsletter 24th June 2022

Time flies when you are busy and having fun, and that certainly sums up the past two and a half weeks at St Peter's, whilst also setting the scene for the final four weeks of term. Yes, you did read that correctly, after today there are only four weeks until the end of term; so little time and so much to do!

Please ensure that you have made a note of our key end of term events, as you really won't want to miss them...

- Our summer fair will be held tomorrow, **Saturday 25th June**, from **12pm** until **4pm** in St Peter's Square. This event is designed to bring our community together, whilst also raising much needed funds for our school. We hope as many of you as possible are able to come along to support this event.
- Every morning at **9am** from **Tuesday 28th June until Monday 4th July**, we will be holding special music assemblies to which you are all invited. The assemblies are an opportunity for the children, who are learning to play a musical instrument, to perform to an audience. Each morning will focus upon a different instrument/set of instruments; one performer from each assembly will be chosen by the music teachers to go through to our final, which will be held on **4th July**.
- On **28th June**, parents and carers are invited into school between **3.30pm and 5.30pm**, in order to visit your child's classroom and to view their work. Class teachers will be in their classrooms for you to chat to as well. We hope as many of you as possible are able to join us.
- **1st July Individual and Sibling Photographs**
- **4th July** a meeting will be held for the parents and carers of our current Year 5 pupils, to discuss secondary transition, and the roles and responsibilities associated with being in Year 6.
- **5th July** a meeting will be held for the parents and carers of our current Reception class pupils, to discuss transition into Year 1.
- **8th July Whole Class Photographs**
- Our whole school summer production will be performed on **13th** and **14th July**. There will be two performances on each day: **10am** and **6pm**. Tickets are available to purchase via ParentMail from Monday 27th June at 12pm.
- Our sports day has been rescheduled for **Tuesday 19th July** at Barns Elms Sports Trust.
- This year's leavers' BBQ, which is held for the Year 6 pupils and their families, will be held on **21st July** at **5pm**.
- The final event of the academic year - please join us at our Leavers' Service, which will be held in St Peter's Church on **22nd July** at **9am**. It promises to be emotional!

Home/School Communication

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Home/School Communication survey. As an SLT we have been through the feedback we received in detail, and have also shared the results with representatives from the Governing Body at our recent Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting.

Communication, like homework, is always a contentious issue, and as one parent highlighted in their feedback, it is so difficult to please everyone; for some there will always be too much, for others there is not enough, and there are some for whom it is just right (a bit like Goldilocks)! We are very aware of this fact, and will continue to work hard to try to strike the right balance between keeping you informed and bombarding you with emails.

In light of the feedback we received, we have produced a Home/School Communication policy, which has been approved by the Governors and has been uploaded onto our website today www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Policies. In the policy it makes clear the different ways parents and carers can communicate with the school, our response times and the names of the staff members you should speak to in different situations. As always, if you have a concern about your child, your first point of contact should be your child's class teacher.

We are unable to provide individual staff email addresses, as some parents/carers have requested, as this is no longer deemed best practice for a number of reasons, including supporting the well-being of staff members. However, please be assured that all staff work under a strict code of conduct, and so emails sent to communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk are shared only with the staff member they are addressed to, and are always treated in the strictest of confidence.

In an attempt to reduce the number of emails you receive, from September we plan to introduce an opt-out system for parents who do not wish to receive fliers advertising clubs and events organised by outside agencies. As you can imagine, we receive numerous requests from outside providers to share their literature with our community, however we only send out information from the companies we have a direct connection with. From September, those wishing not to receive these emails, can request to be taken off the mailing list.

We will continue to send out the key dates at the beginning of the academic year, and would encourage you to make a note of them in your diaries; this would help us to reduce the number of reminders we need to send out. We do add additional dates to the list as the year progresses and events are planned; these dates are always included at the bottom of the newsletter (this will continue next year), so please do bear with the newsletter and ensure that you read to the very end!

We have received positive feedback about our 'soft start' at the beginning of the day, and plan to continue this next year. Obviously, this does mean that teachers are not on the gate first thing in the morning, as they need to be in their rooms to greet and supervise the children. Mrs Johnston and myself always endeavour to be on the gate in the mornings and will continue to do so next academic year.

Health and Well-being Week

This week the children have been engaged in a wide range of activities, all aimed at teaching them how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and ensure their own physical and mental well-being. Sessions have included mindfulness art, cooking, ballet, dance and yoga. The children have also worked with an author, Jaidz Majasi, plus school favourite Kat Francois led lessons on puberty and online safety with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Thank you to Miss Murphy and Miss Cook for organising such an inspiring and fun-packed week.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended our special EDI breakfast this morning. Over coffee and some very tasty pastries, we reflected upon the work the school has done this year to celebrate and promote equality, diversity and inclusion. It also provided us with the opportunity to consider events which

could be added to the school calendar for next academic year, and discuss next steps for EDI. Thank you to Miss Cook for arranging this opportunity for members of our community to get together, and for leading this initiative this year. Please visit the EDI stall at tomorrow's fair for more information about how you can get involved.

Food Glorious Food!

Rehearsals are now well underway for our whole school production of Oliver Twist. This is such a lovely musical, with so many famous songs, which are extremely catchy and stay with you for days! I recently walked along St Peter's Road to the sound of our Year 6 boys rehearsing their song 'My Name'; they were singing with such enthusiasm I thought the roof was about to come off the Scott Building! Every child in the school will be involved in the production; it is a wonderful event which brings the entire school community together, and we do hope that you will come along to watch our show.

Year 1 Phonics Test

During the week commencing 6th June, our Year 1 pupils completed the national phonics test. The children have made fantastic progress this year and performed extremely well during the test. Thank you to Miss Edmondson, Mrs Todaro and Miss Friel for their hard work in helping the children to develop their phonics skills throughout the year.

Show Racism the Red Card

On Thursday 9th June, we welcomed back Anita, from the Show Racism the Red Card team, to work with the children in upper Key Stage Two. Anita led the classes in a 'fans of the future' workshop which centred around the issues of racism, discrimination and hate crimes. Anita led discussions with the children about identity, and was thrilled to see our children define different aspects of their identities in so many different ways: daughters, sons, big brothers or sisters, Muslims, Christians, Africans and Asians, there was even a mother of two cats! The workshops ended with the groups exploring the issue of hate crime, and a discussion about what should happen to the perpetrators and how the victims could be supported. Anita was extremely impressed by the mature attitude of our pupils during these sessions and sent me a note, which I said that I would share with you all:

It was lovely to return to St Peter's after some years of absence due to the pandemic. I did the fans of the future workshop with Y4, Y5 and Y6. The workshop provided us with the story of how our charity SRTRC first started 25 years ago and we talked about how one event has the potential to spark change for good. We talked about racism, discrimination and hate crime their definitions and the differences between them. Thank you Y4 for your deep thinking, Y5 for your enthusiasm and Y6 for reflecting on the key messages after each activity. I am encouraged that each of you are on the path to being active citizens.
Thank you for your warm St Peter's welcome and have a great summer!
Anita (SRTRC)

No Barriers

On Monday 13th June, Year 5 attended the **No Barriers 2022 Digital event** virtually. The workshop was built around celebrating the Women's EUROs players and the achievements of different women in sport. The session also discussed gender inequality and the harassment of girls and women. During the session, the children were lucky enough to hear the story of footballer Rebecca Dunning, who talked about her experiences playing football growing up and her time at West Ham and Charlton, as well as her work with the Football Association. The children asked lots of great questions, and came up with ideas for a class charter to make a commitment to respecting women and girls as individuals, as a school and within the local community.

MoneySense

Since returning from the half term break, a number of classes have participated in workshops led by MoneySense. MoneySense, in cooperation with NatWest Building Society, is an impartial education programme which helps to educate young people about money and finances.

Year 1 looked at 'How we use Money' and thought about the difference between 'needs' and 'wants'. They also thought about what you can do with money - save it, spend it or donate it. The children investigated how much a dog would cost, and were quite surprised at the money spent and the costs of food, vet bills and time!

The children in Year 3 and Year 5 looked at 'Saving our pennies; Saving our planet' which allowed them the opportunity to consider ways to save money through choosing more environmentally friendly behaviours in the home. They learnt about the benefits of renewable energy, including exploring daily activities that use a lot of energy, which will hopefully encourage the children to think more about turning off all their electrical devices before they go to bed!

MoneySense is a great resource which has a range of activities you can complete at home too. There are some really useful videos, as well as virtual games the children could consider playing. To find out more please visit: natwest.mymoneysense.com/parents/

Dad's and Significant Lad's Breakfast

In recognition of Father's Day, on Tuesday 14th June Rewa and her team cooked up a very tasty breakfast, as our way of saying 'thank you' to all of the dads and significant male influences in the lives of our children. The sun shone that morning, so we held the event in the playground; we were delighted to see so many dads and prominent male figures in the lives of our children in attendance - it was a lovely way to begin the day. Special thanks to Rewa and her team for their hard work in helping to make this breakfast possible.

Uniform

We are now in the summer term, which means that the children are allowed to switch to their summer school uniform (please see the website for details). Please note though, that all of the children are still required to wear **black school shoes** for school. Sandals and trainers are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn.

Better late than never, but better never late…

Please ensure that your child arrives punctually to school each morning equipped with everything they require for the school day. **Classrooms will be open from 8.45am**. ***Please note that children from Year 1 through to Year 6 need to be in their classrooms for registration at 8.55am, the children in Reception class need to be in class by 9am.*** Arriving late to school is not only disruptive to the class as a whole, but can also be distressing for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

House Points

	House points 17/6/22	House points 24/6/22	Total
Cross	**425**	**392**	**2763**
Fisher	**374**	**509**	**2742**
Rock	**286**	**306**	**2421**
Keys	**302**	**336**	**2378**

Headteacher's Award

	17th June	24th June
Reception	**Alaric & Sofia**	**Katie & Sebi**
Year 1	**Francesco & Sadie**	**Jemima & Louis**
Year 2	**Olive & Jamil**	**Zoe & Nicky**
Year 3	**Alexandru & Phoebe**	**Ethiopia & Marta**
Year 4	**Ted & Sabrina**	**Thor & Dominic**
Year 5	**Sienna & Namkhai**	**Aaron & Amara**
Year 6	**Grace & Oliver**	**Annabel & Amalia**

Values Award

Children can be nominated for a Values Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. Currently we are looking for nominations for children who have demonstrated the act of **justice**, as this is the Christian Value as a school we are focusing upon this half term.

17th June – Sipara & Risha (Y3), James (Y4) and Miss Russell
24th June – Orly & Isaiah (Y1), Isabella (Y4) and Miss Edmondson

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page; this will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk.

Twitter

We have been busy tweeting! 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 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.

Have a good weekend.

Miss Frazer

27/06/22		Year 3 class trip
28/06/22 – 04/07/22	9am	Music Assemblies
28/06/22		Open Afternoon
29/06/22		Year 2 class trip
30/06/22		Reception/Year 6 Buddy Trip
01/07/22		New Reception children to visit
01/07/22		Individual and sibling photographs
04/07/22		Transition into Year 6 Parents Meeting
05/07/22		Transition into Year 1 Parents Meeting
07/07/22		Year 2 and Year 4 class trips
08/07/22		Picnic for new Reception children and parents
08/07/22		Whole Class photographs
13/07/22	10am	Whole school summer production
13/07/22	6pm	Whole school summer production
14/07/22	10am	Whole school summer production

14/07/22	6pm	Whole school summer production
15/07/22	12pm	Whole school picnic
18/07/22		Winning House Reward
19/07/22		Sports Day
20/07/22		Class swap
20/07/22		Prayer Day
21/07/22	9.30am	Key Stage Two Summer Quiz
21/07/22	1.30pm	Reception & Key Stage One Summer Play date
21/07/22	5pm	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ
22/07/22	9am	Year 6 Leaver's Service
22/07/22	2pm	**End of term**