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.

26th April 2024

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break, and have returned to school well rested and ready to embrace all of the events and activities we have planned over the next thirteen and a half weeks. It is set to be a very busy and exciting term!

As this is such a busy term, I have listed below some key dates for you to note, to ensure that you don't miss out:

- **Rescheduled Online Safety Session for parents and carers** – **Tuesday 30th April (5pm)** – the session, which will be facilitated by Simone Torry (LA PREVENT Officer), will be conducted remotely and will last approximately 40 minutes.
- **Sports Day** - **Friday 24th May** – this year's event will take place in **Ravenscourt Park**. Unfortunately the track at Barn Elms Sports Trust is being renovated, so we are unable to use the venue this year - we will return with gusto to Barn Elms next year! In the meantime, we would like to invite you to join us at Ravenscourt Park for what is always a lovely family event. Watch your children participate in a range of competitive and non-competitive activities, enjoy a picnic lunch with your friends and family, and round off the day by impressing your children during the parents and carers races – you have just over 4 weeks to get training! More details will be sent out shortly, but we hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us.
- **Grandparents Day** – **Monday 10th June (1.30pm)** – an event when Grannies, Grandpas, Nannies and Grandads, plus any other significant elderly friends and relatives, are invited into school for a special collective worship session, tour of the classrooms and a delicious afternoon tea.
- **Dad's and Significant Lad's Breakfast** – **Thursday 13th June (8am) –** in celebration of Father's Day, we would like to welcome our dads and significant male influences/role models into school for a special breakfast, as a thank you for all that you do for our children.
- **Open afternoon** – **Tuesday 25th June (3.30pm – 5pm)** – an opportunity to visit the classrooms and to view the work on display.
- **Whole school summer production** – **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July (10am and 6pm)** **E**very child will be performing in our show, so please keep the date free, so that you can come along to watch the children in action. The West End has nothing on our children!

Please refer to the dates list on the school website for additional dates and events. **Please also note that Monday 6th May is a bank holiday, therefore school will be closed on this day.**

Staffing Update

Unfortunately, Mr Moura our Sports Coach has been experiencing some health issues over the past few months, which have left him unable to commit fully to his role here at St Peter's. We have been working closely with PSD (the company through which Mr Moura is directly employed) to offer Mr Moura support, and they provided us with additional coaches last term to teach the children when Mr Moura was unable to be at work.

Although Mr Moura is now doing much better and his health is improving, he is still unable to commit to a full-time role in any school at this point in time. In light of this, PSD have taken the decision to assign a new coach to St Peter's for the remainder of the academic year, in order to ensure consistency for our children. Mr Webb had been spending time in St Peter's prior to the Easter break, and we are pleased to welcome him onto our team for the rest of the school year. Mr Moura will also be popping into school from time to time to work alongside Mr Webb, so the children will benefit from the expertise of two coaches this term.

Thank you

I am delighted to inform you that thanks to our incredible PTA team and the support of our entire school community, our Spring Quiz and Auction Event raised an incredible £13,317, every penny of which will come back into school to enhance the educational provision for your children.

In addition to this, thank you to everyone who supported our second-hand uniform sale, this raised a fantastic £475. Special thanks to Alice Groves and Chessie Beeching who have taken over this role.

Reception Class Assembly

Yesterday, the children in our Reception class performed their class assembly, which centred around habitats. This was a very special event, as it was their very first class assembly ever! The children were incredible, they spoke with big, loud voices, sharing their learning with us all. They also performed a number of songs and poems, complete with actions, including: 'I'm the King of the Jungle' and 'Down there under the sea'. The children were brilliant and made us all very proud; we could have been forgiven for thinking that they had been performing for years! Well done to the children and thank you to Miss Miller, Miss Wheeler and Mrs Pitman for all of their hard work in supporting the children with this event. Silent cheers all around!

Stephen Lawrence Day

On Monday, we remembered Stephen Lawrence on the anniversary of his death. Stephen Lawrence Day is an opportunity for people, communities and organisations to come together and honour Stephen's life and legacy, stand up against discrimination and work towards a more hopeful tomorrow. Through reflection, learning and action, we can inspire change and create a better future for the next generation.

Earth Day

On Monday 23rd April, we joined in with the millions around the world to celebrate Earth Day. This year we wanted to have a day of meaningful action, no matter how big or small our efforts might be. For staff members, our action was to limit the amount of printed paper that we used for the day. For the children, they were set 'Earth Day Bingo', with a range of steps to put into practice to help our planet. Further to this, we set a competition to think of ways to make our school even more eco-friendly. The children have been invited to submit their ideas to school council, who will select the winning entry that they think will be feasible and impactful.

Online Safety Sessions

On Tuesday, the children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 participated in an Online Safety Workshop. During the session, the children covered topics including communicating online, the importance of never disclosing personal information, website scams and safe gaming. The children fully engaged with the sessions and responded to all of the tasks set in a mature and sensible manner.

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.**

@stpetersschoolw6

Our Instagram page is incredible, thanks to the wonderfully talented Lucinda Pride. It is updated regularly, detailing the many events which are happening in our school. Please remember to follow us. For those who already do, thank you, and please remember to like and comment on our posts. We are very keen to create an active community to help drive more followers, which in turn raises our profile among local businesses and partners to help with further fundraising and support. Your likes mean a lot and make a huge difference!

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.

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. 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.

Attendance

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. We recognise that at times children are affected by illnesses, which account for many of the absences we see. However, if there are any underlining 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.

A copy of the term dates for this academic year and the academic year 2024 -2025 have been sent out to all parents and carers, 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 past two weeks:

	Week commencing 15/4/24	Week commencing 22/4/24
Reception	**99.6%**	**99.0%**
Year 1	**97.1%**	**99.0%**
Year 2	**92.9%**	**97.0%**
Year 3	**95.0%**	**99.0%**
Year 4	**96.7%**	**96.0%**
Year 5	**90.0%**	**95.0%**
Year 6	**98.6%**	**94.4%**

House Points

	House points 19/4/24	House points 26/4/24	Total
Cross	**431**	**435**	**866**
Fisher	**456**	**498**	**954**
Rock	**438**	**569**	**1007**
Keys	**412**	**532**	**944**

Headteacher's Award

	19th April	26th April
Reception	**Alex & Saoirse**	**Arthur & Elsie**
Year 1	**Mimi & Ryka**	**Eliza & Vincent**
Year 2	**David & Marina**	**Ruby & Amber**
Year 3	**Clara & Zach**	**Evie & Surafel**
Year 4	**Jamil & Milena**	**Chloe & Josiah**
Year 5	**Risha & Ethiopia**	**Otto & Louis**
Year 6	**Nujin & Nicole**	**Ted & Horatio**

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.

19th April – Kezzie & Elsie (YR), Poppy (Y3), Bart (Y4), James & Phoebe (Y6)
26th April – Isaiah & Tsegtsbiligt (Y3), Lucy (Y4), Nujin & Isabel (Y6)

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.

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.

Kind regards,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
06/05/24		**Bank Holiday**
WC 13/05/24		Year 6 SATs Week
WC 20/05/24		Interschool competition (Dance)
24/05/24		Sports Day
WC 27/05/24		**Half Term**