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 values, which underpin the school's ethos, pupils are inspired to strive for excellence within a thriving, inclusive community. We aim to enable every child to shine and aspire to reach their personal potential, whilst respecting and caring for one another and honouring God with their individual talents.

2nd December 2022

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas…

Yesterday saw the beginning of December and the start of Advent, a period of reflection as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. During our collective worship session yesterday, we showed the children an advent wreath and discussed the meaning of the four candles it holds; we explained how its helps in the countdown to Christmas.

The next two weeks at school are extremely busy, and we hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us for the Christmas events we have planned:

- **TOMORROW** please join us at our Christmas Fair from **11am – 3pm**. Please come along and bring your friends and family with you too, it is going to be a great day.
- On **Friday 9th December**, the PTA are planning to host a family disco from **5.00pm – 7.00pm** in the school hall. More details to follow.
- Carols by Candlelight is led and performed by children in Key Stage Two; this year the event will be held in **St Peter's Church** on **Monday 12th December** at **4.15pm.**
- Reception and Key Stage One Nativity play will be performed at **10am** and **2pm** on **Tuesday 13th December** in the main school hall.
- Whole school Christmas service **Friday 16th December** at 9am in St Peter's Church.

In addition to this, we have lots of events planned for the children to enjoy:

- As a school we will be supporting national Christmas Jumper day on **Friday 9th December** in aid of Save the Children. We would like as many children as possible to swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper on this day.
- School Christmas Lunch will take place on **Friday 9th December.**
- **Wednesday 14th December** will see us host the winning house treat. There is still time for the children to earn more points for their team!
- On **Thursday 15th December**, the children in Key Stage Two will participate in the St Peter's Christmas Quiz, whilst our younger children will enjoy a Christmas Party with games and lots of dancing!

Furthermore, most of our classes are out and about over the next two weeks enjoying trips to the theatre, Fulham Palace, the ice-skating rink at Westfield and a visit to the construction site at Kings Street! All in all, a very busy but exciting end to the term.

Top 100 Schools

Yesterday, I was sent a link to the Primary School League Tables, Top 100 schools guide. This ranks the best performing primary schools across England. I am delighted to report that we are ranked as number **38**. For more information, please visit the attached link:

Primary School League Tables | School Guide

Parent View

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parental questionnaire. We received 139 responses, which represents 68% of our community. Please see below a summary of the feedback we received:

	Strongly Agree/Agree	Strongly Disagree/Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at St Peter's	99%	1%	0%
My child feels safe at St Peter's	98%	2%	0%
St Peter's makes sure its pupils are well behaved	93%	5%	2%
My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	17%	5%	13%
	65% 'my child has not been bullied'		
St Peter's makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	83%	13%	4%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	71%	7%	2%
	20% 'I have not raised a concern'		
My child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	17%	3%	3%
	77% 'my child does not have SEND'		
St Peter's has high expectations for my child	81%	10%	9%
My child does well at St Peter's	91%	8%	1%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	87%	11%	2%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at St Peter's	91%	4%	5%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at St Peter's	98%	0%	2%
St Peter's supports my child's wider personal development	79%	8%	13%
I would recommend this school to another parent	93%	7%	

We are delighted that so many of you reported that your child is happy and safe at St Peter's and that you would be willing to recommend our school to other people.

Special thanks to those who wrote an additional comment at the end of the questionnaire, we received some extremely positive responses including:

- *'I continue to be very impressed with everything St Peter's has to offer. We thank our lucky stars our daughter is there!'*
- *'Fantastic school, run by fantastic people. We are very lucky to have our son in the school!'*
- *'St Peter's has been and continues to be a great place for my daughter to learn. A very healthy mix of pastoral and educational work in addition to after school care makes this a very special place to learn. She is happy and is challenged by the subjects she is taught, from teachers I believe care in what they do. A good bedrock of Christian education underpins the happy and caring aspect of the school. There are bumps naturally along the way, but they are dealt with swiftly.'*
- *'We are incredibly happy with the school seeing our daughter thriving. Thank you for everything you all do and your dedication to our children's education. Thank you.'*

Based upon the feedback we received, we also plan to implement the following changes from the beginning of next term:

One parent suggested that there should be a greater emphasis upon sports and music within the school. As a school we believe that we do give huge focus to these areas, however we always strive to do better. Both music and PE are taught by subject specialists, who joined our school in September and have implemented some very positive changes. However, the feedback we received highlights the fact that we are not articulating the work that we are doing in these areas clearly enough to you.

- *Did you know that over 70 of our children learn an individual musical instrument with Pelican Music? Many more also learn outside of school.*
- *Did you know that we hold musical events every term to allow children to play the instruments they are learning in front of an audience?*
- *Did you know that so far this academic year, children from Year 2 up to Year 6 have competed in numerous borough led sporting competitions including: football, dodgeball, running and athletics? As a school we won the running competition – go St Peter's!*
- *Did you know that every half term we run inter-house sporting competitions?*
- *Did you know that our Mayor's Cup teams have each played three matches? Our girls team is currently undefeated having won each of their matches, whilst the boys have lost one, won one and drawn one. Both teams are playing again this afternoon, so keep everything crossed!*
- *Did you know that in recent years we have welcomed Nicolletta Benedetti (British Violinist); Pete Reed OBE (Olympic Gold Medallist) and Ezekial 'Zeeks' Ewolo (British World Champion long jumper) into our school, to inspire and motivate our children and to show them that they all have the potential to achieve great things with hard work and dedication? We also took some of our children along to watch Sheku Kanneh-Mason (British Cellist who won the 2016 BBC Young Musician of the Year Award, and also played at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle) perform.*

To ensure that you know all of this and more in the future, from next term we will:

- Introduce a half termly sports newsletter, which will be emailed to parents and displayed on the school webpage.
- Regularly update the school website with examples of work produced during music lessons.

- Endeavour to provide more opportunities for children to perform their musical instruments to audiences, to showcase the standards reached by our children in music.
- Continue to review our extra-curricular provision, to ensure that there is breath and variety in the sports on offer.
- We also plan to continue to inspire our children in these areas of the curriculum by inviting inspirational figures in these fields into school. If you can help with this, please let me know.

To ensure that next time you are questioned, 100% are able to agree that you are made aware of what your child is learning throughout the year, in addition to the curriculum map which you are given in September, we plan to change the format of the class blogs so that at the beginning of each half term they provide information about what your child will be learning in each subject. This will replace the weekly blog updates, which our records show, are not being accessed by parents and carers as often as we would have hoped. Class teachers will still upload photographs to their blogs, in order to provide you with a visual snapshot of what is happening in school, but the blogs will be used predominantly to share with you the future learning, which will enable parents and carers to offer support at home.

To further promote our school and to showcase what makes it special, and how we support both the personal and academic development of your child, we are in the process of working on a short video about St Peter's. We hope to be able to showcase this in the spring term.

After-School Provision

Thank you also to everyone who took the time to respond to our second questionnaire relating to after-school wrap-around care. Prior to sending out the questionnaire, we had been exploring the feasibility of offering this additional provision, however before proceeding we wanted to ensure that it is a service which would be utilised by parents. The results we received confirmed that this indeed would be the case.

Mrs Munro and I recently met with representatives from Shooting Starz. Our hope is that Shooting Starz will become our after-school wrap-around care provider. This means that they will rent the school hall (generating income for the school) and take complete control of our after-school wrap-around care offer. Sessions will run daily from 4.30-6.00pm; children attending the session will be collected from their after-school club and taken to the Scott Hall by a member of the Shooting Starz team. Parents and carers will then collect their child/ren from the Scott Hall by 6.00pm. During the weeks when school clubs are not offered, e.g. the first and final week of each term, Shooting Starz will extend their provision to 3.30pm – 6.00pm. **Please note that our extra-curricular provision will be unaffected by this additional service; our updated clubs list for the spring term will be sent out before the end of term.**

Currently, Shooting Starz are in the process of gaining Ofsted approval to be able to operate from our site. Unfortunately, we don't have a firm timeline for when this approval will be achieved, however Shooting Starz are hopeful that it will be within a matter of weeks, as they are currently an Ofsted registered provider. I apologise for not being able to provide more information at this stage, but we need to ensure that all of the necessary requirements are met before we begin, to ensure that this initiative is Ofsted compliant. We will of course keep you updated, with the aim that we will start to offer this provision as soon as all of the necessary paperwork and checks are in place.

BHM Presentation

On Wednesday, members of the school council attended a Black History Month event at the Riverside Studios. The purpose of this event was to celebrate and highlight all of the brilliant work schools in Hammersmith and Fulham have been doing as part of their Black History Month learning. There was a range of performances: spoken word, poetry and singing. It really made us feel proud to be part of

this special event, and have the opportunity to celebrate the diverse history of the community we live in. It was extra special because Councillor Holder and the Deputy Mayor were also in attendance at the event. As a school, we were awarded a trophy for 'The Power of Representation 365', something we are very proud of.

Year 6 Assembly

Last Thursday, Year 6 delivered a fantastic assembly on the Greeks, which is the focus for their learning in history this term. This is the last class assembly the children will lead at St Peter's and they certainly went out on a high; each and every member of the class spoke with such confidence and energy, it was wonderful to watch (anyone would think they had been performing assemblies for the past seven years!). The costumes worn by the children really added to their performance; thank you to all of the parents and carers for their support with this. A massive silent cheer to Year 6 and special thanks to Miss Milligan and Miss Bell for their hard work in helping Year 6 to prepare for their assembly.

Pelican Music Evening

Last Monday, a number of children who are learning an instrument under the direction of Pelican Music performed in a mini concert. As always, I watched in complete awe as children from as young as Year 1 played to the audience. The children all demonstrated great confidence, and although some of them were feeling a little nervous before they performed, they all reported feeling extremely proud of what they had achieved by the end. Learning to play a musical instrument takes hard work and dedication; huge congratulations to everyone who participated in our recent musical event and well done to everyone who is learning to play an instrument at the moment, you are all truly amazing.

He's Behind You

Oh no he isn't, oh yes he is…

Last Tuesday, the children from Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Lyric Theatre to watch their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. As always it was a fabulous show, which left the children and staff feeling full of Christmas cheer. The children had an enjoyable afternoon and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

It's cold outside

The weather seems finally to be catching up with the fact that we are in winter and has turned cold and at times very wet, so please ensure that your child brings a coat to school, as we do need to walk between buildings throughout the day.

Uniform

Please refer to our website for our full uniform list https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Uniform

A few quick reminders: PE shorts should be plain navy (no motifs please); school shoes should be enclosed and black in colour, black training shoes and ankle/Doc Martin style boots are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Finally, all hair accessories should be discreet and navy blue in colour. Thank you for your continued support.

House Points

	House points 25/11/22	House points 2/12/22	Total
Cross	**559**	**335**	**3406**
Fisher	**601**	**424**	**4490**
Rock	**529**	**340**	**3962**
Keys	**610**	**374**	**4411**

Headteacher's Award

	25/11/22	2/12/22
Reception	**Massimo & Matteo**	**Archie & Bell**
Year 1	**Ottolie & Alaric**	**Ella & Hunter**
Year 2	**Lola**	**Thibault & Louis**
Year 3	**Cosmo & Sabine**	**Amie & Nicky**
Year 4	**Georgie & Marta**	**George & Edie**
Year 5	**Nujin & Dominic**	**Sophia & Jago**
Year 6	**Everyone**	**Aryanna & Ella**

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.

25th November – Dion (YR), Elisa (Y6)
2nd December – Lola (Y2), Sipara & Zac (Y4), Aaron (Y6)

Punctuality

Earlier this month, letters were sent out to parents of children who are continually late arriving at school. It is important that children are routinely punctual, as arriving late is not only disruptive and often upsetting for your child, but can also disrupt the learning of others.
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 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.

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 Johnston, and should your child have any serious medical issues 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 has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher.

Twitter

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, 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

03/12/22		**PTA Christmas Fair**
WC 05/12/22		Interschool sports competition (Dodgeball)
05/12/22		Y3 and Y4 to Ravenscourt Baptist Church Christmas Play
07/12/22		Year 1 trip to Fulham Palace
09/12/22		Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day
09/12/22		Christmas lunch
09/12/22		Year 2 trip to Tabard Theatre
09/12/22	5.00pm	**PTA Family Disco**
12/12/22	4.15pm	Carols by Candlelight Key Stage Two
13/12/22	10am & 2pm	Nativity Play – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
14/12/22		Year 4 Construction site visit, King Street
14/12/22		Winning House Reward
15/12/22	9.30am	Christmas Quiz Key Stage Two
15/12/22		Year 6 Ice Skating at Westfield
15/12/22	1.30pm	Christmas Party Reception and Key Stage One
16/12/22	9am	Christmas Service in Church
16/12/22	2pm	**End of term**