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.

31st March 2023

Today we reach the end of the spring term and the second term of the academic year, where has the time gone? Despite this being the shortest of the three terms, in true St Peter's style we have managed to pack so much into eleven and a half short weeks.

This has included Arts Week, an Arts Exhibition, World Book Day events plus a book character catwalk parade, STEM Week, Pelican Music Evening, DT Day, a whole school Poetry Recital, Shakespeare workshops for every child, a 5-day residential visit for our Year 6 children and a special service for Ash Wednesday. We have participated in numerous borough-led and interschool sporting competitions and a debating competition. We have also undertaken trips to places such as the National Army Museum, Two Temple Place, Gunnersbury Museum, Ravenscourt Park and Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve.

In addition to this, we recognised and celebrated International Women and Girls in Science Day, Neurodiveristy Week, World Maths Day and Martin Luther King Day. We welcomed the inspirational Clare Balding into school to lead our collective worship session; we have also welcomed to school Rev Singa and Rev Hirst. Furthermore, we joined other schools across the country in supporting Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week, World Maths Day and Comic Relief. We even found time to host a special breakfast for all of our hard-working mums and female carers. Plus, our fabulous PTA hosted an Auction night which raised almost £30,000, and they also organised two discos for the children to enjoy!

On top of all this, this week we have held our winning house treat, an egg decorating competition and Easter egg roll, raised lots of money for our chosen charities and those affected by the Earthquake in Turkey with our charity Easter egg raffle, and attended a whole school Easter service.

Oh, and of course there was the small matter of a two-day Ofsted inspection at the beginning of this half term thrown in for good measure too! Phew, after all this, we definitely need a holiday and a few chocolate eggs!

Thank you to our incredible staff team for their continued hard work and dedication in helping to make all of the events listed above possible, to our wonderful parents and carers for your continued support of our school, our Governors who give of their time voluntarily to support the school, and of course to all of our amazingly talented and creative children - what a great term it has been. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Please note that the children return to school on Monday 17th April.

Staff Update

Today we say goodbye to Mr Jerrard. I would like to thank Mr Jerrard for his hard work with the Year 5 class during his time at St Peter's, and to wish him well in his next venture. We also say goodbye to our incredible chef Rewa. Rewa joined us in September 2021 and, during her time with the school, has introduced a number of exciting changes to the lunchtime service, which have positively impacted our provision. I would like to formally thank Rewa for her hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to St Peter's. We wish Rewa much success and happiness for the future.

After Easter, we are looking forward to welcoming our new Chef Chloe Jacques. Chloe has considerable catering experience, most recently working at Maggie and Rose in Chiswick. Our school council members were involved in the interview process; they asked Chloe a series of questions and also sampled the food which she created for her trade task giving her a 5-star review! Chloe came into school this week, in order to meet with Rewa to ensure an effective handover took place. We are delighted to welcome Chloe onto our team.

COVID Update

Although we are aware that COVID is no longer seen as any more prevalent than any other respiratory infection, such as flu or the common cold, and there are no longer any legally enforceable restrictions in place, in the interest of keeping our pupils and staff safe from this virus, please can I ask that if your child does test positive for COVID that you refrain from sending them into school for at least 3 days, after which time studies have shown that they are less infectious. This is a polite request, which I am unable to enforce legally, however I would ask everyone to please be mindful of the fact that we have vulnerable adults and children throughout the school, for whom contracting COVID might not just result in mild cold-like symptoms. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

RE Ambassadors

Last Friday, the RE ambassadors had the pleasure of meeting members of our parent prayer group. During their meeting, the parents and children worked together to decorate prayer stones which were then placed in the reflection area of each classroom. The parents and children also had the opportunity to pray together, using prayers from the class prayer boxes. This was a lovely session, which gave the parents and children an opportunity to meet together for the first time. We hope that this will be the first of many more sessions in the future.

Debating at Latymer Upper School

On Tuesday evening our Year 6 Debating team showed that they could teach the politicians a thing or two, as they competed in the Latymer Upper School Debating Competition 2023. The team, made up of Elisa, Ella, Sienna and Namkhai, have been attending debating classes at Latymer throughout the spring term. Our team made it down to the final, but were pipped to the post by another school. Miss Milligan and I were lucky enough to watch the debates and were both extremely impressed by the confidence displayed by the children involved. A fantastic effort from the entire team, well done!

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs or bought tickets for this year's Easter Egg raffle. I was completely overwhelmed this morning, when I walked into the hall with 200 very excited children, to see the number of eggs we had on display. Every penny of the money raised from the raffle will be divided equally between our four house charities: - Shelter, Lumos, Save the Children, TeamSeas - and Ahbap and Turkey Mozaik Foundation, who are supporting victims of the earthquake in Turkey.
Special thanks to Sophie and Dan Todaro who donated almost 200 chocolate bunnies to the school, ensuring that every child went home with a small prize today!

Arts Café

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Arts Week event last Friday; it was wonderful to see so many people in attendance, having the opportunity to view the amazing work which was produced by the children during Arts Week. Many people who attended the event commented that the quality of the work and the overall display reminded them of being in a real gallery, rather than a school hall - the only thing missing was the champagne! Special thanks to Miss Miller for leading this event, to Kate Brown for all of her help and support, and to our wonderful Arts Ambassadors who were on hand to welcome our visitors and talk about the work on display.

Winning House Treat

On Wednesday afternoon members of team **Rock** enjoyed a movie afternoon in recognition of them earning the most house points this term. The children watched Peter Rabbit 2 and enjoyed a few tasty treats. Well done Team Rock.

Website

Please visit your year group class blog in order to find out more about the learning which will be taking place in class next half term https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Reception

Attendance

We closely monitor the attendance of our pupils, and remain committed to working with all of our families to ensure that the children are attending school on a regular basis. We are hopefully coming through the influx of winter illnesses, which account for many of the absences we have seen recently. 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.

	Week commencing 13/3/23	Week commencing 20/3/23
Reception	**95.3%**	**96.7%**
Year 1	**85.0%**	**97.7%**
Year 2	**96.0%**	**96.0%**
Year 3	**83.8%**	**96.9%**
Year 4	**97.3%**	**94.7%**
Year 5	**93.0%**	**98.5%**
Year 6	**97.2%**	**95.5%**

Better late than never, but better never late

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. Therefore, we allow up to 5 lates in an academic year before any action is taken. Unfortunately, a number of families have already breached this threshold last term.

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. As we begin a new school year, 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.

It's wet outside

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 discrete and navy blue in colour. Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher's Award

	24/3/23	Church service
Reception	**Cosima & Mimi**	
Year 1	**Hunter & Amber**	
Year 2	**Surafel & Poppy**	
Year 3	**Milena & Sabine**	
Year 4	**Georgie & Otto**	
Year 5	**Brooklyn & Ted**	
Year 6	**Florence & Annabelle**	

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.

24th March – Alicia (Y2), Elsa, Phoebe & Isaac (Y4)

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; should your child have any serious medical issues, you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Twitter

We are very active on our Twitter account. Please check us out: ***@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

17/04/23		**Children return to school**
21/04/23		Earth Day
22/04/23		Stephen Lawrence Day
27/04/23		**Reception Class Assembly**
01/05/23		**May Bank Holiday**
08/05/23		**Bank Holiday**
WC 08/05/23		Year 6 SATs Week
19/05/23		Sports Day
WC 22/05/23		Interschool competition (Dance)
25/05/23		Year 6 Young Enterprise Event
25/05/23	5pm	Family Supper
WC 29/05/23		**Half Term**