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.

3rd February 2023

February has finally arrived and the promise of spring is on the horizon. We now have only one more week until the end of this half term. February half term is always a very significant point in the school calendar, as it signals the fact that we are half way through another academic year, how on earth is that possible? I am off to Liverpool for a few days over the half term break; whatever plans you have for the week, I hope that you have an enjoyable time.

A few important dates to note

- **Tuesday 7th February** – PTA Disco for children in **Reception**, **Year 1** and **Year 2**. Children attending the disco will be taken to the hall immediately after school, those not attending should be collected from school at 3.20pm (Reception), 3.25pm (Year 1 & Year 2) and 3.30pm (Key Stage Two). ***Please note that there are no clubs running on this day other than the disco***.
  Children attending the disco should be collected from the Scott Building at 5pm. To reduce congestion at dismissal, the **Reception children** should be collected from the **main Scott Building door**, **children** in **Year 1** and **Year 2** need to be collected from the **Scott Building playground**.
- **Thursday 9th February** – PTA Disco for children in **Key Stage Two** (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6). Children attending the disco will be taken to the hall immediately after school, those not attending should be collected from school at 3.20pm (Reception), 3.25pm (Year 1 & Year 2) and 3.30pm (Key Stage Two). ***Please note that there are no clubs running on this day other than the disco***.
  Children attending the disco should be collected from the Scott Building at 5pm. **Year 3** and **Year 4 children** to be collected from the **main door**, **children** in **Year 5** and **Year 6** to be collected from the **Scott Building playground**.

Tickets to these events can be purchased via the PTA. It is important to us that these events are accessible to every child who wants to attend, therefore there will be no charge for the tickets of children whose families are in receipt of pupil premium funding; Mrs Tanner has been in contact with the relevant families to arrange this. If you are not eligible for this funding, but require help with purchasing a ticket for your child, please contact me directly via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Please note that we are very happy for the children in Reception and Key Stage One to come into school in their own clothes on Tuesday; the children in Key Stage Two are allowed to come into school in their own clothes on Thursday.

- **Monday 20th February –** please join us for our whole school service in celebration of Ash Wednesday at **9am** in St Peter's Church. We hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend.

A special visit

Last Friday, we welcomed the Director of Education for Hammersmith and Fulham, Peter Haylock, to St Peter's. Peter took over the role of Director of Education for Hammersmith and Fulham in June, and has made a commitment to visit every school in the borough. After a brief chat, I took Peter on a tour of the school and introduced him to the pupils and staff. As he left, Peter informed me that he was genuinely impressed by the school and the work he had observed and that his take-away from the visit was '*happy children*'. Who can ask for anything more?!

Tree Update

We have just been informed that the tree, which is situated outside of the Scott Hall playground, is being cut down by the council during the half term break. The team will then return to grind the stump and replant in early March.

To infinity and beyond…

Yesterday, Year 5 boldly journeyed to where no class assembly has been before - space! During their assembly, Year 5 delighted us all with some fascinating facts about the topic, displaying their excellent science subject knowledge. The children spoke with loud, confident voices, which ensured that their audience was able to learn a lot from them. They delivered an entertaining re-enactment of the moon landing which had everyone laughing. The children also sang two songs all about explorers. Well done Year 5.

STEM Week

Last week, we immersed ourselves in all things STEM for this now infamous week in the school calendar. At the beginning of the week, we welcomed the Happy Puzzle company into school, who led the children in a range of problem-solving mathematical activities and puzzles. As the week progressed, the children then participated in a number of practical science sessions. Moreover, the children conducted research into inspiring Scientists and Mathematicians. One Scientist of focus was Charlotte Armah. Charlotte, who emigrated from Ghana, leads experiments involving human volunteers to learn whether eating particular foods, such as broccoli, can protect us from cardiovascular diseases and cancers. This work is hugely important and has obvious benefits for all of our lives. During their research, the older children had the opportunity to discuss the gender bias within the STEM profession and the under-representation from ethnic minority groups.

In addition to this, Year 5 visited Fulham Cross Secondary School to enjoy a taster session in secondary school science. During their visit, the children used scientific apparatus, including a bunsen burner, to conduct a series of short experiments in order to determine the difference between a chemical and a physical reaction. We also welcomed Daniel James into school (dad to Aurelia and Eliza), who talked about his role as a pilot and all of the STEM aspects to flying an aeroplane. The children were astounded by the video from the cockpit. Natali Doulgeraki (mum to Marina) led a series of workshops focused upon marine engineering. Natali discussed the engineering of boats, ships, submarines, and any other marine vessels. Finally, throughout the week the children also spent time using technology, namely our laptops and iPads, to support their work. Thank you to Miss Cook and Mrs Johnston for organising our STEM week, and to everyone who helped to make the week a valuable experience for our children.

Clare Balding

Last Tuesday, we welcomed Clare Balding into school. Clare's assembly was incredible, she left us all feeling truly inspired. Clare spoke about the magnificent things that can be achieved through

perseverance, courage and hard work, relating this message to the achievements of sporting figures such as Andy Murray, Emma Raducanu and Usain Bolt. Clare also talked a little about her work as an author and the motivation behind her books. At the end of the session, Clare said that St Peter's was her favourite school out of all those she has visited previously - I'm sure that she doesn't say that to every school!!! Clare is certainly one of our favourite visitors, and we hope to welcome her back again after the publication of her next children's book.

Year 6 SATS Meeting

Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting on Monday 30th January. During the meeting, Miss Milligan talked parents through the timetable for SATs week and shared examples of past papers with those in attendance. She outlined how parents and carers can support their children at home, in the run up to SATs week and during the week itself. Miss Milligan was also on hand to answer any concerns or questions raised. At the meeting, I shared the fantastic news that Miss Milligan recently passed a standardised assessment, meaning that she has been accepted onto the KS2 local authority writing moderation team this year. We were informed that most people fail this assessment on their first attempt, so we are extra proud of Miss Milligan's achievement, showing that our Year 6 pupils are in very capable hands. Well done Miss Milligan!

Website

Please visit your year group class blog in order to find out more about the learning which will be taking place in class this 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 23/1/23	Week commencing 30/1/23
Reception	**98.0%**	**93.0%**
Year 1	**98.0%**	**98.7%**
Year 2	**99.7%**	**96.7%**
Year 3	**96.2%**	**96.6%**
Year 4	**99.3%**	**95.7%**
Year 5	**99.3%**	**92.2%**
Year 6	**99.3%**	**94.1%**

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. 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 cold outside

The weather is very cold, 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 27/1/23	House points 3/2/23	Total
Cross	**831**	**572**	**2188**
Fisher	**762**	**594**	**1986**
Rock	**833**	**393**	**2288**
Keys	**864**	**630**	**2583**

Headteacher's Award

	27/1/23	3/2/23
Reception	**Isla & Helen**	**Xander & Clara**
Year 1	**Bear N & David**	**Lukas & Amy**
Year 2	**Orly & Zach**	**Rose & Sadie**
Year 3	**Charlotte & Olive**	**Lucy & Milena**
Year 4	**Zac & Chloe**	**Ethiopia & Elsa G**
Year 5	**Sophia & Matilda**	**Dominic & Poppy D**
Year 6	**Bella & Nasir**	**Carla & Zai**

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.

27th January - Louanne & Amber (Y2), Arel (Y5), Miss Friel, Mr Jerrard
3rd February - Rosa B (YR), Isaiah & Rose (Y2), Nicky (Y3)

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

WC 06/02/23		Interschool competition (Netball)
WC 06/02/23		Children's Mental Health Week
07/02/23		Safer Internet Day
07/02/23		PTA Valentine's Disco – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
08/02/23		DT Day 2
09/02/23		**Year 1 Class Assembly**
09/02/23		PTA Valentine's Disco – Key Stage 2
10/02/23		International Women and Girls in Science
WC 13/02/23		**Half Term**
WC 20/02/23		Year 6 residential visit
20/02/23	9am	Service to celebrate Ash Wednesday
22/02/23		Y2 trip to National Army Museum
27/02/23		Y2 SATs meeting
02/03/23		World Book Day
03/03/23		PTA Auction evening
06/03/23	4pm-7pm	Parents Evening
07/03/23	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening