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 March 2023

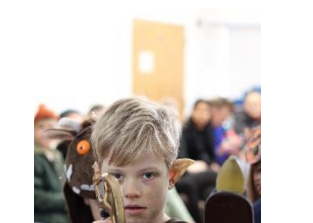
Our half term break seems like an incredibly long time ago now, but I hope that everyone managed to have a relaxing week. This is another very short half term, however in true St Peter's style we have lots planned for the children to enrich their educational experiences.

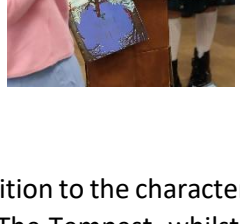
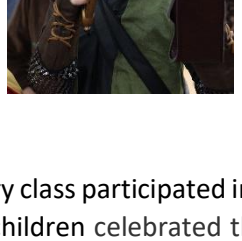
Please note some key dates for your diary:

- **Friday 3rd March** – PTA Auction Event @ Chiswick Auctions **TONIGHT**. This is a key fundraising event in the school calendar this year, we hope that as many people as possible will support this event in order to raise much needed funds for our school. Our last auction raised £20,000, can we beat this total? Every penny raised goes towards supporting the education of every child in the school, so please do come along and spend what you can. The evening is also a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a school community, I look forward to seeing you there!
- **Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March** – Parents Evening Meetings to be held in the **Scott Building.** If you have not already done so, please sign up for your appointment via ParentMail 'Parents Evenings'. Please ensure that you arrive promptly, for your 10-minute appointment, as this will help to ensure the smooth running of the event. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- **Thursday 9th March** – Poetry Recital Assembly **9am** in the Scott Building. In celebration of International Women's Day, every class will recite a poem written by a female poet, please come along to support the children.
- **Week commencing 13th March** – Arts Week. This now legendary week in the school calendar allows the children to become fully immersed in all aspects of the arts. Throughout the week the children will participate in various arts related workshops, in addition to conducting an in-depth study of Picasso.
- **Thursday 16th March** – In recognition of Mothering Sunday, we will be hosting a special breakfast for all of our mums and female carers at **8.00am** in the Scott Building.
- **Friday 24th March** – Please join us in the Scott Building **from 3pm** to view the wonderful work produced by the children during Arts Week.

World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. The day started with our now infamous Book Character parade, which allowed every child in the school to showcase their wonderful costumes. As always, I was astounded by the creativity shown by the children (and their families) when creating these costumes; I was introduced to so many new book characters during the event, it proved quite an education for me too!



In addition to the character parade, every class participated in a Shakespeare workshop which focused upon The Tempest, whilst in class the children celebrated the joy of books, authors and reading for pleasure through a variety of activities.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale held by the EDI group before half term which was organised to raise money for those affected by the earthquake in South East Turkey. The sale raised an incredible £717 which was increased to £800 by the PTA. The effects of the earthquake are widespread with many people requiring shelter, food and medical supplies. If you would like to donate we have been directed to the following charities by a member of our school community:
Ahbap - one of the most active, independently run not-for-profit volunteer network in Turkey who specialise in providing medical assistance, education and supporting stray animals https://bagis.ahbap.org/bagis?currency=GBP
Turkey Mozaik Foundation - a registered British charity which promotes and supports civil society organisations https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kahramanmarasearthquake

Year 6 Treginnis Farm Trip

Last week the Year 6 children, accompanied by Miss Milligan, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Todorova and Mr Fullerton, enjoyed a fantastic time at Treginnis Farm in Wales, where they all became fully immersed in the life and workings of a farm. The children certainly earned their supper every evening, as they started work on the farm at 7.30am each day completing a wide range of tasks including: milking goats, mucking out the stables, collecting eggs, cleaning barns, feeding pigs, chopping fire wood, harvesting and washing vegetables and much, much more. As the visit was slightly later in the school calendar this year, the children saw some newborn lambs and kids which were just a few hours old, a very rare and special experience for them all. The staff at the farm were full of praise for the children, commenting that whenever St Peter's children are visiting they always manage to get through lots of work, due to the enthusiasm and positive attitudes of the pupils. Special congratulations to Tristan, Riley, Sophie, Juliet, Betsy and Amara, who each received a special Farmer of the Week award. The children had a wonderful week, there were even tears from some as they drove away from the farm, all in all a fantastic experience for our children.

Year 1 class assembly

Immediately prior to half term, our Year 1 class delighted us with their retelling of the classic story Handa's Surprise. The children were incredible, intertwining a wide selection of songs into their performance; my particular favourite was the Birdie Song, which took me back to my youth! The children performed with great confidence, clearly enjoying the opportunity to share their learning with the rest of the school. Thank you to Year 1 for delivering such a wonderful assembly. Thanks also to Miss Jones, Mrs Breen, Mrs Mani, Miss Sylvester and Mrs Warty for their hard work too. A huge silent cheer to you all.

Children's Mental Health Week

During the week commencing 6th February, we celebrated National Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for the week was 'Let's Connect'. Throughout the week the children completed a range of activities in class, aimed at supporting their mental and physical wellbeing. This included a special workshop for our Year 6 children led by the charity MIND.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries; it is a day when we highlight all of the wonderful things about being online and most importantly, remind the children how they can keep themselves safe. The theme for the day was 'Together for a better internet'. As part of our work on internet safety, Simone Torry (LA PREVENT Officer) led a workshop for our Year 5 and Year 6 children on internet safety. This followed on from the workshop Simone led for our parents and carers on Tuesday 24th January.

DT Day

Food was the focus for our most recent DT Day, which took place on 8th February, with each class designing and preparing a healthy snack. During the day our Reception children visited the local supermarket; they purchased a range of fruit which they used to create a delicious fruit salad. In Year 1 our children focused upon creating a healthy breakfast snack - well it is the most important meal of the day! The children in Year 2 created some healthy party snacks using pitta bread and filling them with a variety of colourful and tasty vegetables and ingredients from around the world. In Year 3 the children honed their baking skills by baking their own bread rolls, whilst in Year 4 the children were tasked with designing and creating a sandwich for a busy teacher, which is healthy yet able to provide them with enough energy to get them through the day. The children did such a great job, that I'm sure lots of the school staff will be borrowing their recipes! In Year 5 the children created a tasty salad using a range of ingredients, whilst in Year 6 the children made their own sushi – Wasabi may have some competition! Special thanks to Miss Miller for organising another fantastic day for the children.

International Women in Science Day

On Friday 10th February we celebrated International Day of Women and Girls in Science. This is an important day aimed at promoting full and equal access to, and participation in, science for women and girls and to encourage equality in the STEM fields. In recognition of this significant day, every class spent time learning about inspiring women in science. Miss Cook ensured that each class had a different focus:

Reception – Jane Goodall
Year 1 - Joan Beauchamp Procter
Year 2 - Charlotte Armah
Year 3 - Mah Hussain-Gambles
Year 4 - Katia Krafft
Year 5 - Jo Shien Ng
Year 6 - Jassel Majevadia

In addition to learning about the unique achievements of these inspirational women, the children in Key Stage Two also spent time discussing the issue of diversity of science in relation to ethnicity and culture. As a school, we believe passionately that celebrating days such as these is so important in helping to motivate and inspire our children, and to show them that with hard work and dedication, they can achieve anything they set their minds to in the future.

Bikeability

Last week the children in Year 5 took to the road in order to complete the Bikeability programme led by the LA. The programme is designed to help the children to stay safe on the roads when cycling. As always the children embraced the opportunity and all passed the programme with flying colours, well done Year 5!

Year 2 visit the Army Museum

On Wednesday 22nd January, the children from Year 2 visited the National Army Museum in order to consolidate their history learning around Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. During their visit, the children re-enacted scenes which saw Florence and Mary helping the wounded soldiers. They dressed in costumes relevant to this period of history and talked about the impact that both women have had on nursing practices today. After a well-deserved lunch the children were treated to a tour of the museum before returning to school. The children were extremely well behaved throughout the day and talked enthusiastically about their visit upon their return to the classroom.

PTA Disco

Prior to half term, the children got to showcase their dance moves at our two discos organised by the PTA. The playlist made me feel very old as I did not recognise many of the artists until someone

requested Rick Astley, who knew that he was still relevant today?! A fun time was had by all. Thank you to our amazing PTA team for organising this event and to the staff who were on hand to assist.

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 6/2/23	Week commencing 20/2/23
Reception	**98.3%**	**85.7%**
Year 1	**99.0%**	**98.7%**
Year 2	**96.3%**	**95.3%**
Year 3	**97.2%**	**99.7%**
Year 4	**96.7%**	**98.0%**
Year 5	**96.3%**	**99.3%**
Year 6	**99.7%**	**100.0%**

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

Next week we are braced for cold weather, 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.

House Points

	10/2/23	3/3/23
Cross	**848**	**417**
Fisher	**623**	**651**
Rock	**948**	**1059**
Keys	**798**	**845**

Headteacher's Award

	10/2/23	24/2/23	3/3/23
Reception	**Kleo & Gabriel**	**Massimo & Eliza**	**Redd & Isla**
Year 1	**Whole class**	**Martha & Ella**	**Ottolie & Thor**
Year 2	**Amber & George**	**Tom & Louanne**	**Evie & Rio**
Year 3	**Tom & Aurelia**	**Josiah & Harry**	**Ben & Charlie**
Year 4	**Chloe& Zac**	**Louis & Ethiopia**	**Alexander & George**
Year 5	**Phoebe & Carmelle**	**Nicole & Rafael**	**James & Ariella**
Year 6	**Janis & Atticus**	**Farm trip**	**Rosie & Sophie**

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.

10th February – Rewa
24th February – Rira (Y4), Dolly (Y5), Thor (Y5) and the entire staff team!
3rd March – Orly (Y2), Georgie (Y4), Lola (Y2) and Horatio (Y5)

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

06/03/23	4pm – 7pm	Parents Evening
07/03/23	3.30pm – 6pm	Parents Evening
09/03/23		Poetry Recital (Theme - Female poets in celebration of International Women's Day)
WC 13/03/23		Arts Week
16/03/23		Mum's/Female Carers breakfast
20/03/23		Pelican Spring Concert
WC 21/03/23		Neurodiversity Celebration Week
21/03/23		World Poetry Day
24/02/23		Arts Cafe
WC 27/03/23		Interschool competition (Gymnastics)
29/03/23		Winning House Reward
30/03/23		Easter Egg Rolling
31/03/23	9am	Easter Service in Church
31/03/23	2pm	**End of term**