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.

4th September 2024

Welcome back everyone; I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. I would like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new children, families and staff who join our school this year; we are delighted that you have chosen St Peter's and we very much look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months.

As you will see from the attached dates list, we have lots of exciting events and enrichment opportunities planned for the year ahead. The list will be uploaded onto the school website, and will be added to as the year progresses and additional trips and events are planned.

Also attached to this newsletter is our parent information booklet, which we update annually. Please take time to read through the information provided; please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Vision and Values

Our vision statement and values are displayed on our website. This week we will spend time focusing upon our vision and values.

The holistic character of our vision is reflected in six values — **courage**, **perseverance**, **kindness**, **service**, **respect**, and **thankfulness** — which are embedded in practices across the school. These values provide a framework that is rooted in the Christian tradition, but are inclusive and accessible to all, to support our commitment to enable the flourishing of all pupils. By deliberately and intentionally cultivating these values, we seek to ensure that, as individuals and as a school community, we shine in our lives together, and our works give glory to God.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Miss Miller who married her fiancé Stephen Ward on Saturday 3rd August. Miss Miller will continue to use her maiden name whilst at school. On behalf of the St Peter's school community, I would like to wish the new Mr and Mrs Ward every happiness for their future lives together.

Behaviour

During the latter part of last year, we trialled the introduction of 4 new school rules, which were chosen following consultation with staff members and the children. Our aim is that our rules are clear and easy for the children to remember:

- We are respectful
- We are kind
- We will listen
- We are safe

The children will be supported to follow the rules as outlined in our updated behaviour policy, which will shortly be uploaded to the website once it has Governor approval.

We believe that if the children follow these four simple rules, they will be demonstrating positive learning behaviours which will support their academic development. Following these rules will also help to ensure that our school environment is one where everyone is valued, respected and treated with kindness, just as Jesus taught us.

Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of our pupils is the responsibility of every staff member at St Peter's. Regular training is provided to all of our staff to ensure they are able to act swiftly, effectively and compassionately should they be made aware of a safeguarding concern. This academic year, Mrs Noonan will continue in the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead. Miss Milligan and I will continue in the role of Deputy Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Hester Carro and Miss Siobhan Murray will remain as our Safeguarding Governors.

Update/General Housekeeping

PE lessons and Spanish lessons will commence this week. We are delighted to welcome back Mr Moura, our PE Coach, who took some time off last term due to ill health. Ms Jensen returns as our Spanish teacher and will be working the equivalent of one day per week, but will be splitting her hours across two days – Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please note that children attending after-school sports clubs will be required to wear their school PE kit; other kits or items such as football shirts should not be worn in school.
Please send a full water bottle into school with your child each day. These bottles should only contain water; juice and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.
Toys are not allowed in school; please ensure that they are kept safely at home.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing the correct school uniform (see website for details) and with all of the equipment they require for the school day.
At the end of the school day, children will be brought to the following gates and dismissed by their class teachers at the following times (see below). We have staggered the collection times slightly to reduce congestion at the gates and to support parents/carers who have to collect more than one child. For health and safety reasons, please can we ask that you move away from the school gate as soon as you have collected your child, to ensure that there is adequate space on the pavement for people to pass by.

Time	Main Playground Gate	Main School Gate	Reception Gate
3:20			Reception
3:25	Year 2		Year 1
3:30	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 4 and Year 6	

Open Classroom

Please come along to our Open Classroom event on **Thursday 12th September**. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to meet your child's class teacher and view their classroom. All of the classrooms will be open between 3.45pm and 5.00pm, so you can call in at a time which is convenient for you.

Attendance

Attached is a list of term dates; 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.

Punctuality

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 ensure that your child arrives on time, as arriving late is not only disruptive and often upsetting for your child, but can also disrupt the learning of others. 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.

Clubs

A clubs list for this term will be sent out at the end of the week. Clubs will resume week commencing **16th September**. Please note that during the weeks when our extra-curricular clubs are not running, JAG will extend their provision from 3.30pm until 6.00pm.

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 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.

Instagram

Please follow us **@stpetersschoolw6** and remember to like our posts!

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

Diary Dates

02/09/24		**INSET Day**
03/09/24		**INSET Day**
04/09/24		**Children to return to school**
September		East and South Asian Heritage Month
05/09/24		Vision and Values Day
11/09/24	5pm	Year 5 PGL Meeting
12/09/24	3.30pm – 5pm	Open Classroom Event
WC 16/09/24		**Clubs to restart**
17/09/24	5pm	Reception Phonics Meeting