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.

**8th November 2024**

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. Today we reach the end of the first week of this seven week half term. Despite it being completely exhausting for everyone, this is always my favourite half term of the school year. The clocks have gone back so the nights are drawing in, Bonfire Night is over for another year, and the countdown to Christmas is on – which is always such a magical time in school. The children in Reception and Key Stage One will soon begin learning the songs and lines for this year's Nativity play. Before long, sounds of our favourite Christmas carols will be heard along St Peter's Road and - thanks to our supportive PTA and wonderful parent body - plans for the Christmas Fair and our Family Disco are now well underway.

Just a few quick reminders:

- In celebration of Odd Socks Day - an annual event that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion - we would like all of the children to come to school wearing odd socks on **Tuesday 12th November**.
- Our parent evening meetings are scheduled to take place on **Monday 11th** and **Tuesday 12th** November. For those new to the school, please note that the meetings take place in the **Scott Hall**. We are happy for children to accompany their parents to the meetings, but ask for health and safety reasons that they remain seated with their parents, or another adult, at all times. All children remain the responsibility of their parents and carers if they attend this event. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.
- On **Friday 15th November**, we will be supporting the BBC Children In Need day. Children are allowed to come into school in their own clothes on this day. A payment item will be set up on Parent Mail for those wishing to make a donation towards this very worthy cause.
- Also on **Friday 15th November,** all of the children will be assisting with the planting of bulbs in St Peter's Square. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to demonstrate the value of service by contributing positively to the local community. **Children are encouraged to bring old trainers or boots to wear for this event, as it might be muddy in the square**. If you have a trowel, which you are happy to send into school for use on this day, it would be greatly appreciated – please ensure that any boots or trowels which are sent into school are clearly labelled, so that we can return them to their rightful owners at the end of the day. Thank you.

**DT Day**

Yesterday the entire school participated in our first DT day of the academic year. The theme for the day was Food. Throughout the day, the children learnt about where food comes from, what is meant by a balanced nutritional diet and how to prepare a range of food safely. The children were all given a design brief and followed this to make their own healthy snack, which ranged from fruit kebabs in

Reception, bread making in Year 3 to sushi rolls in Year 6. The food was delicious, and the children had a truly enjoyable day. More details and photographs to follow in our DT newsletter. Special thanks to Mrs Noonan and Miss Birkett for organising the day and to Chef Chloe for all of her hard work in helping to make the day such a great success!

**Nutrition Workshop**

Continuing the food theme, on Wednesday Year 4 enjoyed a science workshop led by medical students from Imperial College London, focusing upon nutrition. The session began with a discussion about different food types and the recommended portions for a balanced diet. Following this, the children had the chance to design their own healthy breakfast cereals. They also explored food packaging, learned about the traffic light labelling system, and discussed how these tools can help them make informed choices to support a healthy diet.

**Year 2 Class Assembly**

On Thursday 24th October, our Year 2 children delighted us with a Black History inspired class assembly. The focus for their assembly was Henry Box Brown, an enslaved man from Virginia who escaped to freedom at the age of 33 by arranging to have himself mailed in a wooden crate in 1849 to abolitionists in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The children were incredible and performed with such confidence, passion and eloquence, it was a joy to watch them in action. Thank you to Miss Edmondson and the Year 2 team for their hard work in supporting the children with this event. Silent cheers all round!

**Excelente Trabajo**

At the end of last half term Miss Jensen, our Spanish teacher, selected one child from each class for a special award in recognition of their hard work in Spanish. Huge felicidades to the following children: Grace (Reception), Ella (Year 1), Redd (Year 2), Ruby (Year 3), Isaiah (Year 4), Nicky (Year 5) and Marta (Year 6).

**Inter-house Sports Competition**

During the week commencing 21st October, Mr Moura organised a serious of inter-house football competitions for the children, which encourages team work and allows the children the opportunity to represent their house team in a competitive sporting event. Lots of points were earned by all four teams throughout the day for sporting performance, and for those demonstrating good sports-personship. I am delighted to announce that the winning house for the tournament was Rock with a very impressive 92 points. The next inter-house tournament is scheduled for later this half term, when our four house teams will have the opportunity to compete again; this time the focus will be dodgeball.

**Year 4 on tour!**

On Tuesday 5th November, the children in Year 4 visited Fulham Palace to participate in a Vikings workshop in support of their history work this term. During the visit, the children explored letters in Old English, tried on a range of Viking clothing, examined and discussed various artefacts and even rowed in a Viking ship! The children were wonderful ambassadors for our school and embraced all of the actitivies with gusto. A truly wonderful and enriching day for all.

Prior to this on Tuesday 22nd October, Year 4 went on a rivers trip organised by Urbanwise, to deepen their understanding of rivers. They began in the classroom, examining aerial images of the Thames and discussing how the river has changed over time. Following on from this, the children went on a riverside walk to observe the Thames first hand, making their way to Hammersmith Bridge. The class discussed various features of the river and compared their observations of the riverside buildings to the images of the same buildings as they appeared 100 years ago. Furthermore, the children participated in a discussion about pollution, and conducted a survey of any litter visible on the drawdocks and foreshore. They also paid close attention to the wildlife and were very lucky to spot a

heron on their way back to school. A morning filled with lots of exciting learning, supporting their geography work this term. Well done Year 4.

**A couple of polite reminders…**

Please ensure that you arrive promptly to collect your children at the end of the school day or after their school club. Unfortunately, since the start of term we have had a number of parents arriving late to collect their children. If you are unable to collect your child on time, then we would ask that you arrange for another parent to collect your child (and inform the school of this arrangement) or that you book your child a place at JAG, as we do not have staff available after 4.30pm to supervise uncollected children.

We have also noted that a number of parents, who are intending for their children to go to JAG, are forgetting to make the necessary booking, which is causing a lot of confusion and additional work for my staff team. Please ensure that if you want your child to go to JAG, that you book the required session/s online in advance so that JAG staff know to collect your child after their school club.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding with regard to these matters.

**Better Late than Never, but Better Never Late!**

We closely monitor the punctuality rates of the children with the support of Cathy Sciueref 'H&F Attendance Officer', to whom we are required to make referrals for those who persistently arrive late to school.

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 half term, 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.

**Attendance**

Monitoring attendance is part of our statutory duty, we are committed to working with you all to ensure that the children are attending school on a regular basis.

A copy of the term dates for this academic year and the academic year 2024 -2025 have been sent out to all parents and carers, these dates are also available to view on the school website. Today we attach a copy of the term dates for next academic year 2025-2026; these have also been uploaded to the school website. 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.**

**Please see below our attendance percentages for the two weeks before half term:**

| | Week commencing 14th Oct. | Week commencing 21st Oct. |
|---|---|---|
| Reception | **99.3%** | **95.7%** |
| Year 1 | **100%** | **95.7%** |
| Year 2 | **98.7%** | **93.0%** |
| Year 3 | **98.3%** | **95.0%** |
| Year 4 | **94.3%** | **96.7%** |
| Year 5 | **97.3%** | **95.7%** |
| Year 6 | **98.7%** | **96.7%** |

**House Points**

Class earning the most house points to 25th October: **Year 4 class**

| | House points 25/10/24 | Total |
|---|---|---|
| **Cross** | **283** | **1540** |
| **Fisher** | **253** | **1468** |
| **Rock** | **268** | **1555** |
| **Keys** | **264** | **1605** |

**Headteacher's Award**

| | 25th October | 8th November |
|---|---|---|
| Reception | **Sebastian & Hugo** | **Edmund & Grace** |
| Year 1 | **Jocelyn & Elsie** | **Florence & Freddie** |
| Year 2 | **Archie & Chara** | **Clara & Georgina** |
| Year 3 | **Martha & Felix** | **Alex & Josephine** |
| Year 4 | **Louanne & Poppy** | **Pawel & Sylvia** |
| Year 5 | **Tom & Milena** | **Bart & Amie** |
| Year 6 | **Whole class for swimming** | **Maya & Otto** |

**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 October – Lola & Ruby (YR), George (Y1), Leonora (Y2), Hunter (Y3), Thibault (Y4)**
**8th November – Allan (YR), Freddie (Y1), Martha & Evalyn (Y3), Alexander (Y6)**

**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 that 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 on @stpetersschoolw6 and show your support for our school by liking our posts. Thank you!

**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

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| W/C 11/11/24 | | National Anti-bullying Week |
| 11/11/24 | 4pm – 7pm | Parents Evening |
| 12/11/24 | | Odd Socks Day – children and staff to wear odd socks to school |
| 12/11/24 | 3.40pm – 6pm | Parents Evening |
| 13/11/24 | | World Kindness Day |
| 14/11/24 | | Poetry Recital |
| 15/11/24 | | BBC Children in Need Day |
| 21/11/24 | | **Year 4 Class Assembly** |
| 21/11/24 | | **PTA Movie Night** |
| 03/12/24 | | International Day of People with Disabilities |
| 07/12/24 | | **PTA Christmas Fair** |
| WC 09/12/24 | | Interschool sports competition (Dodgeball) |
| 12/12/24 | | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12/12/24 | | School Christmas lunch |
| 17/12/24 | 10am & 2pm | Nativity Play – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 |
| 17/12/24 | 4pm | Carols by Candlelight Key Stage Two |
| 18/12/24 | | Winning House Reward |
| 19/12/24 | 9.30am | Christmas Quiz Key Stage Two |
| 19/12/24 | 1.30pm | Christmas Party Reception and Key Stage One |
| 20/12/24 | 9am | Christmas Service in Church |
| 20/12/24 | 2pm | **End of term** |