Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world
*"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."- Micah 6 v. 8*

**8th October 2021**

October has arrived and the nights are steadily starting to draw in, where did September go? Strictly Come Dancing is back on our TV screens, which can only mean one thing… the countdown to Christmas is on. Miss Murphy and I have already started discussing this year's Nativity play and the PTA have begun making plans to ensure that our Christmas Fair is bigger and better than ever to make up for the fact that we were unable to have a summer fair this year. Please note that our Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 4th December**.

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

We have just been informed that schools will benefit from the extra bank holiday which has been awarded on account of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As the additional bank holiday awarded this year falls within our half term, we have been advised by the local authority that we are allowed to add an additional holiday date to our school calendar. In light of this, we have chosen to extend our May half term by one day, therefore children will now return to school on **Wednesday 8th June 2022,** rather than **Tuesday 7th June 2022** as previously stated. This means that we all get an extended half term break, which will allow any families wishing to book a holiday slightly outside of the term dates, to do so without their child missing time in the classroom, e.g. from Tuesday to Tuesday etc. Obviously, we will expect all children to have returned from their holiday and be back at school on **Wednesday 8th June** ready to begin the final half term of the academic year.

**Team St Peter's!**

Huge congratulations to Miss Cook and Mr Rob, who cycled 62 miles on Sunday from London to Brighton in aid of Women V Cancer. Miss Cook completed the journey, her furthest cycle to date, in 5 hours and 4 minutes. Mr Rob agreed to participate in this cycle one day before the event, without any training at all. Fuelled only by willpower and determination (and of course the two Weetabix he ate in the morning!) Mr Rob completed the course in a very impressive 6 hours 3 minutes.
Congratulations also to Mr Thomas for completing the Ealing Half Marathon in an amazing 1 hour 34 minutes.
We are so proud of you all, and so fortunate to have such an inspirational staff team here at St Peter's!

**Sports Newsletter**

Continuing with the sporting theme, please look out for our Sports Newsletter, which will be sent out to you all on a monthly basis; the first copy was sent out last week and a copy is also available on the website. This month, Mr Correia, our new sports coach, has written a short article introducing himself to the St Peter's community, plus there are two personal accounts written by members of our Mayors Cup football team describing their thoughts and feelings as they faced their first match as part of the school team. In addition to this, there is information about our recent involvement in the Year 5 and Year 6 Quad's Kids tournament and our sporting stars of the month are announced.

**Black History Month**

For this year's Black History Month study, we have decided to dedicate each week of learning to a specific theme. The first week focuses upon black sporting Olympians, whose discipline and skill has helped to shape sport as we know it today.

The following week will celebrate black writers and poets; each year group will explore the narrative and features of an age appropriate book.

The final week will be filled with a broad range of activities; there will be a strong emphasis upon black British history and the local community. Moreover, we will explore and celebrate iconic black politicians, scientists, activists, philosophers and many more.

On Thursday 21st October, we will invite pupils and staff to wear red to show their support for the advancement of the anti-racism movement. At its core is education, so at St Peter's, as well as showing our alliance, we will be taking part in age appropriate anti-racism workshops within our classrooms.

For more information, please see the Black History Month Overview and the Significant Figures Document accompanying this newsletter. Special thanks to Miss Cook for co-ordinating our Black History Month timetable and to Natasha (mum to Zai and Remi) for her ongoing support.

**Fantastic Year 4**

Last Thursday, the children from Year 4 delighted everyone with their incredible assembly based around the Roald Dahl classic Fantastic Mr Fox. The children delivered their lines and acted their parts with such confidence it was a joy to watch. Sadly, I was unable to be present at the actual performance but I did watch it from the comfort of my office via the wonders of modern technology. This is our first assembly of the academic year and Year 4 have certainly set a very high bar for the other classes to follow – well done Year 4! Thank you to Miss Cook and Miss Simpson-Orlebar for their hard work, and also to Mr Thomas for his ongoing technical support.

**PGL**

Year 5 have washed off the final traces of mud and have settled back into their daily routine following their exciting adventures at PGL where they enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities, including giant swing, archery, climbing and raft building. During the three-day trip, the enthusiasm of the children shone through, they tried their best at all times and even took a few risks, particularly with the adrenalin inducing activities! The behaviour of the children was exemplary and their team spirit and support for one another was evident throughout all aspects of the trip. Rawdon said 'PGL was brilliant fun. My favourite activity was the giant swing and I loved being away with my friends.'

Please check out the Year 5 class blog on the school website to see lots of photographs taken on the trip. Special thanks to Mr Thomas, Miss Royer and Mrs Bell for accompanying the children on the trip this year.

**National Poetry Day**

In celebration of National Poetry Day, Miss Murphy arranged for Kat Francois to come into school to lead poetry workshops with the children. The majority of her sessions focused around Roald Dahl texts, which the children had been reading in class. The children had a wonderful time, creating rhymes and illustrations centred around the poems. Kat is always a firm favourite at St Peter's and will be returning to school again before half term, in order to support our Black History Month celebrations.

**National Fitness Day**

In honour of National Fitness Day, which took place on Wednesday 22nd September, Miss Cook arranged for every year group to run, walk or jog the daily mile, either around the school playground or Ravenscourt Park. The effort shown by every participant was incredible, truly inspiring. Well done St Peter's.

**Harvest**

Thank you to everyone who joined our Harvest service last Monday. Thank you for the incredible number of donations we received this year; your generosity and support is much appreciated. Every donation we received went towards supporting the work of The Upper Room and Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank.

**Mathletics/Spellodrome**

Thank you to the PTA for funding another annual subscription of Mathletics and Spellodrome for every child in the school. Mathletics and Spellodrome are both online learning tools designed to increase your child's confidence and knowledge in Mathematics and Spelling. If you do not have access to your child's log on details, please contact your child's class teacher via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

**Buddy**

Last Friday our Year 6 children were paired up with their Reception class buddies and the children enjoyed their very first buddy reading session together. The children had a wonderful time starting to get to know one another and sharing books from our library together. We look forward to watching these special friendships develop throughout the course of the year.

**Fun Run for Macmillan**

On 24th September, Year 6 set out to run a marathon in their pyjamas as a class, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The children were fantastic; they smashed their target by running over 900 laps of the playground reaching a grand total of **28.9 miles**, making it an ultra-marathon! A huge well done to everyone involved - such a team effort, with the children supporting one another and offering words of encouragement as they ran. Children from the other classes took turns to come outside and cheer on the Year 6 children. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Macmillan Cancer Support to date, the children have raised an impressive £390. If you haven't donated, but would like to do so, the ParentMail donation payment item is still open. Thank you for your support.

**Homework Survey**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent homework survey, we are currently analysing the responses received. In addition to parental responses, we have also decided to gather the views of the children, and to do a little research into how other schools similar to ours overcome the homework challenge! We will come back to you shortly with our findings and next steps. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Phonics Meeting**

Thank you to all of the Reception parents who joined our phonics sessions with Miss Miller. We hope that you found the session useful, and that you managed to pick up some helpful tips, which will

enable you to support your child with their word knowledge and reading as they progress throughout the year.

**Quick Plea**

Please can we ask that you do not bring dogs up to the school gate, as there are a number of very nervous children (and adults) who do not like walking past them, as they try to manoeuvre their way into or out of the school site at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**House Points**

| | 24/9/21 | 1/10/21 | 8/10/21 |
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| Cross | **449** | **651** | **335** |
| Fisher | **521** | **466** | **413** |
| Rock | **357** | **986** | **528** |
| Keys | **455** | **771** | **620** |

**Headteacher's Award**

| | 24/9/21 | 1/10/21 | 8/10/21 |
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| Reception | **Josephine & Katie** | **Carter & Alex** | **Ella & Martha** |
| Year 1 | **Lola & Pawel** | **Clara & Tom** | **Thibault & Imo** |
| Year 2 | **Otto & Lucy** | **Serenity & Zoe** | **Charlie B & Becca** |
| Year 3 | **Eliagh & Kennedy** | **Elsa G and Oskar** | **Sipara & George** |
| Year 4 | **Poppy D & Ariella** | **Isabella on behalf of Y4** | **Thomas & Alba** |
| Year 5 | **PGL** | **Juliet & Jack** | **Elisa & Bella** |
| Year 6 | **Dina & Amalia** | **Louie & Matylda** | **Mattia & Amaiya** |

**Citizenship Award**

Our Citizenship Award is given in recognition of acts of kindness and good citizenship which have been demonstrated around the school. Currently we are looking for nominations for children who have displayed acts of **compassion,** as this is the Christian Value as a school we are focusing upon this half term.

**24th September – Miss Cook (Y4), Lucy (YR), Cosmo (Y2), Louanne (Y1), Georgie (Y3)**
**1st October – Dolly (Y4), Miss S-O (Y4), Alfie (Y3), Francesco & Poppy (Y1)**
**8th October – Esme (Y5), Isabella & Eliza (Y4), Martha (Y3), Amber (Y1), Henry, Giorgio & Hetty (Y6) and Sabine (Y2)**

**Punctuality**

We are delighted with the success of the introduction to the soft start at the beginning of the school day. 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.

**Medicines in School**

If your child is required to take prescribed medicine during the school day, please ensure that it is given in 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 medications in their bags.

**Term Dates**

Term dates for the academic year are published on our 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. Thank you for your continued support.

**Website**

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk this will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher.

**Finally**

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak 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.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Frazer

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| 01/10/21 | | Black History Month |
| 14/10/21 | 9am | Year 5 Class Assembly |
| WC 18/10/21 | | Interschool competition (Football) |
| 21/10/21 | | Show Racism the Red Card - children and staff to wear red to school |
| 22/10/21 | | **INSET Day** |
| WC 25/10/21 | | Half Term |
| 04/11/21 | | Poetry Recital |
| 08/11/21 | 4pm – 7pm | Parents Evening |
| 09/11/21 | 3.30pm – 6pm | Parents Evening |
| 10/11/21 | | DT Day 1 |
| 11/11/21 | 9am | Year 6 Class Assembly |
| WC 15/11/21 | | National Anti-bully Week |
| 15/11/21 | | Odd Socks Day – children and staff to wear odd socks to school |
| 18/11/21 | | **PTA Movie Night** |
| 24/11/21 | | Year 6 theatre trip |
| 25/11/21 | 9am | Year 3 Class Assembly |
| 04/12/21 | | **PTA Christmas Fair** |