Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world.

***"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."* – Micah 6 v. 8**

19th March 2021

I can't even begin to tell you how wonderful it is to have all of the children back in school together again. It was lovely to speak to them all and hear about how excited they were to be back with their friends. They have all settled beautifully back into the swing of school life again and there is such a lovely, happy buzz around the school.

Throughout this term, we will continue to focus on the children's wellbeing and mental health, to help ensure that they are all settled, focused and flourishing. Over the past two weeks, we have had careful conversations with the children about the importance of looking out for each other, encouraging each other and helping their friends, and talking to a trusted adult if they feel worried about anything.

Our teachers, TAs & LSAs have been working extra hard to support the children's return to school, and have all been making sure that it has been a very successful one. They have also been making sure that the learning environments within the school are welcoming and of an outstanding quality – the school looks wonderful. We cannot wait to be able to invite you back into classrooms again and share with you in-person all of the wonderful learning which is happening!

Easter is a time of hope, and we are hopeful that this transition marks the start of the end of these restrictions. Life at St Peter's is usually a whirlwind, and we greatly look forward to being able to return to that, and hopefully soon being able to resume many of the lovely things which this time of year brings.

Red Nose Day

A very big thank you to our School Council and Mrs Adcock for organising Red Nose Day - the School Council also created some excellent posters to help publicise the event. All of the children enjoyed dressing up in their own clothes, with many sporting mad hair too! Reception class seemed to have gone all-out with the costumes: we've had vets, princesses, superheroes and a policeman who's been helping to keep them all in check! We enjoyed a very colourful Certificate Assembly this morning:

Thank you parents for your generosity in donating too – I will be able to give you a final figure in my next newsletter. All of the money raised will go towards Comic Relief and supporting people in the UK and worldwide.

Library

Our library is such a wonderful resource for our pupils. Since it was officially opened, our pupils have taken out over 5,000 books! We currently have over 3,000 books in our library, but 250 of those are currently overdue by over 30 days, and about 50 in total have been lost or damaged. We kindly ask that you have a careful look at home for any library books, and bring them back to school next week. If we were to lose 300 books a term, our library stock would quickly dwindle, and we want to ensure that our library is enjoyed by future generations to come. Thank you all for your support and understanding with this.

Parents' Evening

Next week, we will be holding our parents' evenings on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd March. Please do make sure you've signed up for a slot via ParentMail, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Punctuality and Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is at 98.08%, which is amazing. Very regular handwashing and hand-sanitising has had a positive impact on the number of colds which tend to be spread during the winter months.

We want to ensure that as well as having amazing attendance, all of our children have amazing punctuality and are arriving at school on-time. We do understand that it does take some time for the children to get back into the swing of the school routine, but please do try to make sure that your child is at school on time in the morning. Being late really does disrupt your child's learning, and the learning in the classroom. When children are late, they miss the beginning of their lessons - the most important part.

We are also currently limiting the number of visitors on-site, and we kindly ask that you remember to hand over water bottles and items such as PE kits, for the same reasons. To get items to children's classrooms, the TA needs to come and collect it, and this disrupts the learning considerably.

We hugely appreciate your support with this and thank you for your understanding.

Bikes and Scooters

While the current restrictions are in-place, we kindly continue to ask that bikes and scooters are only brought to school if being used to avoid public transport, or by children travelling independently. Thank you.

House Points

	12th March	19th March	Running Total (for this term)
Rock	372	501	873
Fisher	329	539	868
Cross	317	428	745
Keys	288	493	781

Acting Headteacher's Award

	12th March	19th March
Reception	Amber and Evie	Isaiah and George
Year 1	Charlie and Jamil	Otto and Alfie
Year 2	Susannah and Elsa G	Alexander and Otto
Year 3	Jago and Remi	Isabella and George
Year 4	Giselle and Emily	Ivy and Carla
Year 5	Milo and Hetty	Dina and Seb
Year 6	Archie and Oskar	Henry and Alex

Citizenship Award

Children can be nominated for a Citizenship Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. Currently, we are looking for nominations for children who have displayed acts of **wisdom,** as this is the Christian Value as a school we are focusing upon this half term.

12th March – Sapphira (Year 6), Yabsra (Year 6), Rawdon (Year 4), Alba (Year 3), Max's mum (Year 1), Eliona (Year 5) and Miss Child (Reception)

19th March – Tom (Year 5), Alexander (Year 2), Avestan (Year 2), Eliona (Year 5), Isabelle S (Year 5), Florence (Year 5), Esme (Year 4), Horatio (Year 3) and Toby (Year 1)

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.

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page at www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

The blogs are updated weekly by the class teacher, and they will share information about what the children have been learning about this week, celebrate success, and share with you what will be learnt next week.

We also have a Twitter account which you can find here:

https://twitter.com/St_Peters_CE

Please do give us a follow!

Finally…

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to myself, Mrs Noonan or your child's class teacher. We are always here to help and believe greatly in the importance of good communication between home and school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Zalar

Acting Headteacher

Dates for the Half Term

22/03/21	4pm – 7pm	Parents' Evening (Virtual)
23/03/21	3.30pm – 6pm	Parents' Evening (Virtual)
25/03/21	9am	Year 6 Class Assembly (Virtual)
29/03/21		Year 6 virtual TfL Safety & Citizenship workshop
30/03/21		Winning House Reward
31/03/21		Easter Egg Rolling
01/04/21	9am	Easter Service (Virtual)
01/04/21	2pm	**End of term**