

ST PETER'S C OF E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Dear Parents

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you all had a joyous Christmas and enjoyable New Year and I would like to welcome you back to school with some updates.

Class News

Nursery Pupils have enjoyed making their Christmas cards and learning the Christmas story. They enjoyed making space ships as part of their space topic and story of Whatever Next! and shared some lovely songs with their parents this week to celebrate Christmas.

Reception As part of their topic about nocturnal animals, pupils enjoyed lots of work around the Owl Babies story and had a visit from a man with lots of real owls for them to learn about. Just before Christmas children had a trip to Leeds Minster to learn about the Christmas story and look at all the life size nativity figures.

Year One. As part of their science topic about their bodies children enjoyed a trip to Thackray Medical Museum. They have also taken part in some road safety training and learned about crossing the road safely.

Year Two As part of their topic about toys pupils had a visit and workshop at Abbey House Museum where they handled and looked at toys from the past. Guy Fawkes also visited them to teach about the Gun Powder Plot and brought lots of exciting objects to share. Children really enjoyed a trip to Leeds Minster to explore different materials they had been learning about in science.

Year Three Children experienced a real bonfire tradition to help them learn about Bonfire Night. They really enjoyed the toffee and jacket potatoes. They have recently enjoyed the story, Coming Home, and learned lots of facts about Robins as part of their Christmas topic.

Year Four An Egyptian workshop provided a real highlight for year 4 to enhance their history topic last term. The children also took part in road safety training and joined in with some tree planting in the local area. Year Four enjoyed a visit to Moortown Baptist Church for a workshop about Christmas where they made tea light holders and took part in a Christmas quiz.

Year Five Pupils enjoyed a trip to Leeds City Museum as part of their topic about the Ancient Greeks. As part of their science topic the children experienced a planetarium in school which allowed them to view planets and stars inside a giant dome. Children had a fantastic day of activities at Herd farm including climbing, team games and outdoor challenges.

Year Six Children enjoyed learning about rivers and floods last term and how cities can be protected. They also studied the traditional story of Baboushka and produced some wonderful art work about it.



Other News

Football Our football team have played four league games this term and have won two, drawn one and lost one. The team are in the third round of the cup and will continue to have league games this term. Many thanks to Mr Robertson and Mr Leigh for their brilliant support of the team and to all the players who train and take part.

Governors Many thanks to all our governors who have been into school during this half term to visit classes and talk to staff about the school priorities this year. They give a great deal of their own time up to support our school. Our parent governors are Gilda Smith-Leigh (parent of Seth in year 6) and Seng-Mai Bickle, (parent of Jasper in year 2 and Lily in year 5).

Road Safety Throughout this term we have had a variety of workshops running in school to teach pupils about road safety. The children have been taught about crossing roads safely and how to be visible, particularly at night.

Flu Vaccines We were delighted that so many of our pupils took up the free vaccine across school to help them stay healthy over the winter.

Fashion Club trip Many thanks to Mr Guthrie and Miss Trew for organising another excellent trip to Leeds College of Art where pupils took part in a workshop and met fashion students.

Parent's Evening It was good to see so many parents at our recent parent's evening. I hope you found the information useful and enjoyed looking through your child's work. Many thanks to everyone who bought a book at our book sale. School council managed to raise £200 during the sale.

Rotary Performance Last term the children were invited to sing some songs for the Rotary Club in Headingley and an elderly people's home. They really were a pleasure to listen to and we were delighted to receive a special cheque from Rotary towards the improvements of our allotment and growing area.

British Legion Many thanks to all of you who encouraged your children to buy a poppy. The proceeds have been sent to the British Legion.

Lateness and Absence Reporting Attendance figures for this academic year so far average at 98.9%, which is very good. We were delighted to receive a shield for winning the attendance award for November within our local area. Out of all the schools in the Inner East Cluster, our school had the highest rate for the month. Thank you to all the parents who make sure their child's attendance and punctuality is a priority.

School Closures If school needs to close due to extreme weather we will send parents a text and an announcement will be made on BBC Radio Leeds and Radio Aire. Information is also available on the Leeds City Council and Radio Aire websites. If you have recently changed your mobile phone number please let us know at school.

Christmas Church Service The whole school attended a lovely Christmas service at Leeds Minster. It was a wonderful occasion with readings and the Christmas story and gave the children an opportunity to look at all the life size nativity figures.

Christmas Concerts KS1 performed There's Something Amazing Going On and those of you who came to see it will agree the children sang, danced and read beautifully. KS2 presented a beautiful medley of carols, along with performances by the steel pans and recorder groups. The singing in both concerts was wonderful and I would like to thank all the parents who joined in so enthusiastically to make the events so happy and uplifting.

Gold Award

All children who receive certificates each week will have their picture displayed in the entrance hall. Their achievements are also recorded in the gold book. Do feel free to come in and look at the achiever's notice board. Below is a list of achievers for this half term

CONGRATULATIONS

Class 1	Atal Wardak	Rynad Ahmed	Class 2	Abigail Kidane
Abigail Binyam	Holly Hilbert	Dan Mehretab	Class 5	Aaron Tchantcheu-Djikingue
Makhi Lea	Xavier Harriott	Nasia Ahmed	Yonatan Measho	Phillip Elias
Basilios Yonas	Eyouel Yonas	David Oke	Nathan Fisseha	Natty Tadessa
Class 4	Ara Baki	Samuel Ibeh	Lois Ankomah-Serebour	Maria Suliman
Anderson Anunobi	Seyi Olaniyi	Kaleb Tadessa	Camron Matthews	Mercy Amanuel
Filimon Teclmamanot	Goncalo Jordao	Nazrawit Flimon	Mya Smithen	Trhas Medhane
Yafeat Kahssay	Jedidah Asgedom	Ben Weru	Misael Samiel	Tomas Kiflay
Elana Simon	Aaron Michael	Dagmawi Negash	Sam George	Yousef Ghafari
Nathan Simon	Sinar Tesfalem	Bree Wilson	Tinsae Amanuel	Daniel Malecama
Horeb Tesfalem	Aaliya Kurian	Ella Mason	Remell Penant	Tiara Manuel
Ife Alabi	Lucas Keflemariam	Isaac Weldedlesa	Shemaiah Majoni	Naomi Paulos
Riley Harris-Stephen	Elta Mulubrhan	Shalom Oyakhilomen	Peniel Obeng	Yasmin Malecama
Jason Bravo	Kinzy Moussi	Mansour Shurkian		

Forthcoming Events

These events will be coming up over the next half term and you will receive more information about them nearer the time

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 9 th January	Swimming for years 3 and 4 starts again Football match at Kippax after school
Wednesday 10 th January	Class 1 trip to Skelton grange Environmental Centre
Wednesday 17 th January	Class 5 Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 24 th January	Class 6 trip to Thwaite Mill
Wednesday 31 st January	Class 2 Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 6 th February	Class 2 trip to Skelton Grange Environmental Centre
Thursday 8 th February	Class 4 over night residential to Lineham Farm
Friday 9 th February	Rotary Recital Final at 2.00pm Break Up for Half Term holiday
Monday 19 th February	Back to School
Wednesday 21 st February	Wednesday Worship with Canon Sam
Wednesday 28 th February	Class 3 trip to Murton Park for Romans Day
Wednesday 7 th March	Class 3 Assembly Class 4 trip to Temple Newsam
Friday 16 th March	Training Day - school closed
Wednesday 21 st March	Class 5 trip to Abbey House Museum Class 1 Assembly
Tuesday 27 th March Wednesday 28 th March	Parent's Evening
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Service 2pm Break up for Easter Holiday

On behalf of everyone at St Peter's, I wish you a Peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E.J.Holliday
Headteacher