

ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Ofsted Inspection

On 21st March Her Majesty's Inspector Jonathan Smart completed a one day Ofsted Inspection at our school. It will be several weeks before we have an outcome from the inspection.



As always we are very grateful for the on-going loyalty and commitment of children, parents and staff. You make our school the wonderful place it is to learn.

Preparing for First Holy Communion

Our Year 3 children are continuing in their preparations for First Holy Communion which will take place on 18th May

On Sunday 23rd March, the children took part in a Family Mass in Church. On Tuesday 26th March, the children took part in a First Forgiveness Liturgy. Both were very reflective and moving celebrations. The children, through their reading, signing, dance and singing, really did make the celebrations very special.

School Council Cake Sale

A big thank you to our School Council for their fundraising this term. They held a cake sale which was very popular with children and staff alike. We are very grateful to our families for the baking and generous donations. The cakes were delicious. The School Council will now decide how best to spend money raised.

World Book Day

Our children had great fun celebrating World Book Day in March. The children either dressed as favourite book characters or to "snuggle up with a good book." They thoroughly enjoyed sharing their favourite books with their class mates. The children also created a highly entertaining whole school story which was shared at the end of the day.

Quiz Fun

Thanks to the hard work of Frost and Mike Fazzle Dazzle, we enjoyed a highly entertaining Smart Phone Quiz Night this term. The event was very well attended raising much needed funds to subsidize our residential trips and First Holy Communion party. I know those who attended are eager to return for a rematch with many reporting that they had never laughed so much!



Oaklands and Barnstondale

The excitement is building now for our residential trips. Year 6 will go to Oaklands Outdoor Adventure Centre from 24th to 26th April. Year 5 will go to Barnstondale Centre from 7th to 9th of May. Parents are reminded that all permission forms, updated contact details and contributions towards the costs of the trips must be made before the trip takes place.



Learning Together

A big thank you to all our parents who have been able to support our workshops and clubs this half term. I know that year 6 really appreciated you coming along to our SAT and Chat to learn more about the SAT testing that will take place in May. Our year 1 children were also really pleased that you were able to come to their Phonics Family Fun.

Keeping Our Children Safety on Line

In a world of constantly changing technology, it is ever important to keep our children safe on-line. I would like to thank our families for continued vigilance in monitoring the children's on-line behaviour and safety. CEOP have a range of new resources to help you in this task. A new resource called Jessie and Friends is particularly useful to help parents of infant children in discussing E- Safety. If you would like any further advice upon ways to keep your children safe on line, please contact school or visit the CEOP Thinkuknow website at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Summer Attendance Drive!

We will be introducing HERO across the school for the whole of the summer term. All children are eligible to participate if they achieve 100% attendance and 100% punctuality every day from now until the last day in July. All 100%ers will be entered into a draw for a £50 cash prize. Children will receive stickers each week on their personal attendance charts. Please be a HERO!



Keeping Active

Our children have had great fun this half term exploring different types of dance.

On 15th March, all of our children, teachers and parents were given the chance to take part in Irish dancing workshops. The children really enjoyed these sessions. Praise should be given to all for the enthusiasm and skill shown. We clearly have some very talented dancers in our midst.

On 19th March our infant children and year 3 children spent the morning at Tranmere Rovers taking part in dance and football workshops. Again the children really enjoyed the opportunity to develop and practice dance and football skills. A big thank you must go to our wonderful parents who came along to help. Without your help we would not be able to take the children out of school to these events.

Congratulations must go to the year 5 and 6 children who took part in a recent football tournament at Ridgeway High School. It was wonderful to see the sportsmanship, enthusiasm and resilience of our children. Unfortunately we were only allowed to take a small team to this event. It is hoped that many more children will be given the opportunity to attend this kind of tournament in the coming months.

Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following: white or blue shirt or blouse, tartan skirt or pinafore or grey trousers, maroon and blue school tie, white or grey socks, maroon cardigan or jumper with sensible black shoes.

As the summer term approaches, children may prefer to wear: white or blue polo shirt and grey shorts or a blue check summer dress with sensible summer shoes or trainers. The preferred school cardigan and jumper remains maroon during the summer.

On sunny days, we ask that you put sun screen on your children before they come to school. The children may also keep sun screen in school. We will store this in class for them to reapply at lunch time. Children can bring sun hats to school.

Can we remind you that the children should have PE kit in school at all times during the term. PE kit consists of a white tee shirt, black or navy shorts and pumps. Trainers may be worn for games lessons outside



Attendance League

Week Ending	First	Second	Winning House
01.03.19	Year 2/3	F2	St Andrew
08.03.19	Year 6	Year 2/3	St George
15.03.19	Year 2/3	F2	St Andrew
22.03.19	Year 2/3	Year 6	St David

29.03.19	School closes to children	3:15pm
15.04.19	School opens to children	8:50am
19.04.19	Good Friday (school closed to children)	All day
22.04.19	Bank holiday (school closed to children)	All day
24.04.19	Year 6 residential to Oakland's	3 days
02.05.19	School closed to children (polling station)	All day
06.05.19	May Day (school closed to children)	All day
07.05.19	Year 5 residential to Barnstondale	3 days
13.05.19	SATS exams	All week
18.05.19	First Holy Communion	
19.05.19	Communion Mass	
20.05.19	Communion Party (in school)	
24.05.19	School closes to children	3:15pm

School Facebook and Website



Our children are very excited to be included on our Facebook business page. If you have not yet had a look, our account can be accessed from our Website. Our school website can be accessed by visiting: stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk. If you no longer wish pictures of your children to be included on these sites, please let us know. More information about our school can be found by visiting our website at stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk or through our Face page. For the best viewing experience, use Google Chrome to view. Thank you to all parents who allow photographs to be shared on our website, Facebook and newsletters. Please contact the office if, for any reason you no longer wish for images of your children to be shared in this way.

Attendance and House League

Could I take this opportunity to remind all parents of the DFE's legislation that any holidays taken during term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances and may lead to prosecution by the Local Authority.

Children from Foundation 2 up, who are entitled to free school meals (not the universal infant free school meal), are always welcome to a free place at our breakfast club.

This has been a very busy half term for us with lots of fun. Can I take this opportunity to thank our children, parents, staff, parish and governors for making our school such a fabulous place to learn. I wish you all a very happy spring holiday!