

# St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Dear families,

We have come to the end of another very busy week in school. Please visit our website to see what we have been up to this week.

[St Peter's Website](#)

### **Choir – Outreach Concert**

Thank you to all the children who gave up their Sunday afternoon to sing at the Outreach Choir Concert at St Peter's Church last weekend. The children, who joined Corpus Christi choir and The Holy Island Ladies Choir were amazing and raised over £1100 for the emergency outreach fund. Well done to all involved.



### **Showcase mornings in school**

Following feedback, it is evident that the showcase mornings in school have been a great success and are both informative and useful for parents in terms of understanding how your child learns at school. This is certainly something that we plan to do again next academic year. In the Autumn term we will deliver our usual Curriculum and Meet the Teacher sessions. Further details to follow in September.

### **Feast of SS Peter and Paul**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, we celebrated the feast of SS Peter and Paul in school. To celebrate the special feast day, we dedicated time to review our mission statement in our pastoral groups thinking about how, as living disciples, we can go forth and keep the mission of our school alive. The Year 4 children started the day by leading us in prayer and we finished the day by having an ice cream. A big thank you to the FOSP for providing ice creams and ice lollies for everyone.



### **Parking outside school**

The safeguarding of all children at St Peter's is of paramount importance. Please ensure that you are not parking on the yellow zig-zags outside of school as it is putting the children in danger. The soft opening from 8.45am means that children have until 9am to arrive at school thus easing congestion outside. If you are running late, please do not 'stop and drop' as this is jeopardising the safety of our children and obviously causing concern for parents and staff in school.

### **Parental Survey**

As we draw to the end of this academic year, please could you take the time to complete a short survey giving us your parent views. In order to continually improve the provision that we offer at St Peter's, it is important that we reflect on current practice and reach out to all our stakeholders. Many thanks in advance for taking the time to do this. The survey will close at midnight on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Once the survey has been analysed, with governors, it will help to inform planning for the next academic year.

[Parents - Survey](#)

### **Music at St Peter's**

We are currently evaluating our music provision at St Peter's and I am pleased to inform you that we will have a specialist music teacher working across the school from September. This means that your child will be taught music once a week by a specialist teacher.

We are also looking at other ways to enhance the music we currently have in school and we have been in consultation with Rocksteady Music School regarding music provision for the children at St Peter's.

Rocksteady are highly trained, professional musicians who lead peripatetic music lessons in schools. The children learn together as a band, rather than individually, and work on a curriculum of 300 different skills. The children choose their band name and which songs they are going to learn, working towards an end of term concert for parents. Rocksteady work with Trinity College, allowing the children to work towards a Grade 2 qualification in their chosen instrument. Rocksteady guarantees 33 lessons per year at a cost. This cost will be for parents to pay. There is no commitment to take part for the full year. The children will take part in lessons during the school day but on a rotating timetable to cause minimal disruption to their learning.

Rocksteady will be in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July to deliver workshops to all the children. Following this session, I will be seeking parental views to see if this is viable and a provision that is wanted at St Peter's.

### **Coming up soon**

#### **FOSP Sponsored Walk**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July we will be having our sponsored walk to raise money for school funds. We will be walking down to Saltwell park and will be completing walks of varying lengths depending on the age of the children. Sponsored forms have already been sent out earlier in the week. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

## Business week in school

Following a very successful Money Matters workshop in school, our Year 6 have spent time in class focusing on enterprise, project management and working together as a team and have chosen their own business idea working collaboratively in small groups. The children will be again selling their produce to the rest of the school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. If you would your child to take part in this and buy from the Year 6 then please can you ensure that they bring in no more that £3 to spend. All monies raised will then go towards the Year 6 end of year trip.

## Wraparound Care at St Peter's

Following consultation with 3 third party providers and considering the specific needs of our families at St Peter's, we have made the decision to manage the provision in house from September. As part of this, we are recruiting for a Wraparound Care Manager and a Wraparound Care Assistant. These vacancies can be viewed on our website. Breakfast club will run as normal in September. Further information to follow at the end of term.

## Safeguarding Messages



### Tips for parents/carers from the Think U Know website:

- **Explore together:** Ask your child to show you their favourite websites and apps and what they do on them. Listen and show interest and encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app.
- **Initiate (and continue) conversations about online safety:** Ask them if anything ever bothers or worries them while they're online. You could use examples of events from the animations and ask if they've experienced anything similar. Reinforce the key message: if anything happens online which makes them feel worried, scared or sad, the best thing to do is talk to you or another adult who they trust.
- **Help your child identify adults who can help:** Help your child identify trusted adults from different areas of their life such as at home or at school.
- **Be non-judgemental:** Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and loving support.
- **Supervise your child while they're online:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen where an appropriate adult is able to supervise. It is not safe for 4-7 year olds to access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in a bedroom or bathroom.
- **Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others:** If your child is engaging with others online remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo or video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.
- **SafeSearch:** The use of 'SafeSearch' is highly recommended for use with young children. Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child is exposed to whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage (often shaped like a small cog).
- **Parental controls:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled device in your home. You can learn more by reading our article on using parental controls.

## Attendance

Our year-to-date whole school attendance is currently **96.9%**. Please do support us by sending your child into school every day. Each week the class with the highest attendance will receive our Attendance Trophy. Congratulations to Year 3 who achieved 100% attendance and won the trophy this week. Well done!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	90.33%	93.00%	98.28%	100%	98.00%	96.90%	98.48%



Stars of the Week



Well done to the following children who have shone this week in school.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nathanael For excellent understanding of how pollution affects animals.	Isabelle For being a fantastic role model. Isabelle is always kind, polite and always tries her very best.	Annie For outstanding story writing!	Aria For brilliant answers in class discussions this week.	Dominic For showing courage and teamwork during our Celebration of the Word.	Sebastian For his exemplary behaviour in everything he does. A role model to follow.	Izabella For her 'Fun Science Fact' Sharing in Science.

## Things to remember from week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July until the end of term

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Cardinal Hume. Children to make their own way to CHCS. Year 2 visit to the synagogue.
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Cardinal Hume. Children to make their own way to CHCS. Year 3 visit to the Buddhist Centre.
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Aladdin Performance in school at 6pm
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Aladdin Performance in school at 6pm
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	There will be no Stay and Pray. Sponsored Walk to Saltwell Park to raise funds for school. School uniform.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Non-uniform day in school. Please bring a donation for the tombola stand at the Summer Fayre. Rocksteady Music Workshops in school for all children.
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day starting from 1pm. Further details to follow Summer Fayre – Straight after sports day until 5pm at Low Fell Cricket Club
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	

<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	'Keeping Safe whilst out and about' Years 5 and 6 children. Police workshop in school.
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Stay and Pray in school
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Trust Olympics – Year 5 children. Year 6 end of year trip.
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition day in school. Children to spend the morning with their new teachers.
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year Leavers' Mass at 10am at St Peter's Church. All parents welcome
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Assembly in school at 1.30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	There will be no stay and pray. Children break up for the Summer Holidays at 3.30 pm

Many thanks for your continued support, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs McArthur  
Headteacher