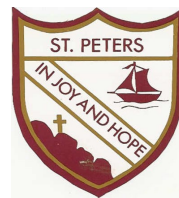


ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2017



Welcomes and Fond Farewells



It is with sadness that we bid a fond farewell to Miss Tyler this week. I know you will want to join me in thanking her for all she has done for the children and families of St Peters both as a class teacher and most recently as SENDCo at our School. We wish her well in her new role as Inclusion Manager at Leasowe Primary.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Carey to her new role as Year 6 class teacher for the summer term. Miss Carey has been a member of our staff since the autumn term. I know that she is looking forward to joining the year 6 children in their final, exciting term at our school.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gorry to her new role as Deputy Head Teacher this half term. As you may be aware, she has been Senior Teacher and Early Years Lead in school for many years. I know she will go from strength to strength in her new role.

We are also very happy to welcome Mr Colley to his new role as SENDCo. Mr Colley had been an integral part of our Inclusion Team for several years. He, along with our Family Liaison Officer Claire Hughes, are ever happy to meet with parents to discuss provision or any concerns that parents may have.



Infants Explorers

Last week Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 went on a school trip to the Priory and Williamson Art Gallery in wonderful sunshine. They had a fabulous day: hunting for animals in the Williamson Art Gallery, dressing up for role play in the Priory and making grave rubbings. They showed great energy climbing 101 steps to the top of the Priory Tower! We are very proud of the children as their behaviour and enthusiasm on the day was second to none, earning them a formal thank you from staff at the Williamson Art Gallery and the Priory.

On the same day, Foundation 1 had great fun in school. During a teddy bears picnic with family members, they showed great cookery skills making cornflake cakes, decorating biscuits and making teddy bear sandwiches. The children really enjoyed working alongside their families.



World Book Day

Our children had great fun celebrating World Book Day dressed either as favourite book characters or bed time stories. It was lovely to see so many parents in school enjoying reading with the children and joining our World Book Day Celebration. Congratulations must go to our World Book Day costume winners Pinocchio and the Beauty and The Beast Book for their fantastic costume ideas.



Super Hero/ Eco Warriors

We were very proud of all our volunteer Superhero Eco Warriors (staff and children) during March. They worked very hard tidying our school and parish grounds. They should be thanked for this.

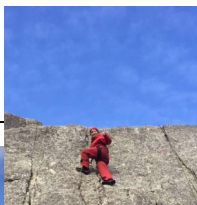
Oakland's

This month Year 6 have had an exciting and enjoyable time at the Oakland's Activity Centre. Having spent the time there with the children and staff, I know that they thoroughly enjoyed their activities including gorge walking, climbing and canoeing. We have some very capable, independent courageous and adventurous children to be very proud of.



First Forgiveness

On 24th March, Our First Holy Communion Children took part in a First Forgiveness liturgy. This was a very reflective and moving celebration. The children, through their reading and dance, really did make the celebration a very special one.



Parent Volunteers

It has been wonderful this term to see so many parent volunteers in school reading with our children. This support is of tremendous value to our children. If you are interesting in joining our team of parent reading volunteers and have half an hour or longer to spare each week, please contact Mrs Gorry.

Thanks also should go to you our parents for your generous donations of cakes during our recent cake sale. With your help baking, buying and selling cakes, we have raised £120 towards the cost of our First Holy Communions.

Dance Festivals

This week some of our children took part in the "Love to Dance" dance festival held at Birkenhead Park School. The children were a credit to our school. Their dances were fantastic and their behaviour was impeccable. A big thank you should go to the children, to our staff and to you the parents for supporting the event.

The same children will be taking part in Spotlight on Youth at the Floral Pavilion this weekend. Performing the same routine, I know that they will do a fantastic job and make us very proud.

Uniform

As summer term approaches, can we remind you that our school uniform consists of the following: white or grey shirt or blouse, grey skirt or trousers, maroon and gold school tie, white or grey socks, maroon cardigan or jumper with sensible black shoes. During the summer months, children may prefer to wear: white polo shirt and grey shorts or a red, yellow or maroon check summer dress with sensible summer shoes or trainers.

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.

PE Kit

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 work for games lessons outside.

Website

More information about our school can be found by visiting our website at

stpeterscatholicprimary.eschools.co.uk. For the best viewing experience, use Google Chrome to view. Thank you to all parents who allow photographs to be shared on our website 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.



Facebook

St Peter's has just launched a Facebook page where you can keep up to date with events from the school day as well as lots of other exciting news! Just search **St Peters Catholic Primary** and look for our badge.

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.

Attendance and punctuality

Special congratulations should go to Year 2 who have been at the top of our attendance league so often this half term. A big thank you must go to all our children and families who have worked hard to be in school on time every day. Good punctuality and attendance always leads to increased learning! Our attendance bronze medals for good attendance were given out during our first week back in January. 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.

Monday 17th February	School closes to children
Monday 27th February	School re-opens to children
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 8th March to Friday 10th March	Year 6 residential holiday to Oakland's
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents evening
Friday 24th March	First Forgiveness for Year 3 (2:30pm)

The Governors, Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable half term break. We look forward to seeing you again on the 27th February.

J Farrelly

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Head Teacher

