

ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2018



Christmas Show

I am sure you will join me in congratulating our infant children and staff for their wonderful Christmas play, "Angel Express." The narrators are doing a great job in leading our story. The Holy Family, angels, shepherds, wise men, stars, camels, sheep, donkey, choir and rest of the cast must all be praised for their wonderful acting and singing. They are all fabulous! Everyone was a STAR!



Christmas Singing

Our Choir made us very proud singing carols at The Pines Nursing Home. The residents were delighted by the children's visit. I know that the children brought a smile to many a face.

On Tuesday this week our two and three year-olds delighted staff and parents alike with their Christmas songs. It is a tremendous privilege to be able to watch our very first two year olds grow in confidence as they settle into school life.

Our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Sing Along, held in church, were also a great success. The whole St Peter's family looked fabulous dressed in their Christmas jumpers. I am sure you will agree with me that the children sang beautifully and should be congratulated. The children were thrilled that so many family members were able to make it to sing along with them.



Frost, Fun and Fundraising

A big thank you must go to Frost this term for the fun and fund raising they have brought to St Peters.

The half term began with a fabulous Halloween Disco. The children really got into the swing of things and went to impressive lengths to terrify the staff and helpers with their costumes and makeup. We have been spoilt this term as we have also had a Christmas Disco which saw the children dancing and having fun until bed time.

Our staff, parents and parish really enjoyed our Autumn Bonkers Bingo...which truly was bonkers!
Definitely an event not to be missed!

Our Christmas Fayre was a wonderful opportunity for Christmas fun and fundraising. Our children and stall holders gave us a vast array of Christmas goodies to buy ranging from reindeer food and snow men to Christmas crafts. I know the children were delighted to meet Father Christmas. As always, our Snack bar was a real tea time treat with turkey, sausages, chips and not to forget, mulled wine. Thank you for your generosity. This event raised close to £600 for school fund.

A big thank you must also go to the staff for running our film club this term. I know that the children really enjoy this club.



Our School Rules

This term we have relaunched our Behaviour Policy and new school rules. Our rules are: Be Respectful; Be Responsible; Be Resilient; Be Ready to Learn. The children have really embraced these new rules and are working hard to do their best and to be kind to all members of our school community. They make us proud every day.



Anti-bullying Week

In November we held an anti-bullying week. The week began with an odd sock day to celebrate our individuality. The children took part in a number of workshops and assemblies; some of our year 4 and 5 children attended an anti-bullying conference at Woodchurch High School. The children have explored different forms of bullying, discrimination and the importance of respect. As always, if you are concerned about any form of bullying or discrimination, please let us know. Our policies and guidance are available on the website or via the school office.

School Trips

Our Year 4 and 5 children were very lucky to be invited to Liverpool University this term. The children listened to talks by the psychology department and had a guided tour of the campus, visiting the student guild, sports halls and library. Having spoken to a number of the children, they are now beginning to think seriously about the possibilities that university can bring.

Our Infant children have also enjoyed a trip to Upton Library for Christmas Stories. This was great fun for all involved.



Festive Fun

The school has been full of festive fun over the past two weeks.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trips to the Floral Pavilion.

Children from Foundation 2 to Year 6 were highly entertained watching the pantomime of Aladdin; Our 2 and three year olds in Foundation 1 really enjoyed their story time with Father Christmas.

Christmas dinner was also a fabulous occasion. Sitting with their friends, teachers and teaching assistants, never have we seen the children so happy to eat their vegetables! I know they are looking forward to the sugar rush our party day will bring.



Church

Turning our minds to Church: **Christmas Mass at will take place at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve St Peter's.** Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve will begin at 11.30 pm at Holy Name. Christmas Day Mass will take place at 10.30 am at Holy Name. All are very welcome to attend any of these services. It was lovely last year to see many of our children at St Peter's for the 5 pm Mass.

Turning our Minds to Winter

The children (and many grown-ups) will not doubt be hoping for a White Christmas and snow in the months to come. In the event of severe weather such as heavy snow, we in school will do our very best to keep school open. If for health and safety reasons we are forced to close at any time.

Information will be published on our website, Facebook page, and via Radio City and Radio Merseyside.



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.

NSPCC

The NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe programme visited our school in November. Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops, specially trained staff and volunteers gave our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. Children sensitively discussed issues like bullying and abuse. As a thank you, our children took part in a sponsored walk and own clothes day raising over £100 for the charity.

Attendance League

Week Ending	First	Second	Winning House
02.11.18	Yr2/3	F1	St Andrew
09.11.18	F2	Yr2/3	St David
16.11.18	F1	Yr4/5	St Andrew
23.11.18	Yr2/3	Yr4/5	St Andrew
30.11.18	F1	Yr4/5	St Patrick
07.12.18	Yr2/3	Yr4/5	St Andrew
14.12.18	Yr4/5	Yr6	St Andrew

Attendance and punctuality

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 will be given out during our first week back in January.

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.

21.12.17	Break up for Christmas Break	3:15pm
07.01.18	School re-opens to children	8:50am

The Governors, Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.