

St Peter's C of E (A) Primary School

Half Term Newsletter

Wednesday 24th May 2023

Dear Parents

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and are enjoying the sunshine. Here are the updates from this last half term.

Staffing

We will be saying good-bye and thank you in June to Miss Stockton, who works in class 1. She has worked at the school for many years in early years and key stage one and we will be very sad to see her go. Miss Stockton has supported our pupils in so many ways, helping them to learn to read, write, spell, learn about numbers and has cared for our young children in a kind and supportive way. We wish her good luck in her new job.

Clubs

Year 3 gardening club have planted leeks, garlic and strawberries and have really enjoyed working in the allotment.

Football Since September, the children have competed in the league and I am delighted that they were joint winners. They played ten games, won eight, lost one and drew one. Congratulations to all the team and coaches. In the cup, they were runners up too.

Netball The netball club continue to practise each week and have played two games both of which they have won.

Parents Groups We have parents groups on Monday for support with English in the morning and phonics in the afternoon. This will continue after half term. A class about supporting positive behaviour will start on Friday 9th June for parents. Please see Mrs Swailes if you would like to attend.

Faith day On Thursday we are having our Faith Day event. This year pupils will be learning about the six major world faiths. They will visit each classroom and learn about the faiths through activities such as song, crafts, looking at symbols and important objects and exploring beliefs and customs. Each group will have a mix of children from years one to six and it will be great to see different age groups helping each other and learning together.

Bear Hunt You may remember the children designed and decorated a bear for the Leeds Bear Hunt project. Our bear will be displayed in Leeds at The Tetley, Hunslet Rd, Leeds LS10 1JQ from 19th June until 9th September. The Trail Maps will be available in many locations including the Bear Cave – (a pop up shop in Trinity Leeds, on the ground floor near Boots will be open from 1 July) and Leeds Museum, Library. The interactive App is downloadable from 27 June. For more information go to <https://leedsbearhunt.co.uk/art-trail/>

Swimming Sadly there are some problems at the pool where year 3 and 4 usually go swimming and it will remain closed until July. We will let parents know as soon as the lessons can re-start.

Cricket workshop- Pupils in key stage two had lots of fun learning about cricket during a workshop.

Coronation It was great to see so many parents at our coronation party. The pupils had a great time learning about King Charles III and the traditions of the coronation before having games and a picnic. Many thanks to all parents for the wonderful cakes you sent in.

This Girl Can! Girls from classes 3 and 4 had a fantastic morning at Becketts Park learning different sports such as tag rugby. They really pushed themselves to try new challenges.

Class News

Rainbow Class Rainbow Class have been learning about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They made some caterpillar pictures using handprints. They have explored what doubling is to be ready to learn the two-x table. They looked at the life cycle of a caterpillar and made some sensory pictures to show it. They have been looking at the caterpillars in Class 2 and watching them get bigger and bigger!

Nursery Pupils have been learning about planet earth and looking after plants and nature. They have grown their own bean plants and done some wonderful paintings of them. They are waiting for their sunflowers to grow even taller too.

Reception Children have been learning all about farms. They had a visit from Ian's mobile farm and met hens, donkeys, lamas and goats. They had a special delivery of eggs too which they watched hatch into

lovely chicks. They have planted many seeds and are growing potatoes, beans, peas and many sunflowers. This week they shared their first class assembly with us, telling the story of Farmer Duck, it was wonderful. **Year One** Class 1 have been looking at the work of South African artist Esther Mahlangu. They used their fingers to paint and make 3D model houses. They were fascinated to learn that she uses her fingers and feathers to paint with and enjoyed mixing primary colours together. Children will be having their phonics check in June to see how they have progressed with their reading.

Year Two Children have done lots of planting in the allotment and playground. They have grown flowers from bulbs, potatoes and other vegetables. As part of their topic on lifecycles, the children are observing caterpillars transforming into pupae and then hatching out into butterflies. Pupils have tried hard in their recent SATs tests too.

Year Three Children have been reading the book Charlotte's Web and explored the characters and plot. They visited Temple Newsam farm to learn all about the farm that features in the story. They made some great information leaflets all about spiders.

Year Four Pupils had lots of fun in DT using circuits to make a loop buzzer game to test their control skills. In science, they have been learning about volcanoes and made some super models. In RE the pupils have produced some excellent work about Pentecost, exploring the meaning, symbols and impact this had on Christianity.

Year Five Children had a wonderful 3-day residential at Lineham Farm, where they pushed their physical and mental skills to the limit in many different challenges. Last week they welcomed pen pals from Ripon School for the day and showed them around, took part in activities and completed some orienteering challenges. They also enjoyed the Into University workshop where they were introduced to the idea of costs, income and profits before making and marketing their own smoothies.

Year Six Children took part in a positive choices workshop from the Leeds United Foundation, where they explored how to stay safe in a variety of situations. They also enjoyed a cricket workshop and practised throwing, catching and batting. Pupils have worked hard to prepare for their SATs this term and their attitude and determination has been excellent. They especially enjoyed the breakfast club hot sandwiches and buffet each morning. Some pupils represented our school last week at a tag rugby event, which they really enjoyed. They had a fantastic experience on their residential visit to Robinwood activity centre and experienced many outdoor challenges working as teams.

Attendance So far for this year our attendance is 97.5%.

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. Below is a list of achievers for this half term.



Congratulations



Key Stage One

Wilson Pereira	Jason Tesfamichael	Emily De Castro Fernandes	Somtoo Ezeokoli
Barkeal Hailu	Nahier Teklit	Alex George	Matthias Dereje
Musie Dessalegn	Eadom Yigzaw	Joy Uroye	Ebenezer Frezer
Natnael Mussie	Nobel Mire	Noah Robel	Belul Weldegaber
Gelila Tesfamichael			

Key Stage Two

Emmanuel Onyewuenyi	Yeabsira Tadesse	Elnathan Paulos	Kavin Sudagar
Caleb Daniel	Sarah Fernandes	Melody Forkuo	Class 6
Class 3	Fyeri Estifanos	Maya Spinks	Class 5
Goodluck Edenene	Britney Ahao	Cena Dasta	Abigail Robel
Henos Kbrom	Holy Temesgen	Habron Tsadu	Lily Harris-Stephen
Elana Simon	Lakeisha Akorley	Naomi Weres	Aaliya Anoop
Dagmawi Negash	Irene Amana	Nora Abdelkader	Shalom Berakate
Hyab Tesheme			

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

Date	Event
Monday 5 th June	School re-opens Some nursery pupils start Forest School sessions
Thursday 8 th June	Class 6 visit to the Holocaust Centre
Monday 12 th June	Class 1 begin phonics screening check
Tuesday 13 th June	Sports sessions for years 1 – 6 Class 3 chocolate experience workshop
Wednesday 14 th June	Sports sessions for years 1 – 6
Thursday 15 th June	Class 6 Into University Workshop on transition
Tuesday 21 st June	Yr. 2 trip to Filey
Thursday 22 nd June	Nursery closed all day- Meeting for NEW nursery parents Class 5 trip to Yeadon Tarn
Friday 23 rd June	School Closed- Training Day
Monday 26 th June	Balance bikes workshop for year 1 and reception
Wednesday 28 th June	Class 1 on trip to Harlow Carr 1.30pm Reception new parents' meeting
Thursday 29 th June	St Peter's Day Rainbow class on trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 30 th June	D:Side visit to all classes
Friday 1 st July	D:Side visit to all classes
Wednesday 5 th July	Class 4 trip to Go Ape
Thursday 6 th July	Mount St Mary's and Abbey Grange year 6 transition days
Tuesday 11 th July	Class 2 trip to Lotherton Hall Class 4 Into University workshop
Thursday 14 th July	1.00p.m. KS2 Summer Concert for parents 6.30p.m. KS2 Summer Concert for parents
Friday 14 th July	Children's reports sent home Class 4 Into University workshop
Monday 17 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 18 th July	KS1 Fun Day
Wednesday 29 th July	KS2 Fun Day
Thursday 20 th July	Class 6 leaver's assembly p.m.
Friday 21 st July	School closed for the summer holiday
Tuesday 5 th September	School re-opens

Have a lovely half term break.
God bless.
Mrs Holliday