

# ST PETER'S C OF E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

December 2023

Dear Parents,

As we break up for Christmas, I would like to share news about recent events in school and let you know about forthcoming events.



### **Class News**

**Rainbow Class** The children are working hard on learning their phonics and have been sharing the story of Handa's Surprise. They are also enjoying using the apparatus in PE and visiting the Vinery Centre for adventurous play sessions.

**Nursery** Children have been enjoying the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They have retold the story with lots of props and had lots of fun. They had an exciting visit from our local police who brought their van for the children to learn about.

**Reception** Children have really enjoyed learning about the Christmas Story and re-telling it to each other. They also rode on the Santa express train during their trip to Middleton Railway where they all met and received a present from Santa. The children visited Leeds Minster to see the life size nativity figures and learn about the very first Christmas.

**Year One** They had a brilliant visit to Skelton Grange where they explored the natural environment and learned all about wildlife and made crafts using natural materials.

**Year Two** During the last half term children learned all about the history of the gunpowder plot and had a visit from an archaeologist who shared artefacts to bring the history alive. The children had a wonderful visit to Abbey House Museum to learn about old toys as part of their history.

**Year Three** Pupils had a wonderful day on their Stone Age visit at Skelton Grange where they hunted, cooked and ate food around an open fire.

**Year Four** Pupils enjoyed a workshop all about Ancient Egypt at the Leeds City Museum. They recounted their experiences in some excellent writing. As part of RE the class visited Scott Hall Church to learn about the beginning of Christianity. They listened well to the talk and enjoyed a quiz all about what they had learned. Classes 4 and 5 took part in a STEM workshop with a range of different engineers where they learned about the kind of jobs they could do and designed some playground equipment.

**Year Five** Children entered a space dome to experience the many planets in the galaxy as part of their science topic all about the solar system. It really immersed them in their learning.

Classes 5 and 6 had a visit from our local Police to talk about the dangers of bonfire night and how to keep safe.

**Year Six** Children had a visit from the Bikeability team this half term and by the end of the week every child could ride their bike confidently. They also had a workshop run by the Tender Project which explores healthy relationships and what makes a good friend. It was really helpful and will support the pupils as they move into high school. Six pupils in the class attended the Dodgeball Championship and beat 12 other schools to win the enormous trophy- congratulations to them all!

## **Other News**

**Lateness** We still have some pupils who are late to school each morning. Please be ready in the playground with your children at 8.30 am so that they start on time.

**Parking** Thank you to all parents who are parking at Bridge Community Church before and after school. It has made a HUGE difference to the safety outside school. Parents should not be dropping off right outside the school.

**Flu Vaccines** We were delighted that some of our pupils took up the free vaccine across school to help them stay healthy over the winter.

**Uniform** All children should be in their winter uniform now, which includes a tie and trousers not jogging bottoms or leggings please. Can I remind parents that children are not allowed to wear earrings in school

**Football** There have been two football matches this half term and our team continue with their winning streak. They are currently at the top of the league. Well done to them all!!

**D: Side** All classes had a visit from this organisation to learn about keeping safe and making healthy choices. They enjoyed workshops and discussions.

**Road Safety** Pupils from classes 1-6 were taught about road safety and reminded of the best way to keep safe when they are out in the community

**School Council** Key stage two recently held their elections for two representatives from each class. There were voting slips and ballot boxes and we welcomed eight new councillors to their positions

**British Legion** Many thanks to all of you who encouraged your children to buy a poppy. All the proceeds have been sent to the British Legion

**Children in Need** Thank you for supporting this charity day by buying a wristband or sending in money for non-uniform day, £362.22 was raised for this very worthy charity.

**School Closures** If school needs to close due to extreme weather, we will send parents a text and an announcement will be made on BBC Radio Leeds and Radio Aire. Information is also available on the Leeds City Council and Radio Aire websites. If you have recently changed your mobile phone number, please let us know at school.

**Christmas performances** It was lovely to see so many parents coming into school to watch the Christmas performances. The children were on excellent form and their singing was fantastic. We will be putting the shows on the website so you can watch at home.

**Cross Country** We have had a fantastic turnout to cross country this term and all the runners have been amazing, representing St Peter's brilliantly. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your children and bringing them to the events.

**Class Christmas Activities** Each class has been busy making cards and calendars to bring home. The children will visit Leeds Minster this week, have Christmas dinner and a party. There will be many photos on their class pages.

### **Forthcoming Events**

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

8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Back to school
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Reception class weight and vision checks Class 5 trip to Leeds Art gallery and Leeds City Library
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for year 3 and 4
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for year 3 and 4 8.30 am Class 4 parents meeting about times tables test
15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Closing date for primary school applications</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 trip to Murton Park
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Class 1 Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Keeping Safe Day in school
1 <sup>st</sup> February & 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Internet safety workshops - whole school
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 5 Victorian Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Rotary Recital final Attendance Prizes
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term

**On behalf of everyone at St Peter's, I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.**

Mrs E.J.Holliday  
Headteacher



