

ST PETER'S C OF E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents

As we break up for half term I would like to share our news with you.

Staffing

We say goodbye and thank you to Miss Higson who has been covering in class two. She has been a lovely teacher to the children during Mrs Barton and Mrs Smallwood's maternity leave. We welcome back Mrs Smallwood after the half term break.

Class News

Nursery Children have been enjoying many traditional stories including The Three Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks. They have baked gingerbread men, planted beans, made models and pictures and acted out the stories. Many thanks to all the parents who are attending the Share a Story sessions in nursery at 9.00 and 12.15 each Friday.

Reception Pupils have been learning about polar animals and made some super pictures collages of polar bears and penguins.

Year One Children visited Abbey House Museum as part of their history topic. They handled lots of different equipment and learned about household objects from the past.

Year Two Children really enjoyed their visit to Leeds Minster where they explored all the materials within the building as part of their science topic. They are really enjoying learning about oceans, continents and capital cities of the world using atlases to help them.

Year Three In history the children are learning about the Stone Age and Celts leading onto Romans and are looking forward to their trip where they will be a Roman soldier for the day. They have made some super models of Stone Henge at home.

Year Four The children have enjoyed learning about Tudor life and the Kings and Queens in history this term. They are looking forward to their residential trip to Lineham Farm and it was good to see parents who attended the information session about the trip.

Year Five Children are continuing to enjoy their Victorians topic and were Victorian detectives on their trip to Kirkstall Abbey Museum. They recently led a whole class assembly about planets and space which was really interesting and pupils made some brilliant models of the solar system at home.

Year Six Children have been writing letters presenting two sides to an argument about graffiti and have looked at graffiti in the area. They have enjoyed having a visitor who shared information from World War Two about evacuation and morse code.



Other News

Football Once again Mr Robertson and Mr Leigh have entered into the league cup with the school football team. They will be playing matches against Colton, St Augustines and Roundhay Primary Schools next half term.

Netball Our netball team have been training hard each week ready for their next matches in the coming season.

Dodgeball Some pupils in year 4 took part in a dodgeball tournament and were delighted to come back with a medal each. They came fifth out of twelve teams.

Governor Visits Governors have visited school to talk to children and look at their books and have been really impressed with the good manners and polite way the children spoke to them. Pupils showed real enthusiasm about their work and are very proud of their achievements.

Parents Meeting Thank you to all the parents who came to meet our governors, Kibreab and Yordanos. It was really positive to hear your thoughts on school matters and I am sure they will be arranging more visits throughout the year.

Lent fundraising This year we will be raising money during Lent by having a sponsored walk at Roundhay Park. We will be sending information about this soon and about the two charities we are supporting this year.

Attendance Congratulations to all our families on excellent attendance so far this year. Since September our attendance has really improved and now stands at 98.5%.

Rotary Recital Award Our final will take place on Friday with fourteen finalists performing their poems in front of a panel of judges. A huge thank you to everyone who encouraged their child to learn a poem for our Rotary Recital Competition. Their recitals and the singing from the children in school are always excellent and it is a wonderful way to finish the half term. All finalists will receive a poetry book and certificate.

Reading with your child Please ensure your child reads at home with you and you sign their reading record. Well done to all the nursery parents who have been joining the Share a Story sessions on Friday at 9.00 and 12.15

Late Collections We have had a lot of parents picking up children late from school recently. If your child is not attending an after school club please make sure you pick them up at 3.10 each day. If they do attend a club they finish between 4.00 and 4.10. Pick up on time as it is not the responsibility or fair to staff to have to stay in school to look after your child after this time.

Domestic Violence

In order to provide appropriate support for our families, school is notified of any incident of Domestic Violence where children are present. Please click to read the **DV Notification Letter** for more information on the safeguarding section of our website.

Gold Award

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. Do feel free to come in and look at the achiever's notice board. Below is a list of achievers for this half term.

Key Stage One

Thomas Fisseha	Sharon Paulos	Elnathan Paulos	Natan Abadi	Hermela Kesete
Melody Forkuo	Kalib Simon	Aram Habtom	Olivia Benjamin	Pearl Mfobin
Natan Frezghi	Noah Henok	Class 2	Jonatas Veloso de Jesus Pires	Elda Zerihun
Class 1	Anya Redman Poku	Isaac Weldedlesa	Wengalawit Biniam	Yeabsira Tadesse
Shalom Berakate	Separa Yohannes	Michaiah Hagos	Elijah Hagos	Neya Selvaraj
Eliana Temesgen	Horeb Tesfalem	Daniel Malacama		

Key Stage Two

Habron Tsadu	Atal Wardak	Lily Harris Stephen	Hana Musie	Questa Newman
Bree Wilson	Ruth Adjei	Dan Mehretab	Sheizy Pereira	Ezana Kibreab
Rynad Solomon	Clara Mijares	Adam Tomas	Seth Solomon	Alice Mason
Elita Mulubrhan	Abigail Kidane	Ebun Olaniyi	Peniel Obeng	Dagmwi Negash
Camron Matthews	Favour Ezeokoli	Hermela Tefferi	Eyouel Yonas	Class 5
Marcus Mijares	Mirad Aibu	Romal Wardak	Dagmawi Terefe	Kaleb Tadessa
Joyce Uroye	Heaven Khassay	Anabella Achidi-Olivier	Class 3	Lilly Elias
Naomi Weres	Abigail Biniam			



CONGRATULATIONS



Forthcoming Events

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 24 th February	Back to school
Tuesday 25 th February	9.00am Phonics meeting for class 1 parents Class 3 and 4 Pancake races at Leeds Minster - p.m.
Wednesday 26 th February	Class 4 trip to Temple Newsam Visitors from Ripon school to visit Class 5
Thursday 27 th March	Football match against Colton Primary School
Monday 2 nd March	High School Offer day for Class 6
Tuesday 3 rd March	Football match against St Augustine's
Wednesday 4 th March	Class 3 trip to Murton Park Roman Camp
Thursday 5 th March	Football match against Roundhay Primary School
Thursday 12 th March	Class 5 to Into University workshop
Friday 13 th March	School Closed for Training Day
Wednesday 18 th March	Class 1 Class assembly Class 5 trip to Headingley Waterworks
Tuesday 24 th March	Class 6 on trip to Jewish Synagogue
Wednesday 25 th March	Parent's Evening
Thursday 26 th March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 1 st April	Class 4 residential trip to Lineham Farm
Thursday 2 nd April	Class 3 to Leeds Minster for Easter workshop Easter songs and prayers in school
Friday 3 rd April	Class 4 return from Lineham Farm School closes for Easter Break

We look forward to seeing you at some of the events over the next half term and at the parents' evenings in March.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E.J. Holliday
Headteacher