

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

## HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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.

Mrs Grey in nursery has had a baby boy and we send our warmest congratulations to her. In January Mrs Donno will be the new nursery teacher.

**Parents phone calls** as we were unable to have parents evening in the usual way this year, it was good that so many of you were able to speak on the phone and hear about your child's progress. Lots of parents were able to look at their child's work during the class visits to watch the Christmas concerts and talk with your child about their work.

### **Important Update about Coronavirus**

If anyone in your household tests positive for Coronavirus during the Christmas holiday, please email Miss Parry or myself on our emails below and we will be able to inform any families as needed.

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### **Class News**

**Nursery** Children have been enjoying the story of the Gruffalo. They have made caves outside and retold the story with lots of props.

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

**Year One** Children have really enjoyed the Little Robin Redbreast story and done some lovely writing and decorations inspired by it. 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 really bring the history alive. As part of their history topic about toys long ago they visited the Abbey House Museum

and took part in a workshop all about toys long ago and had a look around Kirkstall Abbey. They recently visited Leeds Minster as part of their RE topic and also explored all the many materials there to link with their science.

**Year Three** Children have recently enjoyed the story, Coming Home, and learned lots of facts about Robins as part of their Christmas topic. They have made some fact files about robins using all their descriptive language. They also had a practical experience of bonfire night with hot potatoes and sparklers.

**Year Four** Pupils enjoyed a workshop all about Ancient Egypt at the Leeds City Museum. They recounted their experiences in some excellent writing.

**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. Children have written to their year 5 pen pals in Ripon and received letters back.

**Year Six** As part of their topic on rivers, children have researched the Thames barrier in London and written some information texts about it. They visited Bolton Abbey to study the river Wharfe and learn about the different aspects of rivers.

## **Other News**

**Parking** A huge thank you to all you parents who are parking at Bridge Community Church before and after school. It has made a HUGE difference to the safety outside school. Please can more parents try and park there to take the pressure off the road outside school. We can continue to use this car park after Christmas too.

**Flu Vaccines** We were delighted that so many 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 please. Can I remind parents that children are not allowed to wear earrings in school.

**Spelling Shed** The children have been brilliant at using the Spelling Shed website at home to learn their weekly spellings and it is really helping them

**Football** There have been four football matches this half term with one win, 1 draw and two loses.

**Clubs** We continue to run our after school clubs each day and these are very well attended. Lots of pupils are attending our breakfast club from 8.00 each day in the hall and we now have an after school care club in the community room from 2.45-4.30 each day. Our after school care club will be continuing after Christmas and we have a few places available - please contact the office if you are interested.

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

**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. School raised £302.38 and the proceeds have been sent to the British Legion

**Children in Need** Thank you to all the families who supported this charity day by buying a wristband or sending in money for non-uniform day, £393.27 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 filmed performances with your children. Everyone seemed to have lots of fun singing along and joined in with the games really well. We will be putting the shows on the website and send you a link so you can watch at home.

**Christmas Service** The whole school came together to hold a special Christmas service this week. Pupils in year 6 narrated the Christmas story and led prayers and we joined together with some beautiful singing.

**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 have also watched a pantomime this week, had Christmas dinner and a party. There are lots of photos on their class pages.

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



## CONGRATULATIONS



### **Key Stage One**

Melahr Kahsai	Jonathan Elias	Emily De Castro Fernades	Noah Gebremariam	Haniel Kidane
Advaith Venkatagopalan	Annabel Amanuel	Ariam Luul	Natania Daniel	Abanoub Luul
Abenezer Gotiom	Nahom Mussie	Tenbite Abera	Neya Selvaraj	Reception
Hiyab Teweldebrhan	Class 2	Abigail Amanuel	Zack Basliel	Lydia Weldeselasie
Eadom Yigzaw	Sharon Paulos	Naadirah Ajisegiri	Kalib Simon	Class 1
Abigayel Godofay	Melahr Godofay			

### **Key Stage Two**

Class 3	Basilios Yonas	Lucas Kiflemariam	Sosna Teklit	Favour Ezeokoli
Britney Ahao	Elana Simon	Questa Newman	Olivia Benjamin	Pearl Mfobin
Neya Selvaraj	Hermela Tefferi	Clecia Pereira	Anderson Anunobi	Sophia Fisseha

Akain Amarasekara	Sam George	Naomi Weres	Kieshawn Campbell	Annabella Achidi Olivier
Isaac Weldedlesa	Chideraa Ezeokoli	Tedros Solomon	Class 5	Hana Musie
Lilly Elias	Lamek Kesete	Ezekiel Achew	Samuel Achew	Dana Dereje
Betiel Teklit	Rynad Ahmed	Class 4	Class 6	Maya Spinks
Horeb Tesfalem	Lakeisha Akorley	Holy Temesgen	Aisha Benjamin	Yosan Kiflay
Camron Matthews	Peniel Habetemichael	Ike Alabi	Seth Solomon	Filimon Tekeste

### **Forthcoming Events**

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

4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Back to school
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for year 3 and 4
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents group with Mrs Swailes in community room 9.00-11.00
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing date for primary school applications
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 6 Peace Museum workshop
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 4 trip to Temple Newsam Tudor workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> February	8.45 Meeting for yr 5 parents about residential
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Rotary Recital Final 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



