



L St Peter's Catholic Primary School

Together as a school family, we live, love and learn in Jesus' footsteps

School Newsletter 15

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Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The table below details what your child will be learning from Monday

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
Reception	Length	Writing all the dominant sounds in longer	Features of Winter
Y1	Coin Value	Dinosaur Stories	Light and Dark
Y2	Multiplication & Division	Traction Man	Living things & their habitats
Y3	Multiplication & Division	Settings of classic texts	Light
Y4	Multiplication	The Great Kapok Tree	Electricity
Y5	Multiplication & Division	Texts by Frank Cottrell-Boyce	Earth, Sun and Moon

*We wish all in our school family a very happy, holy
and peaceful Christmas
And a Happy New Year*



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On Sunday, the priest will light the fourth candle, the 'CANDLE OF LOVE' which symbolizes Christ's love for us. The lighting of this last purple candle also reminds us that our preparation for Christmas is almost finished. Today we remember Mary's great act of selflessness and devotion to God. We thank her for becoming the mother of Jesus and for sharing her Son with the world. The final candle on the advent wreath (the white one) will be lit on **Christmas Day** – this candle celebrates Jesus as the light of the world – when we rejoice at the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Thank you to all family and friends who were able to join our school family for Christmas Mass this morning. The children participated with great respect and sang with great joy. At the end of Mass, every class presented Fr Liam with a card and we also presented him with a gift (his favourite tippie!).



PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE UPDATE!

We had another very successful PFA event at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December. We managed to raise £1,660 on the day. Fantastic! The PFA Committee would like to thank all PFA members, staff and parent helpers for their help in the run up to, and on the day. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and family members for attending and supporting this event and your children's school. Your support is really appreciated. Thank you so much.



THE NATIVITY

Congratulations to the children from EYFS, Y1 & Y2 who signed up to be in this year's Nativity play. The children retold the special story beautifully and looked amazing in their costumes. Many thanks to all who were able to support this and special thanks to the Nativity team: Mrs Davis, Mrs Desando, Mrs Baron, Miss Evans, Mrs Sparey and Mrs Fox.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Spiritual Space looked incredibly festive on Monday evening when we all came together to celebrate Christmas through a story and carols. Many thanks to the children who read and all those who got up at the end to lead us in the song actions. It was a lovely evening. Many thanks to Mrs Osborne-Jones, Mrs Sellers and Mrs Desando for organising this.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON-LINE OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Some lucky children may be receiving some exciting gifts from Santa including computers and toys with inbuilt technology. Recently it has been discovered that some of these toys have vulnerabilities that could be exploited. Specifically, the consumer group Which? has been found that some karaoke and walkie talkies are potentially hackable. We all wish you a safe Christmas so please always be aware that Bluetooth and wi-fi connections are a risk that should be managed by adults. Please read the full article on the BBC technology webpage <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-50686543>



LEARNING GEMS

Congratulations to Cairo, Nadia, Nicola, Joe, Emelia, Olly, Bianca and Princiga in 2SP for achieving a Sapphire Power Award for staying focussed and avoiding monster distractions.

Congratulations to Louise in 2SP for achieving a Ruby Power Certificate for showing kindness and supporting others.

PLAY TEAM VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a play team member - please see the school website for more information.



ParentPay MEAL PRICE

I'm pleased to tell you that the Caterlink have agreed to reduce the children's meal price from January to £2.32 per day, or £11.60 per week.

Please keep your ParentPay account in credit.

Your child might be eligible for free school meals, and you can easily check this by following this link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

You will just need an email address and your National Insurance or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number to hand, and you will receive an instant response once you have completed the claim. You can still apply using a paper form but the response will not be as quick.



ADMISSION TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Just a quick reminder that the closing date for applications reception September 2020 admissions is on 15th January 2020. If your child is a baptised Catholic, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school, even if you already have a child attending the school.



MUSICATE

Last week, Year 2 had another Musicate visit from Ivonne, Ben and Pip from Cheltenham Music Festivals. We started the day with Ivonne singing with her lovely cuatro and we all warmed up our voices with the 'Welcome' song Ivonne taught us. Then we did some warm up games to remind ourselves of rhythms, pitch and tempo. To demonstrate our understanding we then played with a range of percussion instruments and explored a new musical element - resonance. We learnt when an instrument makes a short, quick sound or a long, resounding sound. After that we explored two different versions of The Sugar Plum Fairy - firstly from the classical ballet by Tchaikovsky and then the Sugar Rum Cherry Jazz Mix by Duke Ellington. They were both excellent pieces in very different ways.

Then it was time for assembly and Ivonne taught the whole school a Christmassy Ding Dong vocal warm up. Once our voices were warm and ready to sing we learnt a traditional Zulu song from South Africa called Siyahamba. It means we are marching in the light of God. We loved learning and performing the song with Ivonne. We then marched around the school to continue our day singing the song, really marching in the light of God as we led out of the Spiritual Space.

In the afternoon all of Year Two came together to bring our English work on the Stick Man to life and by creating a soundscape for the book. Once we rehearsed and practised our pieces Year One came to watch our performance. It was great to add real sounds and music to the story as Mrs Pollard narrated it for us. To conclude a wonderful day of Music Ivonne sang us a beautiful version of Silent Night in Spanish and then Jingle Bells which Ben played his tuba along to too. We were both in awe of their amazing musical skills and it made us feel full of Christmas cheer.

Thank you so much Ivonne, Ben and Pip. We had an amazing day and can't wait to see you again in 2020!



CORE VALUES

As part of learning about democracy and how to vote, children in years one to six voted for the core value they wanted to be in focus next term. The results are: Peace – 103, Thankfulness – 79, Generosity – 78 and Truthfulness – 66. There were 7 spoilt ballot papers. Therefore, our Core Value next term will be PEACE – we shine when we live in peace with others. Peace, in the sense of total well-being, is God's intention for the whole of creation, and is a promise that awaits ultimate fulfilment.

We aim to:

Help children to appreciate quietness and take time for calm reflection;

Support the children in finding ways to solve their differences in constructive ways;

Develop children's skills as peacemakers;

Introduce children to the concepts of 'peace with God' and 'the peace of God';

Look at issues of peace and justice locally and internationally.



HOUSE POINTS (to 17th December 2019)

Congratulations to **Fire** for accumulating the highest number of house points over the Autumn terms.

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Wind	155	Fire	2607
Earth	139	Wind	2574
Fire	127	Earth	2384
Water	119	Water	2143



ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK

Please find below the attendance figures for your child's class – how did they do this week?

RJB	94.0%
RAE	88.7%
1LD	97.0%
1LP	94.7%
2SP	98.2%

2VM	97.6%
3MM	92.0%
3EI	96.7%
4SD	94.0%
4OB	90.7%
5HC	99.7%
5MD	95.5%
6CJ	90.3%
6SW	97.7%



DINNER MENU – w/c 6th JANUARY

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Jacket Potato with Beans
Tuesday	Sausage with Mash	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Vegetable Wellington	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Thursday	Chicken Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips	Vegetarian Sausage	Jacket Potato with Cheese



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 20 th December	1.00pm Finish for the Christmas Break		
Mon 6 th January	Whole School	Start of New Term	8.40am for 8.55am
Mon 6 th January		Epiphany Mass	2.15pm - Everyone Welcome
Fri 31 st January	Y3	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Weds 12 th February	Whole School	Parent's Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 13 th February	Whole School	Parent's Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Fri 14 th February	Finish for Half Term		
Mon 24 th February	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am
Tues 25 th February	Whole School	Shrove Tuesday	
Weds 26 th February	Whole School	Ash Wednesday Service	2.15pm – Everyone Welcome
Mon 2 nd March	Whole School	St David's Day	Wear a Yellow accessory
Tues 17 th March	Whole School	St Patrick's Day	Wear a Green accessory
Fri 20 th March	Y1	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Thurs 2 nd April	Whole School	Maundy Thursday Service	1.30pm
Fri 3 rd April	Whole School	Good Friday Stations	9.15am – Everyone Welcome
Fri 3 rd April	Finish at 1.00pm		
Mon 20 th April	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am

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