

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Together as a school family, we live, love and learn in Jesus' footsteps

School Newsletter 21

Friday 14th February 2020

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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	Link one less to counting back	Story Maps	
Y1	Missing numbers	Fantasy Stories	Animals including humans
Y2	Fractions	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Materials and their uses
Y3	Length & Perimeter	Traditional Tales	Plants
Y4	Fractions	Stories from Other Cultures	Sound
Y5	Decimals & Percentages	Poetry	Earth & Space
Y6	Fractions	The Giant's Necklace	Evolution & Inheritance



REMINDER - START OF THE NEW TERM

We return to school after the February Half Term on Monday 24th February, 8.40am for 8.55am.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

What a fantastic menu of activities the children have enjoyed this week! We have been learning about how we all have mental health, how and who to talk about our feelings and activities to help us to cope when we need some support with our mental health (this has been progressive through the school). Acts of kindness, learning about the importance of exercise and a good diet and learning about the importance of sharing our worries with others have all helped to make this week a great success. We were delighted with the huge turnout to our free family breakfast and it was wonderful to see everyone engaged in conversation as they munched happily on toast, pain au chocolat, croissants, waffles, yogurt and fruit. Thanks to PFA, parents and staff who helped set up! Following this delightful feast we had our celebration assembly and then the whole school participated in our 'I like to move it, move it' dance – it was great fun! Our thanks are extended to Mrs Pollard who has led on this inspiring initiative and of course a huge thank you to all parents and extended family and friends who were able to support any of this weeks' events! Special thanks to Mrs Hall and her Year 6 team, teaching a special dance routine for us all to perform today after Celebration assembly. What fantastic fun we had as a whole school!

INSIDE OUT DAY

On Thursday we invited children to wear a T-shirt inside out over their uniform to promote the idea of thinking about the feelings of others. Thank you to everyone who took part, we raised £45.65 and this will be split and forwarded to the charities Mind and Young Minds as voted for by our School Council representatives.



SCHOOL TOILET FACILITIES

For safeguarding reasons we can no longer allow parents/carers to use the toilets located through the double doors into the Spiritual Space during the school day. Parents/carers will still be able to use the toilets by the school office unless the room is being used for a meeting. Thank you for your co-operation.



WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5th MARCH

On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. We would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The children must bring the book into school with them or a picture of the front cover, and to be able to talk to the rest of the class about the character. The children will be taking part in a range of book related activities during the school day.







BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK IS COMING SOON!

To celebrate this year's theme 'Our Diverse Planet' whilst also developing our enjoyment and appreciation of STEM in the world around us we are going to be celebrating all things linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) from Monday 9th March until Wednesday 18th March at St Peter's. Each class will be exploring elements of our diverse planet in a new way, we will be investigating the age old problem of which biscuit is the best for dunking in tea and there will be a tallest tower building challenge. As well as this we are very lucky to be welcoming some truly inspirational professionals from various areas of STEM in the world around us.

That is not all... we need YOU - our parents and carers - to get ready to learn more about Science as there is a special after school Science Exhibition opening for all of the children, family and friends of St Peter's to enjoy on Monday 16th March from 3-5pm in the Spiritual Space. Come along to see just what your children have been learning about as well as some exciting demonstrations and workshops from Cheltenham Science Group.

We look forward to seeing you there!



SHROVE TUESDAY - MASKS AND CROWNS

On 25th February we will be preparing for Lent by learning about Shrove Tuesday. Children are invited to bring in a crown or eye mask in the colours green, purple and gold. These will be worn in morning assembly and activities will be available throughout the day for the children to complete.

PARENTAL INFORMATION AND PREPARE TO BE PROUD SESSIONS

Thank you very much to all parents and carers who attended our Parental Information and Prepare to Be Proud sessions, it was lovely to see you all there. We'd really appreciate it if those of you who came would mind giving us some feedback so that we can make them even better in the future.

If you are able to, please complete the surveys linked below. Thank you ever so much!

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B52YF62

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MUSICATE

On Friday 7th February Year 2 had our third Musicate day of the year. We were so excited to see Ivonne and Ben again. We started off the day showing them the activities we have been practising since their last visit including passing the buzzing bee along and passing the beat around. Then we listed to a new piece of Jazz music called The A Train and all drew different patterns, pictures and images of what the piece reminded us of. Ivonne explained the history of the piece and we were so proud of ourselves as we had been able to identify lots of the instruments involved in the piece. Next it was time to make some music of our own and we learnt all about the way a Jazz musician can scat. Scatting is a completely improvised (which means made up on the spot) example of singing where you use different words, sounds and melodies to sing. Some of our favourites included scooby do wop, scooby scooby woo, do be do be wop... plus many more. By the end of this first music making session we all performed brilliant scats with our partners along to a jazz baseline and they sounded brilliant. Then it was time for the whole school to see Ivonne again and she had a very tricky challenge for us this time. Ivonne gave us every musical instrument through mime and didn't do any talking for the first five minutes. We had to really concentrate and focus on what she was doing. By the end of assembly we had learnt a three part rhythm pattern and had performed it on a loop which sounded fantastic. We were very proud!

In the afternoon all of Year Two came together again to work with Ivonne on different musical elements and we began thinking about what symbols and pictures may mean in music. We then looked at art work from Kadinsky and Klee in small groups to compose our own pieces of music. At the end of the day reception came to watch us perform and gave us a huge round of applause plus some lovely compliments about how focused and concentrated we all were in making sure we performed to the best of our ability. To end an already amazing day of Music Ivonne sang us some opera and we were all sat in awe of her wonderful singing voice. Just beautiful.

Thank you again for an amazing Musicate day, we feel so lucky to be able to enjoy this thanks to Cheltenham Music Festivals and all of our teachers' hard work.



PFA SCHOOL DISCO

The PFA would like to thank everyone for their support for last Friday's school disco. They raised a fantastic £285 for our school.



PFA GLOUCESTER RUGBY SIGNED SHIRT - RAFFLE

We have a winner!!! And her name is Carol from St Peter's Social Club – congratulations!! The PFA raised lots of money for the school and they would like to thank Jason Johnson of Scoen International for his very kind donation.



RAGS 2 RICHES 4 SCHOOLS COLLECTION

On Thursday 12th March, we will be having a collection of reusable clothes by Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools who will pay the school 50p per kilo for our donations. The clothes received are then shipped to various developing world countries to be reused by the less fortunate. The Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools scheme not only raises funds for our school but also allows children to learn the benefits of recycling. This will be introduced to the children in our 'Learn to Love the world we Live in' theme week. All children will be getting information leaflets and bags for your donations after the half term break. Any donations can then be brought into school from Monday 9th March. The more we can collect, the more we can raise for our school while helping others less fortunate. Thank you.





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 next in focus. The results are: Truthfulness - 121, Generosity - 104 and Thankfulness - 102. There were 6 spoilt ballot papers. Therefore, our core value next term will be TRUTHFULNESS. We shine when we tell the truth. We will help the children to understand that it is important that we are truthful with small things so that people will trust us later with bigger, more important things. If you don't tell the truth, people are not always sure of you and they cannot rely on you.

Telling the truth can sometimes be difficult, for example if we admit we have broken something we should own up and say it was us so that other people do not get into trouble. Telling the truth may be awkward, for example if someone asks you whether something suits them and it does not. In this instance, we could choose our words carefully so we tell the truth but don't hurt the person's feelings. Telling the truth can also make you different from other people, for example you may pretend to follow the same football team or like the same music just to be like everyone else but this is not being truthful to your beliefs.

God knows that it is difficult to be truthful all the time, but if we ask Him through prayer He will help us.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK
How did your child's class do this week?

RJB	93.3%
RAE	95.8%
1LD	95.7%
1LP	95.0%
2SP	88.8%
2VM	97.4%
3MM	97.5%
3EI	91.7%
4SD	93.8%
4OB	97.9%
5HC	96.7%
5MD	99.1%
6CJ	94.0%
6SW	93.5%



HOUSE POINTS (to 13th February 2020)

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Earth	203	Wind	1186
Wind	181	Earth	1138
Fire	150	Fire	1128
Water	132	Water	1011



DINNER MENU – w/c 24th FEBRUARY

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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

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Mon 17 th Feb	HALF TERM			
Mon 24 th Feb	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am	
Tues 25 th Feb	Y5	'We the Curious' Bristol Trip	Leave 9.00am returning by 3.15pm	
Weds 26 th Feb	Whole School	Ash Wednesday Service	2.15pm – Everyone welcome	
Mon 2 nd March	Whole School	St David's Day	Wear a yellow accessory	
Thurs 5 th March	Whole School	World Book Day	Dress as their favourite character from a book	
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	
Mon 30 th March	Whole School	Palm Sunday Service	9.05am	
Thurs 2 nd April	Whole School	Maundy Service	1.30pm – Everyone welcome	
Fri 3 rd April	Whole School	Good Friday Stations	9.15am – Everyone welcome	
Fri 3 rd April		Finish at 1.00pm		
Mon 6 th April		Easter Holiday		
Mon 20 th April	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am	
Thurs 23rd April	Whole School	St George's Day	Wear a red accessory	
Tues 5 th May	Whole School	May Procession	2.15pm – Everyone welcome	
Fri 8 th May		BANK HOLIDAY		
Thurs 21 st May	Whole School	Ascension Thursday	2.15pm	
Fri 21 st May	Finish for Half Term			

Mon 25 th May	HALF TERM			
Mon 1 st June		Inset Day		
Tues 2 nd June	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am	
Tues 9 th June		New EYFS Meeting	5.30pm/6.00pm	
Fri 26 th June	EYFS	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm	
Mon 29 th June	Whole School	St Peter and St Paul Mass	1.45pm	
Thurs 2 nd July	Whole School	Move Up Day		
Thurs 9 th July	Y6	Production		
Fri 10 th July	Whole School	Sports Day		
Mon 13 th July		Leaver's Mass	10.00am	
Fri 17 th July	Y6	Leaver's Assembly	9.05am	
Fri 17 th July	Finish at 1.00pm			

Carol Baron Headteacher







