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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019



*"For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" John 1:16*

### **EASTER HOLIDAY**

Please be reminded that school closes TODAY for the Easter break of two weeks (and one day) and re-opens on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter. I do hope everyone enjoys the break from routine. Thank you for all your support so far this year. We are two thirds through the year and it has been exciting and busy as always. Many parents (and children) go over and above to make Ss. Peter and Paul a very special place. The staff work hard to put on lots of events and without your support, these would not be as meaningful for the children. Please have a look at the parent involvement timetable for the summer to see what is coming up and add it to your diaries if possible.

*Mrs Todd*

### **STAFF CHANGES**

**Mrs Longstaff** will be returning from her maternity leave after Easter. She will be working two days a week in Year 1, as planned. Mrs Munro will return to three days per week. I would like to thank Mrs Munro for stepping up to full time when the maternity cover for Mrs Longstaff had to end. Just to let you all know that Mrs Campbell has had a baby boy and is doing well.

**Trainee Teachers** – Mrs Ingleson has now started her third and final placement in Year 4 and Miss Cooper has started her final placement in Year 1. These teachers work alongside the class teachers, who still have responsibility for standards and the children's well-being.

**Mrs King** will be leaving us in Mid-May. Mrs King has been excellent in our school office, she is kind and friendly and nothing is too much trouble for her. Mrs King has kindly agreed to extend her notice period and will be working part-time after the holidays. If you are interested in the post of Office Manager please look at the Bishop Wheeler website, you have until the 16<sup>th</sup> April to apply. <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies-posts/2019/3/19/office-manager>

### **MASS WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

Please note that the Whole School Mass due to take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled.

### **EASTER PRODUCTION**

The Easter Production will be performed by Years 3 and 4 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, in school.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Letters have been sent home today to parents/ carers of children with attendance below 90%. For children with attendance above 90% but below 95%, a copy of your child's attendance summary has been sent home this afternoon. Our target for attendance is 97.7% and we are very proud of our attendance figures here at Ss. Peter and Paul as we usually have high attendance.

### **THE LEADER IN ME / SCHOOL RULES/ UNIFORM**

Over the last few weeks, we have begun with The Leader in Me lessons. I hope that more and more your children will be applying these habits (they may be habits you want to take on as a whole family). One of the main teachings is about pressing the pause button before you do something. Can I please re-inforce the strong message in the home/school agreement about parents putting things about school on Facebook. If we are thinking of the seven habits, one of the aspects is to plan/do with the end in mind. I cannot imagine what 'plan' people have when they post things on Facebook

which has anything but a negative outcome. Please do not do it or respond to posts about school – it is not helpful. At Ss. Peter and Paul we like think of ourselves as one big family – would you post negative things about a Grandmother or Aunt – then please don't do it about school staff. Pause! Over the holidays, please check your child's uniform. Please ensure it is clearly labelled with the child's name. Also, check your child's pumps to ensure that they have not outgrown them and that they are still in good condition and replace where necessary. I have attached part of the prospectus to remind you all of **school expectations** about uniform and appearance. We have noticed a number of children not following the policies, we will be having a real focus on attitudes and behaviour after the holiday – particularly in our Leader in Me lessons. If we do not have high standards in school then the children will not feel high expectations and achieve their best in all areas.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL FOOD AMBASSADORS**

Please ensure children bring in a water bottle to school every day, particularly with the warm weather approaching. We will be monitoring the KS2 snacks to ensure that they only contain fruit or vegetables.

### **SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL**

#### **Car Park**

When parking in the school car park through the gates, please use the footpaths to enter school via the playground. Please do not walk through the gates where cars enter, as it is not safe to do so.

#### **School Smoking Policy**

Please be reminded that smoking and the use of e-cigarettes are not permitted on any part of the school site at any time. This applies to all school buildings and the outside areas of the school, including playgrounds, sports field and car parks. Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site is also strongly discouraged.

#### **Dogs**

Dogs are not allowed on the school site, unless it is a guide or support dog, which will have previously been identified by its owner to the school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in all the above areas.

*Mrs Todd*

### **FUNDRAISING**

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to our Fundraising throughout Lent.

#### **Year 5 Fundraising**

Year 5 had their very own Smarties challenge to see which table could raise the most amount of money by filling Smarties tubes with coins over the last few weeks. Year 5 should be very proud of themselves for raising a terrific £408.00!!

#### **Mini-Vinnies Smarties Challenge**

The Mini Vinnies Smarties challenge raised £237.70 - the winners were Oliver B. (Rec), Jessica H. (Y2) Sam H. (Y4) and Amelia S. (Y4) who all received an Easter Egg.

There were also some children awarded a 'good effort' runner up prize of (you guessed it) a tube of smarties. Please see photos below of all the entries.

The final total raised for Games Week was £283.58 and with the Fairtrade Café raising a final amount of 207.96, this brings the total money raised during lent that will be donated to the Good Shepherd appeal to 1,137.24. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations



**Reception and Key Stage 1 Smarties Challenge Entries**



### Key Stage 2 Smarties Challenge Entries

### Crazy Socks

Children came to school on Thursday wearing 'crazy or odd socks' and donated money to the Bamisanani Project and raised £151.00. This money will be used by the students of St. Mary's Menston to purchase socks to take to South Africa.



### Year 6 Football Match vs Holy Family at Ss. Peter and Paul, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Well done to the Year 6 football team who played brilliantly in the Quarter Final of the Bishop's Cup. They scored three first half goals and then showed great resilience and discipline to control the second half and win the tie 3-0. Congratulations to all involved.  
*Mr Costa*

### WEEKLY AWARDS

#### **'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Worthiness**

- Reception – George D.
- Year 1 – Isaac T.
- Year 2 – Daniel P.
- Year 3 – Riley P.
- Year 4 – Christopher K.
- Year 5 – Whole Class
- Year 6 – Gabriella A.

### FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

### **VINTAGE Ball**

\*\*Keep the date free\*\* - Saturday 6th July 2019 - Further details will follow shortly

Please note that the next FOSPAP meeting will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at **7pm** in School – all very welcome.