

ST PETER'S C OF E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th July 2019

Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of the school year and I would like to share with you news about the many things that have been happening over this half term.

Staffing

We will say good bye to Miss Trew who is retiring after a long career in teaching, including twelve years at St Peter's. Miss Trew has supported pupils in years five and six, particularly for maths and English and has also provided individualised support for many pupils throughout key stage two. She has been a wonderful, supportive and kind member of staff and will be hugely missed by us all. We hope that she enjoys the next stage of life and all the excitement it will bring. A new teacher, Mrs Wilkinson will take over the role in September. We also say good bye and thank you to Miss Ross, who will be leaving class 3 to return to Canada. She has been a lovely addition to our school and we wish her lots of happiness in the future. Mrs Tull move into year three for the autumn term with Mrs Pollard.

Class News



Nursery Children in nursery and reception really enjoyed a visit from a mobile farm recently. They brought a goat, sheep, lama, hens and a sheepdog for the pupils to handle and learn about. They had a wonderful butterfly party with homemade wings as part of their mini beast topic and enjoyed the story of The Hungry Caterpillar. It was also lovely to meet so many of the nursery parents of children who will be joining reception class and nursery in September.

Reception After their visit to Skelton Grange last term, children shared their learning in a lovely class assembly. We are pleased that so many parents and pupils have attended the stay and play sessions in school ready to start in Reception.

Year One Children had a great trip to Harlow Carr Gardens where they learned about different types of trees and had to collect and identify the different leaves. The pupils also took their phonics test this term and worked very hard for it.

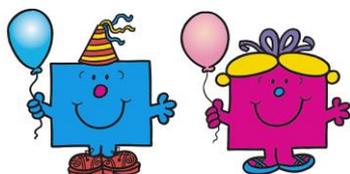
Year Two As part of their seaside topic, children really enjoyed visiting Filey. They paddled in the sea, made sandcastles and enjoyed an ice cream. They also visited Lincoln Green Mosque as part of their RE topic where they are learning about Muslim traditions and faith. Recently their trip to Thwaite Mills helped their science topic and learning about mini beasts.

Year Three As part of their learning about Mexico, pupils interviewed some of Mrs Pollard's family, who live in Mexico, and thought of some excellent questions. Children also had a brilliant trip to the Marks and Spencer's research base where they learned all about the science behind a chocolate pudding. They then carried out research on chocolate, made their own bars and filmed adverts for them. They also enjoyed a day at Harlow Carr Gardens where they built dens and explored using natural materials.

Year Four Children have had a brilliant time with their swimming lessons and all achieved a certificate for their progress. They enjoyed a bio diversity workshop at Leeds University all about the importance of bees in our world. The children also trialled the new times tables test which is being introduced for all year 4 children next year. They have worked very hard to learn their tables and all made brilliant progress.

Year Five The children enjoyed their visit to Ripon Cathedral Primary School and spent time with their pen-pals playing games and exploring their environment. They are busy filming animations of Mr Men adventures in computing.

Year Six After SATs class 6 were busy preparing for their summer production, Oliver Twist which was brilliant. They had a visit to a Synagogue as part of their RE topic about Judaism. Many pupils have enjoyed their visit to their new high school and we will soon be saying goodbye to them at our Leaver's assembly.



Clubs

Football The boys finished their league games very successfully and came first in their group within the league and made it to the quarter finals in the city. Many thanks to Mr Robertson and Mr Leigh. The girls also won a friendly match, 2:0, against the girls at St Patrick's. It was great fun and good to see their talents being used.

Fashion Club trip Children enjoyed their annual visit to Leeds College of Art to tour the end of year exhibitions from fashion and textiles students. They gathered lots of inspiring ideas and enjoyed chatting to the tutors and students.

Netball match Our team joined a tournament with two other schools and won most of their games recently. They had never played another school before but were so confident and capable they are looking for a league to join. Well done netball club.

Dodge ball Pupils in class 2 had lots of fun at a local tournament for Dodgeball which gave them a great experience of the game and a chance to meet children from other schools. They came 3rd and all received a medal.

Tag Rugby Some pupils from year 4 attended a Tag Rugby tournament where they had lots of fun and came in 3rd place. Well done to the team.

Other News

A Musical Extravaganza Key stage two pupils performed wonderfully at the summer concert last week with their version of Oliver. There was singing, dancing, costumes and fun for all. It was a wonderful evening and a lovely way to end the school year. Many thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to teach the songs, dances, alter the costumes and paint the scenery. It was a brilliant team effort. The concert was videoed. Anyone wishing to have a copy should call in at the office. Thanks to Mrs Lewis for lending school so many of the costumes.

Reading Competition This summer there is a reading competition at local libraries. Do try and take your children down to join in, it is a free and enjoyable activity. All children can go to their library to borrow books over the summer for free. The more they read the more rewards they get.

D:Side Visitors came to deliver workshops to pupils at age appropriate levels. These involved teaching the children about keeping safe, staying healthy and the dangers of smoking, drinking and drugs. The children asked some very sensible questions and will have accurate information to help them in the future.

School Nurse Classes 5 and 6 had some informative lessons with the school nurse where they were taught about how their bodies change as they grow up. They asked some excellent questions.

St Peter's Day Service The whole school enjoyed coming together for a special assembly on St Peter's Day recently led by Canon Sam Corley from Leeds Minster. It was a moving occasion and provided a real focus on this special day for our school.

Into University We have been really pleased to work with this organisation this year. They have provided workshops with classes 4-6 to help them understand what university is, explore jobs such as engineering and design and learn about the next stage of their education. The children and staff have really enjoyed the hands on and informative sessions and we look forward to working with them again next year.

Wednesday Worship Thank you to all the parents who have joined us for this service in school. We will continue again after the holidays and I will include dates next term.

Prizes for the parent questionnaire As usual we are asking all parents to complete a questionnaire about school which was sent with your child's school report. Children who bring back the questionnaire will be entered into the prize draw.

Attendance The children have worked hard to improve our attendance and it is very good at the moment. The winning classes in each key stage will receive a treat in the last week. I would also like to remind parents of the government rules that children are not allowed time off for holidays during school term time.

Transition All the children were given time to meet their new teachers and spend some time in their new classes. They heard about the topics they will cover and trips to look forward to.

Fun Day The children in each key stage enjoyed their fun day sessions with bouncy castles, slides, games and activities with ice creams, drinks and crisps. It was a lovely way to end the term.

Buildings You will have seen that our hall extension is almost complete and we look forward to it being redecorated over the holidays. We will also be having years 1 and 5 redecorated and the key stage two toilets refitted.

Sports Day It was great to see so many of you on Sports Day and to be able to have more space for races at Bridge Community Church. We are really grateful to them for its use.

Leaver's Assembly There will be lots of memories to share and a few tears to shed at the year 6 special assembly on Monday 22nd July at 1.30pm. We look forward to seeing our year 6 parents there.

Year 6 Leaver's Service Pupils from class 6 joined children from other Primary Schools for a farewell service at Leeds Minster. They had time to reflect on the theme of making promises for their future and took a model of a rainbow to share.

School Website Please go onto our website to keep up to date with information and to look at photos of recent events in school. The address is www.stpeterscofe.org.uk

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

Reception	Class 1	Sam George	Class 2	Caleb Daniel
Shalom Berakate	Elnathan Paulos	Clara Mijares	Elana Simon	Hussain Sayed
Daniel Malacama	Pearl Mfobin	Nathan Gebremariam	Tinaye Mutungamiri	Peniel Kidane
Betiel Teklit				

Key Stage Two

Jasper Bickle	Hana Musie	Goncalo Jordao	Alice Mason	Ella Mason
Natty Tadessa	Class 5	Filly Yonas	Jesse Omondi	Samuel Ibeh
Seth Soloman	Class 3	Class 4	Sheizy Pereira	Leona Dasta
Ava Mason	Nevada Alleyne-Surgeon	Heavenn Khassey	Kieshawn Campbell	Elianna Michael
Senai Ganzai	Abegail Forkuo	Ethan Ezuz	Danya Michael	Jason Bravo
Melissa Robert	Armani Miller			



Congratulations



Key dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 22nd July	Children to meet their new teachers for next year Class 6 Leaver's Assembly 1.30pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Toy Day School breaks up for the summer at 3.10pm
Wednesday 24 th July	School Training Day - school closed
Monday 2nd September	School Training Day
Tuesday 3rd September	School opens to pupils

I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs E.J. Holliday
Headteacher