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NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2020

Children who showed the virtue of Thankfulness

Rec – Zach C
Year 1 – Fiadh M
Year 2 – James S
Year 3 – Eamonn L
Year 4 – Chloe W
Year 5 – Shea O'B
Year 6 – Christopher K

LIFE OF THE PARISH

If you wish to keep up to date with the life of the parish, and Fr John's communications, please follow the Facebook page by searching 'Ss Peter and Paul RC Church', or keep checking the website www.sspeterandpauls.com for regular bulletins.

Dates

Year 5 Holy Communion 14th and 15th November. Three Masses - Saturday 10:00am, 12:00 Noon Sunday 12:00 Noon. Letters have been sent home.

Year 6 Confirmation 21st and 22nd November. Three Masses – Saturday 10:00am, 12:00 Noon Sunday 12:00 Noon Letters have been sent home.

OFSTED

As you know, we had a quality assurance meeting with two Inspectors from Ofsted to gather information on how we have been coping since March and what provision we have put in place to deal with Covid-19. I felt proud to be the headteacher of Ss Peter and Paul and report to them all the good things we have done since March. I was also proud of the senior staff who spoke with Ofsted, Mrs Heckman, Mrs Monaghan (SENco), Mrs Filarowski (English and RE) and Mrs Ripley (Maths and Music). We will eventually get a letter and of course, I will let you have a copy. The letter will be factual and not have any evaluative judgements; the inspectors did not visit any lessons and did not even look around the school building. One of the items very current and in the news will be what school can provide in a lockdown. Next week we will survey parents about their experience of the initial lockdown in March and then the subsequent provision from June. We will be very interested to hear from families who cannot access any technology at home or who would struggle to provide access to Microsoft teams for their child/ren.

Mrs Todd

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

I think these are now established. Can I please ask that parents do not gather in groups before and after school? We are doing all we can to keep year groups separate in school, including teachers having shorter lunchtimes and classroom staff going out every break time to supervise one class at a time – only to see children playing in and around the carpark with children from a variety of year groups. Please do not stand on the pavement at the corner of Crofters Lea – come up further and stand behind the staff cars parked at the side of the building.

Reception – all lining up to the left of the fire door rather than on either side. I know timing the school run is difficult and we do not want children late! However if you are early remain in your car or walk along a little more slowly so that you get here just in time. Thanking you all once again for your support in all these matters.

Mrs Todd

CONNIE DOYLE – HEAD GIRL

We would like to congratulate Connie, an old pupil of Ss Peter & Paul, on becoming Head Girl at St Marys' Menston. We are very proud of her, well done!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021/22

We have attached the new academic calendar for 2021/22 to this newsletter for your information.

PACKED LUNCHES/WATER BOTTLES

Can we please remind you that lunch boxes must contain 'healthy lunches'? Can we please ask that you are mindful about the amount of food you are sending with your child, ensure the portion size is correct for them. We have noticed large bars of chocolate and other unhealthy foods and not enough fruit or raw vegetables in the pack-ups. Water bottles **MUST ONLY** contain water, no juice, or fizzy drinks. Please see the Healthy Pack lunch poster!

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will begin again from Monday, children taking part will have had an email home this afternoon. Please check Parentmail, and make payment via ParentPay at your earliest convenience. Flute will take place on Mondays, Guitar will take place on Wednesdays.

NEW SCHOOL MENU

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have now received a new school meal menu. This will replace the grab bag menu after October half term. Unfortunately, Leeds City Council are unable to provide hot school meals for KS2 so they will remain on the grab bag menu until further notice.

We are asking that you only email the school office if your child is in either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, and only **if you wish for your child to have a packed lunch**. We will assume that everyone else will be having a school meal. Please remember that your child must remain on whichever option you choose for at least a full half term. Please email by **Friday 9th October**.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

As you will realise, we cannot do face-to-face parent consultations at this time. However, School Cloud our parent consultation booking system provides a platform for parent consultations to happen virtually. Parents log into the system to make an appointment and will then get a link to access the site at the agreed date and time. As is traditional parents consultations will take place in the week before half-term,

Tuesday 20th October 4:00pm until 6:30 pm and Thursday 22nd October 5:30 until 8:00pm. Appointments can be booked on a first come basis and the system will open at 10:00 am on Tuesday 6th October at 10:00 am.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – YEAR 6

Mrs Filarowski has begun Confirmation preparation with Year 6 in class. In normal circumstances we would have started this preparation in June of Year 5. If your child is absent from school, they will need to catch up with the sessions missed. The sessions are on the Year 6 page, under 'Confirmation'. The diocese have recommended these to be used for home learning, so even if your child has been in school, you may want to revisit these as a family. This use of the 'family catechesis' material will enrich the preparation for all and ensure that your child is fully prepared for what is a very important Sacrament. If your child was absent **please** catch up, before the next Tuesday session, this will keep them up to date- and ensure the rapid coverage of the materials does not dilute the knowledge of the child.

RSE

You may remember that we consulted with you a couple of years ago on the schools RSE (Relationship Sex Education) policy. We are now changing the way we teach RSE and have purchased a new scheme, which has been highly recommended by the diocese. The consultation period is open until 9th October so please let us have any comments on or before that date. Details of how you can engage with the materials are in the letter attached. The Policy and other documentation are on the RE page (at the top, there are three links to click). Many thanks for your anticipated interest. Please address any comments to Mrs Filarowski RSE and email them to the school office. Mrs *Filarowski*

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note that any orders processed online before Thursday 8th October will qualify for free delivery. After this date, you may still order photos, however postage charges will apply. Please ensure any orders coming into school are with the office by Friday 9th October.

OCTOBER HALF TERM LEEDS CAMPS

We have been advised that bookings for October half term camps can now be made. Please visit www.leedscamps.co.uk.