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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Celebration Assembly

During this afternoon's Celebration Assembly, each class presented some of their favourite pieces of learning to the rest of the school (via zoom) before this week's awards were given out.

Reception children have enjoyed reading maps and using positional language, but their highlight has definitely been their amazing beach day! They have loved dressing up (great costumes!) and taking part in all the related activities.

Year 1 have been historians this week as they have been researching and learning lots about Francis Drake and Neil Armstrong. They have learnt lots about the importance of these two individuals and all their achievements.

Year 2 have enjoyed sewing bags in DT and decorating them – they look fantastic! They have also enjoyed their number work in maths this week.

Year 3 have been learning about the virtues and qualities of St Dominic. They have also created a powerpoint explaining their learning about the importance of the river Nile to the Ancient Egyptians.

Year 4 have produced some brilliant science work this week. They have carried out science investigations and have done a great job of writing these up.

Year 5 have been working hard to round decimal numbers to three decimal places. They have also enjoyed learning about how the Holy Spirit guided the lives of St Peter and St Paul.

Year 6 enjoyed their amazing performances of The Lion King. They also enjoyed reading their leaving speeches at their leavers' liturgy this morning.

Virtue to Live By:

Service

*I look for ways to help others
without being asked.*

*I give my time to serve others
willingly.*

*I encourage others to use their
gifts to serve.*

*By serving others, I share God's
love.*

**Children who showed
The virtue of
Service**

Rec – Lilianna
Year 1 – Isabella
Year 2 – The whole class
Year 3 – The whole class
Year 4 – Ava
Year 5 – The whole class
Year 6 – The whole class

Additional Award: Mr Costa

Leader in Me



Rec – Naya
Year 1 – Ida
Year 2 – Alice
Year 3 – Nell
Year 4 – Darcy
Year 5 – Everyone in school – awarded
by Mr Costa!
Year 6 – The whole class

Congratulations to all of this week's award winners!

Team Points

Congratulations to this week's team point winners – Bolton! Please see the school twitter page for a picture of the trophy with the team captain.

Foodbank Friday

Congratulations to the children of Y3 who have successfully filled the foodbank box today! They have earned a certificate from the Mini Vinnies and an extra playtime voucher, but more importantly have made a big difference to the lives of families in our local community.

Cards and Gifts

On behalf of all the staff, a huge thank you for all the kind and generous gifts and warm words of appreciation and thanks. We really appreciate this.

A Personal Thank You

A big thank you to everyone (children, staff, parents and governors) who has made me feel so welcome and supported during my first term as headteacher at Ss Peter and Paul. I really appreciate it and look forward to working with you all again in September.

Y6 Leavers' Liturgy

This morning, our Y6 children had a lovely leavers' liturgy. This consisted of: leaving speeches from each child, prayers, songs and an end of year video. We will miss our fantastic Y6 children who have given so much to our school over the last 7 years. You will all remain in our prayers. Good luck at high school. The end of year video will be available on the Y6 page of the website shortly – please look out in your emails for the password.

Y6 Production

A huge congratulations to our Y6 children who put together two wonderful performances of The Lion King this week. The quality of the performances were extremely high. Well done! Thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes and learning the lines. Thank you also to Mrs Filarowski and Miss Meikle who put so much time and effort into helping the children be so fantastic. A video of the dress rehearsal is now available to view on the Y6 page of the school website. The password will be emailed out separately.

Talent Show

Well done to everyone who took part in the talent show. You all showed such confidence and talent! The votes have been counted and the top three positions are set out below:

1st place – Rachel Foster (Y6) – Singing and Dancing
2nd place – Freddie Gunnell (Y4) – Magic act
3rd place – Amelia Silcock (Y6) and Olivia Laverty (Y6) – Cooking

Congratulations!

End of Year Reports

Thank you for all the parent confirmation sheets that have been returned to school. You do not need to make a comment, but we do need confirmation that you have received your child's report. An email confirmation is fine. Many thanks.

Sport

Y6 Girls' Football Team

Unfortunately, our final girls' football match of the season had to be cancelled twice due to other schools' bubbles closing. As the girls had not had chance to wear their new kit in a match yet (the kit they helped design!), they played a match between themselves on Wednesday with Olivia's Otters drawing 4-4 with Tara's turtles! Well done, girls!

School Newspaper

Thank you for all the sales of our school newspaper and all the positive feedback for it. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this, especially Mrs Filarowski and Miss Meikle who put so much time and effort to put it all together.

End of Year Mass

It was wonderful to welcome parents to our end of year Mass on Monday afternoon at 2pm. Thank you for joining us. It was particularly special as it was the final time that Father John was in school before he leaves parish. A big thank you for everything **Father John** has done for our school, parish and community. We will miss you and you will stay in our prayers.

Goodbye Mr Costa

In addition to the goodbyes for Year 6 and Father John, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Costa. Mr Costa has been a wonderful part of our school during the last six years. We thank him for his wonderful teaching and care of the children. Staff, children and parents will all miss him very much but wish him every happiness and success for the future.

Sports Kit

If we have any sports kits outstanding, please can you drop them off outside the front door at a convenient time for you next week. Thank you.

Summer Learning

Please see attached a letter about learning over the summer. In summary, rest, relax but PLEASE KEEP READING!

A message from the chair of our academy council

I would like to begin with another heartfelt thank you to all the associated staff who work so hard day in and day out for the children and community of Ss Peter and Paul School. I say regularly that I am immensely proud to be the Chair of the Academy Council but over the last 16 months this pride has grown even further. I hope you will join with me in wishing all staff a happy and healthy summer break, something that is richly deserved. Alongside this we say a fond farewell to Mr Costa and Fr John. We are very grateful for their service and wish them all the very best for the future.

You will all have heard of the tremendous increased pressure education has faced since the emergence of the Delta variant of Covid-19 in the UK. Through my regular meetings with Mr Power I know how stretched our school has become during this time but this has not adversely affected the day to day running of the school, as our staff have gone the extra mile to keep the school going. I would especially like to draw attention to the experience Year 6 have been able to enjoy, which has been as close to normal as possible. They will all leave the school with lovely end of term memories including Kingswood, sporting competitions, the leavers' disco and the

superb performances of 'The Lion King' this week. We wish them well in their continued educational and spiritual journey.

Finally I would like to thank you, the parents and carers connected to our school. As I write this it is safe to say that case numbers overall across the school have remained low throughout the year and this is testament to the way we have all learned as much as possible to operate alongside the virus in our everyday lives.

Have a lovely and safe summer break

Mark Foster

September

We are planning for the mixing of bubbles and 'normal' school arrangements in September! We will confirm details nearer the time as guidance changes frequently so please look out for a confirmation email towards the end of August. We envisage school timings for everyone to be 8:40 (with registers open until 8:50am) until 3:20pm.

Learning Mentor

I'm delighted to confirm the appointment of Ms Kate Mayer as our new school learning mentor. Ms Mayer is an experienced learning mentor who will be supporting our children with their social and emotional wellbeing. We look forward to welcoming her as part of our team.

Outstanding Dinner Money

As we are nearing the end of the school year, please can you check your ParentPay accounts and ensure that all dinner money balances are up to date. Thank you.

Young Voices

As you may have seen on twitter, our Key Stage 2 choir will be attending the Young Voices Concert in Sheffield arena on January 5th. Further details will follow in September about this exciting opportunity. You can find out more about Young Voices by following this link: [Young Voices 25th Anniversary 2021 - YouTube](#)

Training Day

A reminder that Monday 5th September is a staff training day where staff will take part in child protection and safeguarding training. Children will return to school on Tuesday 6th September.

Reception Starting Arrangements

With the absence of the usual summer taster days, the new reception arrangements are set out below. A separate email has been sent out confirming which group your child is in.

Group A: In school all day Tuesday.

Group B: In school all day Wednesday.

Group C: In school all day Thursday.

Friday: All reception children in school all day.

Summer Reading Challenge

Ss Peter & Paul are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge! Please sign up online (<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>) or pop along to the local library. The children can take part in mini challenges, play games and much more! Children who complete the challenge and receive a certificate should bring their certificate to their new class teacher in September to receive even more rewards in school!

Year Four Holy Communion Party

The year four First Holy Communion party will now be held on Sunday 22nd August. Children to arrive from 2pm for sit down lunch at 2.30pm and the whole family are welcome to stay all day until the club closes at 9pm.

*Have a lovely summer,
Mr. Power
Headteacher*