

# ST PETER'S C OF E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st October 2021

Dear Parents,

**This newsletter is available on our website [www.stpeterscofe.org.uk](http://www.stpeterscofe.org.uk) and you can translate it into your home language using the Google Translate button on the website.**

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. It has been a difficult few months for everyone but it has been lovely to welcome children and families back to school and everyone has settled back in very quickly.

### **Class News**

**Nursery** Children have been learning all about themselves and their families this half term. They have been on an autumn walk and made some lovely pictures from the things that they have found and enjoyed the story of 'Wow said the Owl'. The new children have settled in very well.

**Reception** The children have been very busy settling into their class over the half term and are now starting to get into school routines. They have been reading lots of stories about autumn such as Fergie and the falling leaves and made some lovely clay hedgehogs. They have started learning numbers 1-5 and the names of different shapes and are enjoying their weekly gymnastics sessions with a coach.

**Year One** Children have been exploring and painting portraits as part of their art topic. They have started their guided reading and are really enjoying sharing stories with their group. They are enjoying their weekly gymnastics sessions with a coach.

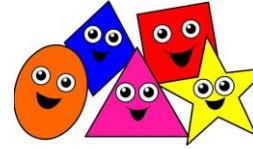
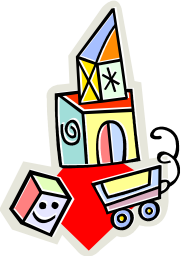
**Year Two** Children in year two have been learning about toys and have compared old and new toys. As part of their science topic they have identified lots of materials around the play ground.

**Year Three** Class 3 led our Harvest celebration around the theme of Bees and we all enjoyed their waggle song. The children took part in a seed gathering workshop this week as part of their science work about plants. They are learning about lots of different types of weather in their geography topic.

**Year Four** The children have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt in history. Children have been learning about polar regions in geography. During a recent trip to Skelton Grange environmental centre, they went pond dipping and looked at the different habitats animals live in linked to their science. They received excellent feedback from the staff about their behaviour and attitudes towards their learning.

**Year Five** Children have been enjoying their weekly recorder lessons and swimming lessons this year. They led an assembly about the Selma marches as part of Black History Month. In history their study of Ancient Greece has inspired some super Greek vases.

**Year Six** Pupils enjoyed a five day workshop with the Into University organisation learning about inheritance and evolution. They had a brilliant time on their residential at Robinwood and have completed cycling training from the Bikeability organisation.



## **Clubs**

At the moment we have after school clubs running for classes from class 1 - 6. The children are enjoying these after school experiences.

## **Other News**

**Attendance** This has been very good since September and although we have had some Covid cases in school the overall figure so far is 98.6%

**Catching up on missed learning** The children have been working hard in class. They will be assessed again in November to see how much they have progressed. (We hope to be able to have parents' evening in the usual way in November)

**Transition Meetings** Information from teachers about their classes was sent out earlier this term. Year 6 parents attended a meeting about applying for high school. There will be a meeting for nursery parents about applying for primary school on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the class teachers at the end of the day if there is anything you are unsure about. I hope you found the information about the classes useful.

**Year 5 Residential** We have booked a trip to Lineham Farm for year 5, from Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Worship** We will be returning to whole school worship after half term and each class continues to say prayers daily. We are hopeful that we will be able to invite parents in to watch assemblies and concerts after half term.

**Harvest Festival** It was lovely to see class 3 leading our recent Harvest Festival and the children were able to watch contributions from classes on the website in school. We were very proud of the children's efforts. Many thanks for all the kind donations you sent in, which have been delivered to the charities Caring for Life and our local food bank.

**Black History Month** The children have been learning about a range of black figures throughout history and in assembly we have looked at Garrett Morgan. Year 5 shared a super assembly about the Selma marches and issues around inequality.

**International Week** Pupils have really enjoyed learning about various different countries during international week. Children are being taught key facts and phrases from their country and on Friday will be dressed in clothes to represent any country in the world. Parents will not be able to look around school this year or send in food but each class will put a recording on their class page of what they have been learning about.

**Mathletics, Bug Club and Spelling Shed** Many children have been logging on to these websites to practise lots of key skills. Thank you for all the wonderful support you are providing for the children with their learning.

**Remembrance Day** - In advance of Remembrance Sunday we will be selling poppies outside school each day for the children to buy.



**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 are achievers for half term.



### Key Stage One

Class 1	William Mortoti	Yeabsira Tadesse	Abigail Dawit	Joel Forkuo
Saron Tsadu	Jonatas Veloso De Jesus Pires	Hirun Amarasekara	Kibrom Weldegaber	Reception class
Belul Weldegaber	Abenezer Gotiom	Lamick Kiflemariam	Naomi Hagos	Lydia Weldeselasie
Yosef Tadesse	Nabyom Kibreab	Abanoub Luul	Lydia Henok	Wengel Biniam
Eleni Haftom				

### Key Stage Two

Class 3	Class 4	Joshua Ankomah-Serebour	Peniel Kidane	Seyi Olaniyi
Class 5	Class 6	Saliem Tesfaldet	Mussie Tekeste	Muna Aibu
Sosna Teklit	Melody Forkuu	Holy Temesgen	Lilly Elias	Soliana Tesfaldet
Maya Spinks	Chideraa Ezeokoli-Echeme	Micaiah Hagos	Ezana Kibreab	Goodluck Edene
Ezekiel Achew	Yosyas Temesgen	Dagmawi Fitsum	Isaac Weldedlesa	Hussain Sayed
Camron Matthews	Sam George	Habron Tsadu	Seth Soloman	Ike Alabi

Yours sincerely  
Mrs E.J.Holliday  
Headteacher

## Forthcoming Events

These events will be coming up over the next half term.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 22nd October	School breaks up for half term Children to come in clothes for international day
Monday 1st November	Back to school Class 2 visit from Guy Fawkes
Wednesday 3rd November	Class 6 trip to Bolton Abbey
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for parents applying for reception places
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council Elections for years 3-6
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Yr 5 Space Dome visit
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 4 visit to Leeds City Museum - Egyptian experience 8.30 & 11.45 Meetings for nursery parents about applying for a place in reception
Friday 26th November	<b>Training Day - School Closed</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Class 1 visit to Skelton Grange Reception trip to Santa Express
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	D: Side workshops for all classes about keeping safe and healthy <b>Flu vaccinations for children in years Rec-6</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	D: Side workshops for all classes about keeping safe and healthy
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Some pupils to Rotary to sing carols
Wednesday 8th December	<b>KS1 Christmas concert - afternoon</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Christmas Concert - evening</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Christmas Concert - morning</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Nursery Christmas Concert</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Visit to Leeds Minster for Church Service</b> <b>Early years and KS1 Christmas party</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Christmas Party</b>
Friday 17th December	Nursery Christmas party Break up for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4th January	School re-opens