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NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th November 2018

Mass in Church with Confession (9.30 a.m.) – Autumn Term 2018

Class	Date
Year 5	Monday 10 th December
Year 4	Wednesday 12 th December
Year 6	Monday 17 th December

Mass in the Classroom

Class	Date
Year 5	Tuesday 27 th November – 2:30pm

Children taking a lead in Mass on a Sunday with the Parish

Date
Sunday 2 nd December at 11:00am

Advent Worship in School

Event	Leading Class	Date
Advent Worship 1 and Blessing the Advent Wreath	Year 4 supported by Reception and Year 1	Monday 3 rd December at 2.30pm
Advent Worship 2	Year 6 supported by Year 2	Friday 14 th December at 9:15 a.m.
Advent Worship 3 and 4	Year 5 supported by Year 3	Friday 21 st December at 9:15 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Please keep the Year 6 and 7 children in your prayers this weekend, as they take the step to be confirmed in the Catholic faith. We hope that they, and their families enjoy this important time. Thank you to those parents that have attended the after school sessions with their child. I hope that in the future we can encourage more 'family catechesis' so the whole family benefits when a child goes through Sacramental Preparation. Please find a prayer which you may like to say for the children at the end of this newsletter. As always thanks to Fr John and the teachers who have helped the children during their preparation.

Mrs Todd

PRAYER PARTNERS

We have decided to relaunch the prayer partners and **ALL people** who signed up a year ago (plus the few new names on the list in Church) will now receive a prayer card from the child who we will ask you to pray for. If anyone wishes to be taken off the list, please inform Fr John. The children will start making their cards next week

SCHOOL OPEN DAY SESSIONS

For parents of children applying for a place in Reception in **September 2019**, we are holding our open day sessions in November. Please come along to one of the sessions, booking is not required.

Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Courtesy

The virtue for November is Courtesy, What does the bible say about Courtesy?

'Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.'

Colossians 4:6

Year 4 will lead us in worship on Friday 23rd November at 9:00am. This will be the culmination of Anti-Bullying Week which Mrs Heckman will launch on Monday morning.

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 98% and currently the figure for the whole school is 97.3%: Reception - 97.7%; Year 1 - 97.8%; Year 2 - 95.9%; Year 3 – 98.8%; Year 4 – 97.5%; Year 5 – 96.3% and Year 6 – 97.6%. Congratulations to Year 3 on their excellent attendance for this year so far.

Medical/Hospital Appointments

If your child has a medical/hospital appointment during school hours, please supply a copy of the appointment card or letter so that this absence can be authorised as medical. It would be appreciated if medical appointments can be made outside the normal school hours: whilst we understand this is not always possible, the impact on your child's attendance and attainment can be significant if they have a number of appointments during school time. Your support in this is appreciated.

THEME WEEKS

It has been tremendous to see how much the children have completed during the Theme weeks. I am sure all those parents that were able to attend our open morning and afternoon were impressed by the quality of art work and writing. The Year 4 and 5 production has also been excellent. The children have really enjoyed putting this together. Many thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard to make the learning 'come alive' for the children. And well done children for engaging with it all so well. *Mrs Todd*

REMINDER OF IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP THIS HALF-TERM

Year 4 will lead worship on 23rd November at 9:00am on the theme of courtesy

Year 1 will lead worship on 7th December at 2:30pm on the theme of generosity

Carol Service in Church – Tuesday 18th December at 6:00 p.m.

Nativity (Reception) in school – Wednesday 19th December at 9:30 a.m.

Nativity (Years 1 and 2) in school – Wednesday 19th December at 2:15 p.m.

Stay and read/ play sessions w/c 19th November at 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Monday – Reception and Year 4; Tuesday – Year 1 and Year 5; Wednesday – Year 2 and Year 6; Thursday – Year 3

Enrolment Mass for Reconciliation – Sunday 2nd December 11:00 a.m.

BOOK FAIR

The book fair will open after school on Tuesday 27th November and will then be open from 8:30am to 8:40am and after school, every day until Monday 3rd December. More information to follow next week.

SKIPPING COMPETITION YEAR 4

Year 4 will be taking part in a skipping competition project with other primary schools after Christmas. To prepare for the competition they will have a practise session on Thursday afternoon with a company called Skipping School Ltd. Children will need their PE kit, trainers or pumps and a water bottle.

PIANO LESSONS

Due to Year 4 skipping on Thursday afternoon, next week's piano lessons will swap round, so that those children who have lessons on a Tuesday will have their lesson on Thursday and those who have lessons on a Thursday will have their lesson on Tuesday.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Letters have been sent home with children who currently have a packed lunch in school. If your child currently has packed lunches but would like a Christmas lunch, please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter and return to school by Monday 19th November at the latest and credit the school dinner item on ParentPay with £2.40. Children who currently have school meals will automatically have the Christmas lunch.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL MEALS

From next week, on Wednesdays there will be a choice of tuna or cheese for the jacket potato option.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS

The mugs have now been delivered to school. If you ordered mugs with the Christmas card design, please collect from the school office.

CALENDAR 2019/ 2020

The academic calendar for the school year 2019/ 2020 is now available on the school website. A copy is attached with this week's newsletter. There is still one more training day to be arranged and the calendar will be updated once the date has been agreed.

TRAIN TO TEACH

Do you or does anyone you know want to train to teach. Ss. Peter and Paul are part of two clusters that provide places for trainee teachers. From 2019, you will be able to train in the local area through the Aireborough Partnership. We also provide places for the St Mary's Teaching School at Horsforth. We have attached both leaflets to this week's newsletter. If you require any further information about the local cluster of schools please contact Emily Bevan at St Peters Rawdon, or for St Mary's contact Emma Dobson.

WEEKLY AWARDS

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Reception - Noel K
Year 1 - Luca M
Year 2 - Struan Y
Year 3 - Emily Mc
Year 4 - Oliver O'R
Year 5 - Thomas E
Year 6 - Luca T

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Dates for your diary ...

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th December 2018 – Christmas shops; all gifts are £2 each (and wrapped)

Friday 7th December 2018 – Dress Down Day in exchange for a bottle of wine/spirits or chocolates for the Christmas Hampers

The next FOSPAP meeting will take place on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7pm in School – all very welcome

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Christmas Fair - Saturday 1st December 10:00a.m. – 1.00 p.m. in the school hall.

Stalls include: bottle, children's tombola, cakes, raffle, craft, white elephant, tombola, toy, books and games. There will be refreshments and of course Father Christmas. Please send bags to church or school. All proceeds are going to the Church Porch extension.

Creator Spirit, strengthen this child with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that s/he may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill her/him with the joy of your presence. Increase in her/him the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Amen

