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NEWSLETTER

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Generosity

Generosity is not just about giving gifts to those we like. It is about giving to charity, doing good deeds, giving of time and love. We can all remember the gospel from a couple of weeks ago that talks about the poor widow's mite, she gives all she can afford to give and gives it with love. (Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4).

This is such an important message for us and our children at this time. As the bible also says "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7), and the widow showed great faith in God that all would be well.

REMINDER OF IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP THIS HALF-TERM

<u>Date</u>		<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday 10th December at 9:30am	Mass in Church with Confession	Year 5	Church
Wednesday 12th December at 9:30am	Mass in Church with Confession	Year 4	Church
Friday 14 th December at 9:15am	Advent worship 2	Year 6 supported by Year 2	School
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School	School
Tuesday 18 th December at 6:00pm	Carol Service	Key Stage 2	Church
Wednesday 19 th December at 9:30am (Please note change of date)	Mass in Church with Confession	Year 6	Church
Wednesday 19 th December at 9:30am	Nativity	Reception	School
Wednesday 19 th December at 2:15pm	Christmas Production	Years 1 and 2	School
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day	Whole School	School
Friday 21 st December at 9:15am	Advent worship 3 and 4	Year 5 supported by Year 3	School

MANY, MANY THANKS

Christmas has come early to Ss. Peter and Paul school. New interactive screens have been fitted in half of the classrooms with the remaining classrooms having their screens installed on Monday. This could not have been done without your generous contributions through the Voluntary Contribution Fund. The 'old' screens have been in constant use for seven years, a number were speckled and hard to read, one or two just 'switched' themselves off mid lesson so the new screens were badly needed. The seven screens have cost just over £18,000. However, we have purchased the most up to date screens and the larger size, so hopefully they will last at least another seven years. School has used £8,000 of its capital budget and £10,000 from the VCS account to ensure that we have the screens up and running for the spring and summer term. Myself, staff and governors are delighted to have something so visible in school that represents how generous parents are at Ss. Peter and Paul. Thank you once again! *Mrs Todd*

ARITHMETIC FOCUS UPDATE

As you know, currently in school, the children from Year 1 to Year 6 have been having a real focus on arithmetic both at school and at home. This focus has had a huge impact on the children both in their confidence in tackling arithmetic questions and their test scores. The chart below shows the scores of tests so far this year. The baseline test was completed during transition in July. You can see clearly that in the majority of classes, the scores have increased steadily.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Baseline	51%	28%	31%	50%	43%	47%
Autumn 1	52%	52%	44%	60%	52%	62%
Autumn 2	tbc	60%	51%	60%	70%	65%

We are really pleased with all of the children. They are working hard at school and at home to keep improving their scores. The skills and confidence the children are gaining through this focus is also having a huge impact on their ability to tackle problem solving tasks as they are more secure in the calculation strategies they need to use.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support at home with the homework teachers are setting. It really helps the children to embed what they are learning in school. *Mrs Ripley*

NETBALL CLUB

Unfortunately, there will be no netball after school on Monday 10th December, there will be a session on Monday 17th December, the last one before Christmas. After the Christmas holidays the sessions will change from a Monday to a Tuesday with the first session on Tuesday 8th January.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those who have visited the book fair, with the commission raised we will be able to get even more books for school.

ADVENT – THE TRAVELLING CRIB

Your child will, over the coming weeks, bring home a travelling crib. We ask that you spend some time together as a family following the suggestions on the card enclosed with your crib. Please take good care of our cribs and report any issues to your child's class teacher on the day you return the crib. Cribs are ideally used at home on the evening your child brings it home, and returned to school the following day - this is to ensure all families in school have the opportunity to pray with the travelling crib.

ADVENT FUNDRAISING BY THE MINI-VINNIES

Throughout Advent, the Mini-Vinnies will be selling baubles, which the children can decorate themselves in order to brighten up our Christmas tree in the hall. The baubles will be on sale each playtime in the hall at a cost of 50p per bauble. The idea of the bauble is children make them instead of sending cards to their whole class and thus cut down on writing Christmas cards. Our hope is that every child in school will decorate a bauble.

The Mini-Vinnies are also asking for any donations of new/ unused games and toys to donate to children who are less fortunate. If you have any items to donate, please send into school by Friday 14th December.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Unfortunately, Sign Language Club has been cancelled until further notice.

ADMISSION POLICY 2020-21

We are currently in the consultation period for the draft of the admissions policy for 2020-21 admissions. The draft policy is now available on the school website under the admissions tab, please contact the school office at schooloffice@ssppyeadon.org with any comments that you have concerning this draft before Monday 21st January 2018.

LIBRARY BOOKS

If your child(ren) have library books at home that have not been changed for a while, please send into school so they can be changed or if your child would still like to read the book, please send into school so that the book can be renewed on our system.

CALENDAR 2019/ 2020

The academic calendar for the school year 2019/ 2020 is now available on the school website. There is still one more training day to be arranged and the calendar will be updated once the date has been agreed.

KEY STAGE 2 CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH – 18TH DECEMBER 2018

The Key Stage 2 carol service starts in Church at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 18th December. It is an expectation that all Key Stage 2 children will attend. Slips have gone home this evening with the children in Year 3, to advise what clothes the children will need to bring into school. These are only for clothes to go under costumes, as we have costumes to go over the top already. Angels can bring wings and halos of their own if they want to. Please can these clothes be in school in a labelled bag by Friday 14th December at the latest. Thank you *Mr Costa*

YEAR 6 FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 6 football team for a great effort against West End, Horsforth in the match on Thursday 6th December. Although we lost 3-1, the team played well, hitting the post three times in the second half. *Mr Costa*

WEEKLY AWARDS

'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Generosity

Rec – Esabella G.
Year 1 – Max W.
Year 2 – Jessica D.
Year 3 – Lucas G.
Year 4 – Mazie T-S.
Year 5 – Finlay B.
Year 6 – Cole H.

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Rec - Alice McK.
Year 1 - Yakub P-H.
Year 2 - James C.
Year 3 - Isla McL.
Year 4 - Olivia L.
Year 5 - Thomas E.
Year 6 - Luca T.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Christmas Raffle Tickets

All children should have brought home an envelope with £10 worth of raffle tickets in. The FOSPAP would be very grateful if you could sell as many tickets as possible, with a chance to win one of the many wonderful Christmas Hampers on offer! If you require additional tickets, please ask the School Office. Please ensure that all tickets sold have a name and contact number on. All money, stubs of sold tickets and strips of unsold tickets must be returned to school **before Friday 14th December 2018**. The draw will take place on Wednesday 19th December 2018 immediately after the Christmas Productions (pm)

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 Children's' Liturgy Group Advent Project

The Children's liturgy group have provided stars in the porch. Please write the name of someone you would like prayers for during advent and we will put them on the liturgy advent frieze. The children and the rest of the congregation will pray for them each week.

“IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER” Matthew 21:22

Ss. Peter and Paul Youth Club

Hi everyone, our youth club is going from strength to strength. If any parents or grandparents would like to go on a rota to volunteer or if you have any board games or large games to donate, please contact Angie Thompson on 0773 3219735.