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NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th January 2019

Mass in Church (9.30 a.m.) – Spring Term 2019

Class	Date
Whole School – Start of Term	Monday 14 th January
Year 2	Monday 21 st January
Year 3	Wednesday 23 rd January
Year 4	Monday 28 th January
Year 5	Wednesday 30 th January
Year 6	Monday 4 th February
Reception	Wednesday 6 th February
Year 1	Monday 11 th February

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

Date
Sunday 17 th March at 6:30pm Mass

Courtesy

Courtesy is the entrance-level virtue that allows strangers to suddenly feel that they are kindred spirits. It is also the foundation on which other virtues might be established, such as kindness, thoughtfulness, amicability, and generosity.

Dear Lord

Help us to show courtesy to everyone we meet so that we may be a living example of your love for all to see.

Amen.

LEADER IN ME PROGRAMME /NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. Please be in no doubt that your children's wellbeing, health and happiness is a priority for all staff in 2019. We are embarking on the Leader in Me process to help us look afresh at this area of school life. We hear all the time about the pressures people are under and how the advances of social media and technology can have an adverse effect on self-esteem. We are all very busy but the Leader in Me will help us to take the time to think about our thoughts and feelings. Do we need to think differently about something to ensure better outcomes for our children and our family?

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the meeting on Wednesday. It was quite a good turnout. Some excellent questions were asked and I hope most people went off feeling positive. For those parents unable to attend the meeting, information is attached to the electronic version of the newsletter. However, what was stressed at the meeting is that the Leader in Me is not a 'quick fix'. I particularly spoke at the meeting about what we already do at Ss. Peter and Paul and for most children this is sufficient and we do not need quick fixes. The programme is being introduced more for your child's overall wellbeing, trying to equip them with life skills that they will need as citizens of the 21st Century, helping them to think at a young age about being in charge of themselves and how they perceive themselves and others. Teaching them that some thought processes have a positive effect and some do not. I am also hoping that it will have a positive effect on family lives. I know that when I was completing the course and was very 'mindful' of my thinking I felt much more positive about life. (I just need to get my training manual back out of the cupboard and start again in 2019!) *Mrs Todd*

TEACHING ASSISTANT AND LUNCHTIME SUPERVISION VACANCY

Ss. Peter and Paul are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant with Lunchtime Supervision to start as soon as possible. Salary grade NJC scale A1/B1, £16,863 - £18,672 (actual £11,344 TO £12,561 commencing on SCP 10). Terms –30 hours per week, term time only. Hours of work are 8.30am until 11.30am and then 12.00pm until 3.00pm. Full details of how to apply can also be found on the Bishop Wheeler website. Please fill in the CES application form obtained via the Bishop Wheeler website. Previous applicants please feel free to re-apply.

POST CARDS

As mentioned previously, we are 'trailing' a few different behaviour procedures this year (swearing/ fighting letters), with the intention of relooking at our behaviour policy in the Autumn of 2019. One of the new things we are trialling is postcards home. 48 children out of 212 were delighted to receive a card through the post on the first day of the Christmas holiday. The point of these is to acknowledge outstanding behaviour – behaviour that is well and truly above what we would expect from 4-11 year olds. We are now tracking the use of our behaviour pyramid/triangle. Those 'very few' children that never 'go down the diamond' will get a postcard home at the end of each term. This is 'a big ask' and just because your child does not receive a postcard does not mean that they are badly behaved. However, staff felt that it is important to praise and acknowledge those exceptional children. We have chosen to do this in a 'private' way through the postcards home as some children do not like a fuss or too much public praise – and who doesn't love to get a letter through the post that is not a bill.

Mrs Todd

Class	Behaviour award
Y1	10
Y2	5
Y3	7
Y4	2
Y5	16
Y6	8
Total	48

PARENT ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Please see the Parent Engagement Calendar that I have produced attached to the electronic version of the newsletter. My intention is to produce one for each half-term. It details all the ways you can get involved in your child's life at school. This may be volunteering to go on a school visit or coming to a class Mass or a performance. I have deliberately kept information brief so each half-term will fit the whole school and each year group on one side of A4 as follow up information will be in the weekly newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Todd

STEM WEEK

We will be having a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) focused week, the week beginning 11th February 2019. We would like the children to experience the different elements of STEM. If you work in any of these areas and feel you would be able to support us in any way, please contact Mrs Ripley using the School Office email address.

For this week, we would like the children to decorate a white t-shirt to wear during their activities - a bit like a lab coat. They should decorate their shirts with things related to STEM e.g. numbers, shapes, rockets or scientific symbols. You might like to tackle this creative task in the holidays.

Mrs Ripley

AFTER SCHOOL CHOIR

Due to a staff meeting there will be no after school choir Thursday 17th January, the next choir session will be after school on Thursday 24th January.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents evenings will take place on Tuesday 5th March (3.40 pm- 6.20 pm) and Thursday 7th March (5.30 pm - 8.00 pm).

The online system will be open for bookings from 7am on Monday 4th February 2019, until 7pm on Sunday 24th February 2019. Please visit <https://sspp.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book your appointment during this time and enter the requested details to login, if you need a particular time please book early. The email address will be the one school holds on record for the parent who is priority 1 contact on our system. If you have any problems accessing the system or booking appointments, please contact the school office.

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2019

If you are applying for a place at Ss. Peter and Paul for entry in September 2019, the closing date for supplementary information forms to be received in school is Tuesday 15th January, the same date as the deadline for applications to Leeds City Council. If you are applying for a place in school both the Leeds City Council application and the supplementary form must be completed.

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.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons with Roundhay Music will start again next week. The payment items for the music lessons for the Spring Term are now available on ParentPay, if your child receives music lessons from Roundhay please make your payment on ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you

SCHOOL APP

Some parents have mentioned that they have not received messages that have been sent via the school app. If you have the app please can you check that you have the relevant notifications turned on. To do this open the app, go to settings and ensure that any year groups/ clubs that your child(ren) are involved in are turned on. If you are unable to access the school app, please ensure that the school office are aware so that messages can still be sent via text message. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL MEALS

The new school menus, which start on 25th February, are now available on the school website. Letters regarding jacket potato options have been sent home this week to children currently having school meals, please return these forms by Friday 18th January. Thank you

YEAR 4 ANCIENT EGYPT WORKSHOP

Year 4 took part in their workshop on the theme Ancient Egypt on Monday. If you have not yet made your contribution to this event and would like to, please make your payment on ParentPay.

YEAR 5 GREEK POTTERY

Next Friday, 18th January, a company called Firefly will be in school to work with Year 5 to make Greek pots as part of our Ancient Greece topic. A letter was sent home earlier this week regarding this, we are asking parents to contribute £10 towards this activity. Please make your payment on ParentPay. Thank you

SWIMMING

Swimming will resume on Friday 18th January.

WEEKLY AWARDS

'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Courtesy

Rec – Nancy S.
Year 1 – Amalie C.
Year 2 – Poppy B.
Year 3 – Shea O'B.
Year 4 – Lexi T.
Year 5 – Benedict M.
Year 6 – Sosi S.

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Rec - Hayden B.
Year 1 – Yakub P-H.
Year 2 – Darcey R.
Year 3 – Florence H.
Year 5 – Thomas E.
Year 6 – Hermione T.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Many thanks to you all (family & friends included) who purchased raffle tickets in order to win one of the many wonderful Christmas Hampers. The amount raised was a staggering £926.00.

****WANTED** Gift Bags**

If any of you have any Christmas gift bags (not the bottle sort!) that you wish to recycle, please can you bring these into School with immediate effect - the PTA would welcome them!!!

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