

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

## HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents

As we break up for half term I would like to share our news with you.

### **Staffing**

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Barton from year 2 has had her baby boy James and Ms Burrows from class 3 has had her baby boy Finlay. All are doing well. Mrs Smallwood will be leaving year 2 this week ready to have her baby and Miss Higson will take over class 2 full time until Mrs Smallwood and Mrs Barton return. In class 3 Miss Ross will be sharing the class with Mrs Pollard.

### **Class News**

**Nursery** Children have been enjoying many traditional stories including The Three Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks. They have baked gingerbread men, planted beans, made models and pictures and acted out the stories.

**Reception** Pupils have been learning about polar animals and made some super pictures and collages of polar bears and penguins. They are looking forward to their trip to see penguins next half term.

**Year One** Children visited Abbey House Museum as part of their topic on homes long ago. They handled lots of different equipment and learned how different houses were.

**Year Two** Children really enjoyed their visit to Leeds Minster where they explored all the materials within the building as part of their science topic. They also shared a brilliant assembly all about the Gingerbread Man story where they acted and sang lots of songs.

**Year Three** In history the children are learning about the Stone Age and Celts leading onto Romans and are looking forward to their trip where they will be a Roman soldier for the day. They have also had a visiting artist in school to teach them about local art and share different paintings.

**Year Four** The children have enjoyed learning about Tudor life and the Kings and Queens in history this term. They are looking forward to their residential trip to Lineham Farm.

**Year Five** Children are continuing to enjoy their Victorians topic and have been looking at jobs people did as well as learning all about the characters in Oliver Twist. They recently led a whole class assembly about keeping safe on the internet which was really interesting and had lots of important information for all the children.

**Year Six** Children have been writing letters presenting two sides to an argument about graffiti and have looked at graffiti in the area. Children have also visited Thwaite Mill as part of their history topic about World War Two and the effects it had on Leeds. They have enjoyed having a visitor who shared information from World War Two about evacuation and morse code.



## **Other News**

**Football** Once again Mr Robertson and Mr Leigh have entered into the league cup with the school football team who have played games against Corpus Christie, St Augustines and Oakwood Primary Academy.

**Netball** Our netball team had a match against St Augustine's this half term and won. They have been training hard ready for their next matches.

**Dodgeball** Some pupils in year 4 took part in a dodgeball tournament and were delighted to come back with a medal each.

**Governor Visits** Governors have visited school to talk to children and look at their books and have been really impressed with the good manners and polite way the children spoke to them. Pupils showed real enthusiasm about their work and are very proud of their achievements.

**Faith Day** Children really enjoyed our annual Faith day last week where they focussed on Superheroes of the Bible. They learned about Abigail, Barnabus, Esther, Samson, Elijah, Joshua and Caleb and the wonderful determination they showed in doing the right things. Pupils took part in lots of creative activities and then reflected on how it made them think.

**Lent fundraising** This year we will be raising money during Lent by having a sponsored walk at Roundhay Park. We will be sending information about this soon and about the two charities we are supporting this year.

**Attendance** Congratulations to all our families on excellent attendance so far this year. Since September our attendance stands at 98.4%.

**Rotary Recital Award** Our final will take place on Friday with fourteen finalists performing their poems in front of a panel of judges. A huge thank you to everyone who encouraged their child to learn a poem for our Rotary Recital Competition. Their recitals and the singing from the children in school are always excellent and it is a wonderful way to finish the half term. All finalists will receive a poetry book and certificate.

## 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 is a list of achievers for this half term.

### Key Stage One

Natan Frezghi	Class 2	Philip Elias	Sosna Teklit	Sophia Fisseha
Atal Wardak	Caleb Daniel	Phares Hagos	Peniel Kidane	Elijah Hagos
Holy Temesgen	Dana Dereje	Olivia Benjamin	Samuel Achew	Bruk Tedros
Daniel Malacama	Saliem Tesfaldet	Ahmed Abdelrahim	Betty Teklit	Mussie Tekeste
	Class 1	Simon Ibeh		

### Key Stage Two

Mercy Amanuel	David Oke	Chloe Carag	Abegail Forku	Ruth Adjei
Rebka Yonas	Merwa Aibu	Sheizy Pereira	Naomy Musie	Melissa Robert
Miguel Dawson	Liyana Keflemariam	Efron Tsadu	Goncalo Jordao	Ruth Achew- Gebeyesus
Tinsae Amanuel	Ebun Olaniyi	Kevin Mensah	Kieshawn Campbell	Isabell Redman- Poku
Remell Pennant	Ella Mason	Class 5	Trhas Medhane	Ava Mason
Hesda Kidane	Adam Tomas	Abigail Biniam	Isey Tesfay	Nazrawit Flimon
Leona Dasta	Kylan Richards			



**CONGRATULATIONS**



## Forthcoming Events

These events will be coming up over the next half term and you will receive more information about them nearer the time

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am Phonics meeting for yr 1 parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Romans trip to Murton park
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Football match against Bankside Primary School
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	High School Offer day for year 6
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball match against Holy Rosary Reception trip to Lotherton Hall
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 & 4 to Pancake Races at Leeds Minster
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 trip to Abbey house Museum
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 5 at Into University workshop
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>School Closed for Training Day</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 5 trip to Moortown Baptist Church for Easter workshop
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Author visit from Ruth Eason for whole school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class assembly Year 4 trip to Temple Newsam for Tudor visit
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 pupils from Ripon to visit class 5 Parent's Evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>School closes for Easter Break</b>

We look forward to seeing you at some of the events over the next half term and at the parents evening in March.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E.J. Holliday  
Headteacher