



St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Week 2 – 13.9.24



Children of the Parish having their school bags blessed by Fr John at Education Sunday Mass for the start of the new academic year.

This week – It was wonderful to see families at Education Mass on Sunday and to see our children reading *so* beautifully during the service. Many thanks go to Mrs Boyle for co-ordinating the recruitment of, and practice for, the children in advance of this. Without a doubt, the children did the school proud! Many thanks also go to parents and parishioners who kindly came and spoke to me afterwards and volunteered - either information, ideas or offers of serving the school community – they are all greatly appreciated.

We welcome Mr Sebastian Carroll who has joined us this year in Year 1 and 2. Mr Carroll is an ex-pupil of St Peter's and we are delighted that he has returned to the school - we all wish him well in his time with us.

The staff are all delighted to get the Pupil awards up and running this week. We are making a slight change to the weekly rewards system in school:

- Star Awards will be awarded weekly
- Explorer's Awards will be awarded fortnightly
- Disciples Awards will be awarded to reward specific actions as they arise – this week has been a great week so we have lots of awards!

Amazing Children!

This week's Explorer Award goes to Maks Karbownik for some great independent research into the human skeleton and then bringing that learning into class.

Star Awards go to...

St Peter: Mara Ndoci for excellent listening and following routines.

St Cecilia: Nicholas for having such a positive attitude to learning, always willing to have a go and try his best in every lesson.

St Bernadette: Lewys Pugh for coming back to school ready to learn and improving his handwriting, Loic Pugh for bringing joy to the classroom and showing great focus in all lessons and Angelina Tran for showing great resilience and coming into school with a big smile.

St Anthony & St Christopher: Daisy for putting the effort into being a great learner. (Using all of the resources available to support her learning, trying to meet the success criteria and challenging herself.)

Disciples of the Week

St Peter: Anthony Turski for being really kind and friendly, and looking after others.

St Cecilia: Brendan for setting a wonderful example to others in the way he listens, shows respect and is always will to help others.

St Bernadette: Nia Bennett for showing kindness and patience to others.

St Anthony & St Christopher: Madeline for being kind and helpful.

Another truly phenomenal achievement this week has been recognized – Haydn Boyle has clocked up 1.2 million words read – the first St Peter’s pupil millionaire of the year!

Homework: please be aware that the expectations for homework completion are as follows:

5 sessions of 30 minutes per week will be completed by pupils These will be set by teachers for the week in a block so that parents and pupils can manage their time effectively. Each week there will be a blend of:

- Reading
- Times tables
- Spellings
- Explorer’s / Project based activity
- Activity linked to RE/PSHE

Newsletter feedback: as mentioned last week, we are interested in hearing about your views on this newsletter – as it’s for parents we felt it was important that you had a chance to offer your views on how you might like it to evolve – or not – over the coming months. Please take a moment or two to complete the quick survey via the QR code or link below. Thank you in advance for this.



<https://forms.office.com/e/amMiSCfwmH>

A polite reminder about term time holiday requests:

Please be mindful that as a school we are unable to authorize absences for holidays during term time. From experience, it is a topic which can often lead to disappointment in parents and children when met with a ‘no’, or ‘it has to be unauthorized’ as a response, so I thought it healthiest to be upfront about this from the start. Every day the children are in school is a blessing for us as teachers; more importantly it is also a blessing for them in the long run as we seek to reinforce good habits and promote the importance of participation, in addition to all of the curriculum learning.

Upcoming dates:

TERM dates and INSET Dates for the year: these will be placed on the website, but in the first instance please see the attached document for key dates this year.

New School Year Mass – Wednesday 18th September – 9.30 am - **in school** - all parents are welcome. Fr Ken will be presiding and Deacon Kevin will be preaching. Please accept my apologies for absence in advance – unfortunately I have a training commitment to our trainee teachers within the Trust which is immovable.

Class Welcome meetings – these have begun this week and contact has been made directly by class teachers. For Year 1 and 2, this is happening on Friday 27th September – please watch for information directly from Mr Carroll and Mrs Ross.

Friends of St Peter’s Halloween Disco: Weds 23rd October, please watch out for promotional materials from FOSP.

Open Afternoon – Thurs 24th October – 4.30 – 6.30 pm - we will be holding an Open Afternoon for prospective and current parents later this half term – please watch out for further promotional materials.

Reminders:

Catering: for parents who ordered catered meals with the manual ordering system (via direct email to the school), which occurred for the first few days of term, please be aware that Innovate will have to request a retrospective payment on the system which should appear on your account soon. Thank you for embracing the changes recently - further refinements are further down the line. Most importantly however, I have it on good authority ie. directly from the children, that the quality of the food has improved which is always pleasing to hear. **Please be gently reminded that parents need to order their children’s meals for the week ahead by no later than each Saturday at 1130pm.**

Parking: we have received an email from a local resident of Primrose Lea regarding the difficulties residents have parking in their own road. They are often unable to access or park outside their own homes. We would ask parents who drive to pick up their children to be aware of this. We are aware that the issue is more difficult with the temporary roadworks but politely request you find considerate places to park which do not block drives or corners (including the corner of Prospect Road). If you are worried about parking further away from school and being late to collect your child, please be confident in the knowledge that they will always be safe and supervised until they are collected.

Flu immunisation: this is due to take place in school on Monday. If you have not yet responded to the Bucks link sent directly to you, then please do so at the earliest opportunity.

School contact: Mrs Hall and Mrs Dolan are working in the front office at various times throughout the week – especially at the start and end of each school day. Please be aware though that, at the moment, are some times during the school day when the office isn’t routinely staffed. All essential communication methods remain the same. If need be, please:

- email office@stpetersrc.bucks.sch.uk
- or call 01628 472116 (please leave a message if need be)
- or contact your child’s class teacher via Teams instead of email
- or speak to a member of the leadership team on the front gate.

Many thanks for all your support! I wish everyone a great weekend.

God bless.

Al Nicol

Headteacher