



St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Week 3 – 20.9.24

Theme of the week:

God's plans: This week the children were exploring that God's plans can be surprising and that following Jesus involves expecting the unexpected – but with the assurance that Jesus is with us every step of the way.



Deacon Kevin addressing the congregation at the first Mass of the School year.

This week – It's been a glorious week here in Prospect Road and the children have all been on great form, as have the staff, enjoying the weather, active outside break times and with plenty of great things going on in class. On Wednesday we held a whole school Mass to celebrate the start of the academic year – the school was delighted to welcome Fr Ken and Deacon Kevin back and we thank them for presiding and celebrating Mass with our pupils, along with some parents and parishioners in attendance as well. Dates for future Masses this term follow at the end of the newsletter, so please make a note of these – we would love to see you there! Special mention must also go to the children who led prayers or delivered readings in Mass from across the year groups, including Maks, Estani, Rosie, Amrita, Laura and Haydn. Thank you also to Beta for serving so beautifully and, additionally, Sali singing such a wonderful school blessing! We are very lucky to have such a confident and talented group of pupils at school - all of them – and we look forward to providing even more opportunities for them all to shine publicly!

Amazing Children! This week's Disciple Awards go to:

Millie (St Peter) for being kind and sharing with her friends, Pera (St Cecilia) for being kind and helpful to all her class and Sali (St Christopher) for singing so wonderfully in Mass.

This week's Star Awards go to:

- **St Peter** – Ellis for beautiful handwriting in our phonics lessons.



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- **St Cecilia** - Christopher for working really hard this week with his writing and for being an excellent explorer trying hard with the colour catching tasks.
- **St Bernadette** - Alex for making such an amazing start to this academic year in every way.
- **St Christopher** - Beta for contributing wonderful ideas and trying really hard on her writing.

In response to parents' requests that we make key information more easily accessible – especially so we can shout about how wonderful the children's achievements are - we are also reviewing and updating our website content. One recent request was regarding easy access to SATs results. The most recent set of KS2 SATs results are attached and will be available on the website asap. Please refer to Mrs Thomas' notes of explanation. In short, last year's Y6 pupils did themselves – and their parents and the school – proud, achieving highly in the national tests across the various topics and papers when compared with national averages.

Updates:

Annual Consent for Trips and Visits

This has been emailed separately to all parents in addition to the links here. You do not need to duplicate responses but please ensure you complete the form to provide consent for trips for **each of your children** throughout the year. Many thanks!



<https://forms.office.com/e/HECKUh9aBq>

Pupils arriving late or leaving early: Many of you will have already used the signing in screen in our main reception over the past year when you have visited school. We are now using this to sign in pupils who arrive late or need to be collected early for any reason. It is very straight forward to use. By selecting 'Pupils', 'Year Group' and 'Class' you will be able to find your child by selecting the first letter of their first name and select a reason such as 'medical appointment', 'transport issues' etc. This information then feeds



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back into our registers electronically. Thank you for your cooperation whilst we embed this new way of recording attendance.

Pupil Data Sheets: Today you will be receiving a Data Sheet for your child. This enables us to update our records both electronically and in the contacts folder which we use to contact you if your child has had an accident or become unwell at school. Please can you check and update - including your email addresses and return to us by Friday 27th September at the latest. Even if there is no change, please sign and return. That way we won't keep sending new ones for you to check.

Parents of children in Reception will also be receiving photographic consent paperwork to be returned in the same timeframe please.

Catering - Ordering Meals - Deadline Reminder and Gluten Free and Halal Options: Please remember that the cut off for ordering meals for next week is 11.30pm on Saturday evening. If your child requires a Gluten Free or Halal option, please indicate this when ordering online. That will appear on the order the catering team receive when preparing the meal and on the list we receive in school so that staff can ensure they are given the correct colour wrist band. Following a conversation with Impact Catering please double check your child's statement to ensure that you have been correctly charged.

Recap from last week:

Homework: In case anyone missed the information about homework last week, please be aware that the weekly expectations 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, we are interested in hearing about your views on this newsletter. Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to complete the brief feedback form. As several parents haven't yet had the chance to complete this, we will leave the form open for one more week until Friday, after which we'll look at the suggested changes. Please use either the QR code or link below. Thank you.



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Upcoming dates:

Celebrating Mass this term: please find dates and times for forthcoming Mass services this term. All parents are welcome and we would love to see as many of you there as can make it!

Wed 2nd October Year 6 Mass in **Church** 10am

Wed 16th October Year 5 Mass in **Church** 10am

Wed 6th November Year 3 and 4 Mass in **Church** 10am

Wednesday 27th November Year 6 Mass in **Church** 10am

Thursday 12th December Reconciliation in **Church** 1.30pm

Friday 20th December End of term Mass in **School** 9.30am

Term dates: these are now on the website for 2024-25. Term dates for the next academic year (2025-2026) will be published in October, after approval by the Local Academy Committee (Governing Body).

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.



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School contact:

Please either:

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

Wishing everyone a happy and restful weekend ahead.

Best wishes

Al Nicol

Headteacher