

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 2017/18
2ND HALF TERM**



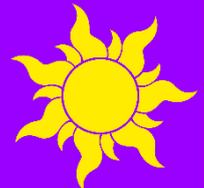
Dear Parents/Carers,

It is now the final half term of the year and we can't believe how quickly it is flying by!

We have been extremely lucky with the sun shining down on us on most days. It has been lovely and warm; the children have loved being able to play on the field at break times and lunchtimes.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this half-term, we have lots of news to share about things that happened last half term and events that are coming up! As always, please let us know if there are any suggestions you would like to make or if you have any concerns.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!



Dates for your Diaries

St Peter's Feast Day
Friday 29th June

Transition Day
Tuesday 3rd July

Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Monday 9th July - 9.30am

EYFS Sports Day
Tuesday 10th July - 9.30am

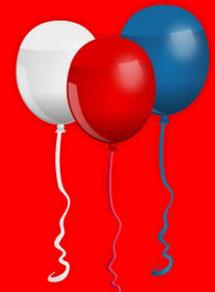
Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Tuesday 10th July - 1.30pm

**Star of the Year
Assembly**
Tuesday 17th July - 9.00am

**Summer Attendance
Assembly**
Wednesday 18th July - 9.00am

**Year 6 Leavers'
Assembly**
Thursday 19th July - 9.00am

Royal Wedding Celebration Day!



On Friday 18th May, the whole school celebrated the holy matrimony of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry of Wales and Meghan Markle. The day began with a fun assembly by author and poet, Craig Bradely (which you can find out more about later in the newsletter). Following this, the class teachers organised lots of fun activities with the children, culminating in a 'Royal Wedding Picnic' held outside in the school grounds. It was a lovely day!



Nursery News

Welcome back to a very exciting final half term! This half term we will be learning all about castles, and Literacy will be linked to this too, as we are looking at fairytales and stories with knights and mythical creatures. In Maths, we will be focusing on number as the main area of learning, counting up in 1s and 10s, working on number recognition and formation of numbers. In addition to this, we will be using number lines to find missing numbers as well as looking at capacity and how much liquid different containers hold. Phonics will be a recap on recognising and writing Phase 2 letters and sounds, as well as segmenting and blending CVC words. We are currently looking at phase 3 digraphs too. Our trip will be to Heaton Park, where the children will get chance to play some team games, go on the adventure playground, look around the farm and have a picnic! It is sure to be a fantastic day! If you have any questions about any of the work we are doing in school or would like to know any ways to help your child, do not hesitate to ask one of the Nursery Team. Thank You!



Reception News



We hope you had a great half term, and we hope your pea plants are still alive and continuing to grow! The children brought back some super pea diaries so thank you for your support. We had a fantastic day at the sea life centre; the children are excited to continue learning about the underwater world. In Literacy, we will be reading Whale's Song and various other texts linked to the sea. We will be exploring some non-fiction units too, including writing some under the sea poems. We will continue teaching a daily phonics lesson, the children are doing phenomenally well and are applying their phonics to write sentences! We love to listen to and join in with the phonics tricky words song. Have a listen at home; the link is on our class page on the school website. Please can you ensure that you are reading on a weekly basis with your child as this allows the children to consolidate what they have been learning in school and in turn make amazing progress. Thank you to those who already do so. Our Maths learning will continue consolidate our understanding throughout the year. We will continue to reinforce our number learning and strengthen our understanding of numbers up to 20 and beyond. This term we are focusing on weight and using language such as 'heavier, lighter, heaviest, and lightest' to compare objects. As we enter our final half term we would like to thank you all for your continuous support throughout the year, we are thrilled with the progress the children have made.

Year 1 News

Welcome back to the final term of year 1! We would like to say how happy we are with the children's hard work and determination in regards to their phonics testing. In English this term, we will be focusing on superheroes, fact and fiction, poetry and fairy tales. The children will continue to work on their punctuation, vocabulary, and presentation. If there are any opportunities for the children to practise their writing at home this would be brilliant, and will also help with their creative imaginations! In Maths the children will be learning about fractions, time, multiplication, division and position and direction. We will also continue to work on our problem solving and reasoning skills. We are continuing our learning about animal families in science and how to care for animals before moving onto seasonal changes. In History, our topic this term is 'What was life like when our grandparents were children?' As a part of this topic we will be looking at how life has changed over the decades and comparing things such as school, transportation, food, and clothing from the past to now. Our topic in RE is 'Baptism and Birth Rites' where we will be exploring all religions and the ceremonies that take place. Weaving is our current topic in Art, the children will be developing new skills and investigating different patterns they can create. Thank you for your continued support.



Year 2 News



Welcome back to our last half term! We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children this term, after working so hard towards their SAT's and especially as it is their last half term before they move into Year 3 in September! In English, we will be starting with 'Quest' stories. Through this theme the children will explore lots of exciting vocabulary that can be used when writing about adventure. This is a great opportunity for your child to use their imaginations - reading more books at home would benefit your child during this topic. This in turn will allow the children to produce some exciting writing ready for their writing journals. In maths this term, we will concentrate on solving word problems using the 4 operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will look at the many different methods that we have used to solve word problems and use their reasoning skills to explain their answers. They will also be continuing to develop their times table knowledge, especially their 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. In Science, we are continuing to look at living things and their habitats. We will be looking at living and non-living things, what makes a food chain, and discussing herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We understand that the children have worked extremely hard this year, however we ask that the children continue to regularly read at home in preparation for their move up to KS2 in September. We are really looking forward to our end of year trip to Blackpool Zoo! As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Year 3 News

This half term we have some really exciting things planned so let's hope we can make the most of them. We have a trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium planned, we have St Peter's day and sports day coming up. Hopefully we shall have the good weather! There will be a shift in our humanities lessons back to geography for this final half term. We are looking at the coastal regions of the country and the features that are typical of this environment. Our trip is linked into this as we shall be looking at some of the animal life that you'd find at the coast. Textiles is where we get to have a huge amount of fun in art. A topic which will give children opportunity to try new skills and hopefully produce some lovely pieces of work to bring home and show off to all of you! Our computing topic is going to expand the children's critical thinking skills. This topic is all about finding and fixing bugs. This is another way of describing problem solving. The children will look at calligrams and Shape poetry in English. Children learn features of recount writing and write their own recounts based on *The Magical Garden of Monet* and *The Journey*. RE will continue look at the rules that we should all follow and understand why it is important in society we follow these rules. We will continue to think about trinity Sunday and the importance of the Holy Trinity. This half term will also allow us to explore the rules within other religions in comparison to Christianity. We really hope you have enjoyed your year with us and look forward to a very busy, yet rewarding, final half term.



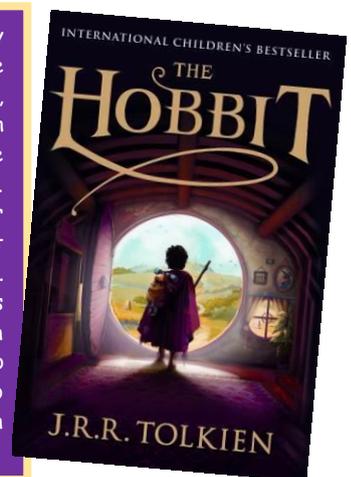
Year 4 News



Oh my goodness it's our final half term of Year 4 and there's lots to do! Of course we will continue swimming and there will be the usual end of Year activities, such as Sports Day. This year, Year 4 have been chosen to take part in the end of Year Banner Service that will be hosted at St. Michael's, Bamford. It is a special service usually conducted by the Bishop. Maths is set to get even more challenging as we start focusing even harder on problem solving and reasoning. We look forward to working together to really show off our maths skills. English, is going to be full of performance and life as we look at learning poetry 'by heart!' We shall be sharing ways in which we bring poetry and performance to life to tell the stories within the texts. Science, will take us on a journey through the digestive system and into our eco systems in terms of food chains. You will look at food chains and how these are affected by our use of the planet and the environmental changes we are all experiencing every day. Finally, we truly hope that you have all enjoyed your year with us and we look forward to a fun and rewarding final term.

Year 5 News

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! In English this half term, we will be reading *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, investigating settings, character development, dialogue and narrative style. We will then move onto using texts about electronic equipment to introduce features of a non-chronological report. And finally, ending the year with a persuasive text, analysing adverts and political speeches focusing on modal verbs. In Maths, we will start looking at data and time. We will then revisit perimeter, area and capacity. This will be followed by an assessment week which will give the children an opportunity to show off what they have learnt. Finally, we will focus on multiplication and division ensuring that the children are ready to fly when they enter Year 6. For our Science we will continue to explore properties of materials. We won't give too much away, but expect tales of Alien soup, magic custard and ways you can keep your cup of tea or coffee warmer for longer. For RE we will explore the lives of significant women in the Old Testament. Our topic work will move towards History, by investigating the big question 'Would the Vikings do anything for money?' In this unit, the children will explore the world of the Vikings, and why they came to Britain. This will be followed up with our trip to York which we are all really excited about! Art moves on to looking at silk painting and the skills needed to produce such artwork. DT will continue to be based around our topic of bread where we will be making our own selection to sample.



Year 6 News



Even though SATs and PGL seem like distant memories, we continue to work hard to ensure that our fantastic learning continues, and concludes, as the children ready themselves for their final term at St Peter's. Most of the children have had a visit from a member of staff from their new secondary school and good first impressions have been made. The children cannot wait for transition day, which is on Tuesday 3rd July. Some schools also have additional days planned - so keep an eye out! Within English, we will be focusing on different genres of writing where the children have the opportunity to edit and redraft their work; ensuring each piece of writing shows their true potential. In Maths, we are consolidating our learning, extending the children's knowledge to ensure they are able to apply this in all contexts ready for high school. Something very exciting to announce is the fact we have also chosen the cast for our end of year production of 'Matilda'. We are working extremely hard; children are busy learning songs and lines to ensure that this is an unforgettable show for all! We would like to take the opportunity to wish all the Year 6s the very best as they move on in their journey. It has been a pleasure teaching you all. Good luck!



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REMINDERS

NO PARKING

Due to the narrowness of the road and congestion, we ask that you do not park on Muriel Street when dropping off or collecting your child. Parents are allowed to use Gordon Riggs car park or the layby opposite.



PUNCTUALITY

Our school day starts at 8.50am, please ensure your child is at school on time. We have a breakfast club available from 8am at a cost of £2.50 per week.



Year 6 Residential

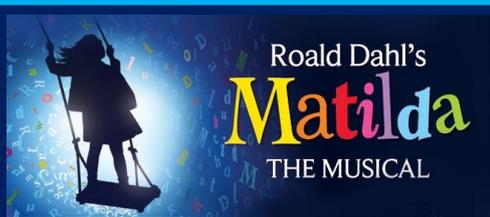
Between Monday 4th June and Wednesday 6th June, the Year 6 pupils went on their residential trip to Boreatton Park. This was a fantastic time for all the children.

The children were able to participate in adventure activities designed to motivate, build confidence and encourage development. Have a look at some of the fantastic pictures!



Craig Bradley Visit

On Friday 18th May, the children were extremely lucky to have had a visit from famous author and poet, Craig Bradley. He held an extremely funny assembly where children and members of staff were howling with laughter. Afterwards, he worked with the Year 5 children on how to use rhyme, rhythm and repetition effectively in poetry. Look out for his books in the school library!



Roald Dahl's
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

Year 6 are very excited to announce that they will be putting on an end of year show - the first in many years - Matilda: The Musical!

The performance will be held on **Tuesday 17th July**. This is an exciting event that will be on for one night only. Make sure you get your tickets from the school office before they sell out and support the Years 6's as they prepare to leave for their high schools.

ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?
This year our attendance target is 96%

Nursery	91.7%		
Rec RM	92.4%	Rec RF	93.3%
Year 1H	95.7%	Year 1S	94.4%
Year 2M	95.1%	Year 2K	94.8%
Year 3G	94.1%	Year 3M	96.7%
Year 4C	96.5%	Year 4J	94.4%
Year 5M	94.4%	Year 5N	94.3%
Year 6H	96.8%	Year 6M	95.2%
		Whole School	94.7%



Well Done!



Headteacher Message

A huge welcome back to school for the last half term of this academic year, I can't believe how quickly the year is going! We are looking forward to many things in this incredibly busy final half term including; sports days, St Peter's Feast Fun Day, Year 6 PGL Trip and of course we will be sharing your child's progress with you in our annual reports to parents. As well as all of this we will be holding a transition day to give your child the opportunity to meet their next teacher. More details about these events will be sent out to you soon.

As always please feel free to pop in to see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

Mr A Whelan