

# St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SPRING TERM 2014/15**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> HALF TERM**



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*At the start of this New Year we warmly welcome you back to St Peter's and wish you a very happy, healthy and successful 2015!*

*We hope that you and your family had a fantastic Christmas holiday and you really enjoyed spending time together, sharing the joy and magic of the festive season.*

*In this half terms newsletter we will be telling you about events that have taken place and telling you about some of the things we have planned for the weeks ahead.*

*As always, please let us know if there are any suggestions you would like to make or have any concerns.*

*Thank you as always for your continued support!*



## **Class Assembly Dates**

15<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 6M  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Year 5C  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 4M  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 3LG  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 2M

## **Half Term**

5<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 1L  
12<sup>th</sup> Mar - Rec RM  
19<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 6B  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 5H  
2<sup>nd</sup> Apr - Year 4H

## **Easter Holiday**

30<sup>th</sup> Apr - Year 3G  
7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2B  
14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1M  
21<sup>st</sup> May - Rec NM

**Please come and join us for your child's class assembly!**  
**Assemblies start at 9.05am**

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

We had a busy Advent period with lots of festive events. Our Foundation Stage, Infant and Junior performances really put us in the Christmas spirit!



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you for your support with school uniform! The children look so smart and this has been commented on by many visitors to the school.

A full uniform list can be found on the school website! Nearly all the children have now got the correct PE Kit (plain white T-shirt and plain black shorts/jogging bottoms)

We have now linked with TESCO to become one of our uniform providers as their prices seem slightly cheaper. School uniform can now be purchased from:

- TESCO by visiting [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues) (please see flyer)
- Moses School Uniform and Sportswear
- Topform by Monkhouse School Uniform



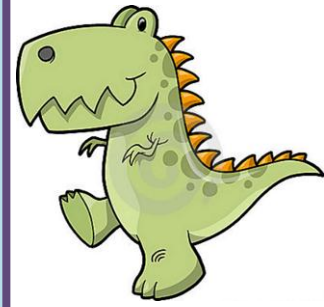
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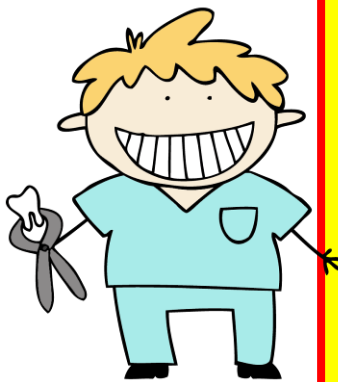
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Quality School Uniforms & Sportswear

## Nursery News

Nursery have made a great start to the year and have settled back into the routine well. This term we will be learning all about dinosaurs and researching information about them using Google. We will also be making dinosaurs using play dough and painting pictures of them as well as digging for fossils in our investigation area. The children will be taking part in a special dinosaur hunt in the outdoor area and making binoculars to help them to see. In phonics the children are beginning to learn the sounds and names of letters and identify the initial sound in words. In RE the children will be learning about important people in different faiths such as Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad. In Maths the children will be counting to and beginning to recognise numbers to 20, learning the names and properties of 2d shapes and adding one and two more. We are sure that this term is going to be extremely busy but very rewarding.



## Reception News



The children in Reception have come back to a really busy term. We have begun learning about dinosaurs. No doubt the children will already have started talking about what they know. There may be some exciting discoveries in the near future! Perhaps we will inspire some palaeontologists of the future? In addition, we have followed children's interests to begin learning about space, the planets and aliens! Children have been making papier-mâché planets and painting them. Soon we will have a whole solar system.

We have changed around some of the areas in the continuous provision in order to reflect the needs of the children as they progress. In our role play area we will be setting up a dental surgery so if you have a visit to the dentist due soon, talk to your child about the experience.

Once again, there will be a strong emphasis on reading and writing as we aim for children to move towards the end of year targets. In order to support your child, please help them with their homework, however it should be their work and not written by someone else. It is also really important that you help your child to learn their weekly spellings, knowing these High Frequency Words will ensure that their writing makes good progress.

Thank you again for your support, we look forward to a busy and exciting term.

## Year 1 News

The children in Year 1 have started the New Year with a fantastic attitude and enthusiasm for all areas of the curriculum. With this positive attitude they will continue to learn lots of new things. In history we will be thinking about changes in living memory and the passing of time. Anything you can tell them about your family history will really help with this. In science we will be looking at a variety of animals, including ourselves! During this topic we are going to investigate our senses and differences between us and other animals. The children are really enjoying looking at a variety of different books including fiction, non-fiction and poetry in literacy.



## Year 2 News



Happy New Year! The children have made a fantastic start to 2015, working very hard and showing much more of a determined attitude! We have already been reading traditional stories from other cultures during Literacy, but your child will also be learning about fantasy stories as well as looking at non-fiction instruction texts. During Maths this half term we will be focusing on various skills such as addition and subtraction, times tables (2,3,5,10), place value, fractions, and weight and time, so we will be very busy!

Our History topic for this half term is Christopher Columbus, we will be learning all about his life and why he is famous.....so make sure you ask your child all about him! 'Electricity' is the focus of Science during which we will be finding out about the dangers of electricity, what electricity is and how useful it is.

As you can see we have got a busy, fun-filled half term ahead of us in school but we would also appreciate your continued support and encouragement with your child's learning at home as this will help your child's progress, especially as it is creeping nearer to SATs.

## Year 3 News



Happy New Year to everyone and we hope the children are ready for another exciting term. Year 3 have made an excellent start to their English topic, myths and legends, where they will be writing their own mythical stories. In Science we will study the parts of flowering plants and their functions. Children will investigate the life cycle of plants, in particular, how seeds are formed, dispersed and germinated.

In Religious Studies the children will have the chance to learn about Hindus and the different forms of gods they believe in. During our Geography lessons we will be looking closely at reading and creating maps.

We are all looking forward to learning more, in what is going to be a very busy and enjoyable term!

## Year 4 News



In Year 4 we have already been working really hard on our new History topic about Ancient Egypt. We will be looking at artefacts, learning about the gruesome mummification and making our own canopic jars as part of our DT project.

Computing and Science will link this term as they are both about sound. In computing we will be making our own digital music and in Science, learning all about how sound is made and how we hear sound. Our English work so far has been based on fairy tales and writing our own with a twist. Later on this term we will be writing non chronological reports and performing poetry.

In Maths we will be using the four rules of number and relating them to money, weight and measure. Fractions and creating our own bar charts will also feature this half-term in our maths lessons. This term in RE, we continue looking at other religions with our focus being Judaism, concentrating on some of the stories from the Old Testament. We are all looking forward to a very enjoyable half term in Year 4.

## Year 5 News

We welcome all our children and families back to school in 2015. The children are over a third of the way through their Year 5 and every lesson is vital on the way to Year 6. So far neither Year 5 class have won the weekly attendance so please could you help us and your children by ensuring they are always in school and on time.

As always we have lots of work to do in English and Maths and the children have made an excellent start. Supporting your child at home is vital especially with times tables, reading and Learning Logs. PE this term is on Monday and Friday NOT Wednesday as we previously stated.

Other themes and topics we will learn this half term include Islam, The Victorians and The Environment including any dangers affecting the planet. Miss Charnock the very enthusiastic, specialist Science teacher from Kingsway Park High School is working with us on Tuesdays to provide lots of exciting scientific experiences. Watch out for news of trips and visits and we thank you for your continuing support with these.



## Year 6 News



This half-term will be an extremely busy one for both pupils and staff. We will be spending lots of time preparing the children for the forthcoming SAT test in May and the children will be expected to be working hard towards their individual targets. The work done in school is only part of this and we expect them to be completing their weekly homework, learning logs and reading their revision books. Within school we will be studying the features of many different text types in English; decimals, algebra and multiplication and division within maths; and the functions of the human body in science.

Our main topic will be 'Around the World' where we will learn about the main continents and oceans as well as land use in Rochdale and how volcanoes work. We will also be studying Islam and Judaism alongside continuing our high expectations around handwriting and presentation. We have a 'coach' for PE and will be covering multi-sport on a Tuesday and Thursday - please make sure your child has their full, correct PE kit. It will be a busy, but enjoyable half-term!





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#### REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

##### Data Collection Forms

Please can you check, sign and  
return ASAP if you haven't  
already done so.

##### Reception Sept 2015

Closing date for admissions  
forms is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

##### Head Lice

We have had a few reports of  
headlice. Can you please check  
your child's hair and treat if  
necessary.

##### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is charged per  
week, even if your child does  
not attend all the days. The  
charge is £2.50 per week.

## YEAR 6 VISIT LONDON!

Last term the Year 6 children visited London. They went for 3 days, had a wonderful time and were superbly behaved! Well Done Year 6!

They visited Harry Potter World, The Houses of Parliament, went on the London Eye and even watched Paddington the movie at the cinema. Here are some photos!



## 100% Attendance Winners!

We had over 120 children who were in school for every  
session during the Autumn Term!

These children received a certificate and a prize!

Well Done!



## Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school and 'Happy 2015'! Firstly can I 'Thank You' for the very warm welcome you showed me last term, I now feel very much at home.

I have been very impressed with the way the children have returned after the Christmas holiday and I am sure we have a very hard working and successful term ahead. The second half of last term was very busy with some fantastic events to celebrate Christmas and I was extremely proud of all the children as they performed in their concerts and plays.

We will be launching our new school website in the next few weeks and hope you will find it very interesting and informative, I will send out more information when it goes live, so please take a look!

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