

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM 2022/23
1ST HALF TERM



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

The Summer Holidays seem like a distant memory, but we are thrilled to be back in school with all the children.

Here we are again 'Back at School' and in these first few weeks the children have settled into their new classes fantastically. We are all so proud of them.

A big welcome to our new parents and children – we really hope you enjoy being part of our lovely school.

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

15th Sept - Class 6H
22nd Sept - Class 5F
29th Sept - Class 4C
06th Oct - Class 3G
13th Oct - Class 2F
20th Oct - Class 1K

Half Term

10th Nov - Class 5H
17th Nov - Class 6M
24th Nov - Class 4J
Christmas Holiday
12th Jan - Class 3W
19th Jan - Class 2H
26th Jan - Class 1A

Please come and join us for your child's class assembly!
Assemblies start at 9.00am

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 12th October is Parents' Evening.

This is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class, discuss the progress they are making and look at the work they have done so far. Letters will be going out soon in order for you to be able to make an appointment.



HEART OF ST PETER'S AWARD WINNERS

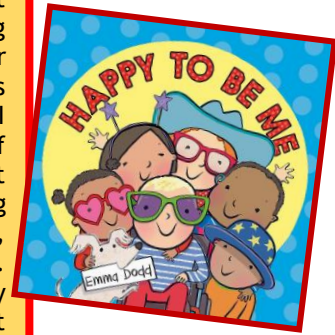
At St Peter's, we believe that every pupil should strive to be 'The Good Soil' Mark 4: 1-20. Therefore, we chose two of our Year 6 Leavers, who we believed to be shining examples of what we hold dear at St Peter's, to win the 'Heart of St Peter's' Award. They mirrored Jesus' teachings of the Christian Values throughout their time at school.

Well done Lauritta and Sharul!



Nursery News

As this first term begins we would like to welcome all of our families who have joined us at St Peter's this year. We have enjoyed meeting you all and look forward to a busy, fun and exciting year ahead. This term our topic will be 'All About Me'. We are currently getting to know your children and finding out their interests, likes and personalities, we will then be using this knowledge to support your children in their next steps of learning. In RE we are starting the topic 'I am Special'. We will be asking questions like: How do we know that we are special in the eyes of God? How do we know that God is our Heavenly Father? Why are our names important? Our first book this term will be 'Happy to Be Me' By Emma Dodd. Throughout the term we will be listening to stories, singing nursery rhymes, learning to recognise numbers, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards, recognising our names and learning all the school routines. These are all things that children can do at home with parents and older siblings. If you have any questions about your child starting Nursery or how to help your child at home, then please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery staff. Thank you for your support.



Reception News



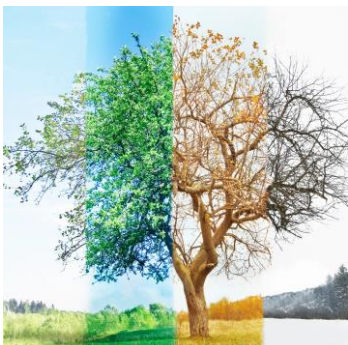
Welcome to Reception! We will be having lots of fun exploring our new classroom and getting to know our new friends. We have enjoyed looking at the fabulous All About Me posters that some of the children made over the summer, they are amazing! This half term our topic is All About Me; we will be discussing who lives in our house, what we like to do with our family and the special memories we have made. The first story that we are learning about is Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs, Harry's favourite thing is dinosaurs! We will be discussing what our favourite things are as well as drawing and painting them! The children will also be practicing writing their name every morning, please encourage your child to do this at home too. The children have been showing us their amazing counting skills! We are now encouraging them to recognise numerals 1-5 and beyond, please encourage your children to look and name the numbers around them at home - these could be on your front door, bus numbers and prices in the supermarket! In RE, we will be talking about what makes us special, appreciating and celebrating how we are all different! We will also learn about our school's Mission Statement 'Be the Good Soil' and discuss how we can be 'The Good Soil', every day, here at St Peters. Our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Fridays, please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school and each item is named.

Year 1 News

We are very happy to have you back in school and hope you have all had a lovely summer break! The children have started Year One with a positive attitude and are settling into their new routine. They seem excited and eager to learn lots of new and interesting things and hopefully this enthusiasm will continue. Our topic in RE is God's creation story we will be discussing the meaning of creation and learning about the Christian beliefs. Towards the end of the half term we will be learning about harvest. All our RE lessons will include a reflection time which will encourage children to think about our religious learning. It will be a lovely opportunity to discuss and engage with the children about their actions and feelings. During this half term the children will be learning all about our local area of Rochdale in the topic 'Where we live'. This will be part of our Geography subject and so far, the children have greatly enjoyed discussing and describing the areas in which they live. In Art we will be looking at self-portraits and the different techniques artists use to draw themselves. Some of the famous artists we will be looking at are Picasso, Van Gogh and Frida Khalo. In Science the children will be learning about different materials and their properties. In Maths the children will develop their skills in counting, sequences, addition and subtraction and begin to learn about time and money. In English we will be looking at different types of text, including stories, poems, songs and patterns. We are looking forward for an exciting year with the pupils.



Year 2 News



Welcome back Year 2! We are all so excited to begin this year with you all. Year 2 is a very important year, with lots of things to learn...are you ready? Let's see what we are learning this half term! In maths, we will be learning more about the place value of numbers, learning new methods for addition and subtraction and carrying out some measuring tasks. In English, we will be diving into the book 'Prince Cinders', and reading all about the poor character who is treated badly by his hairy brothers. This is a traditional story with a twist, which we will retell orally and write our own version. We can't wait to read your stories! We will also look at some non-fiction texts all about 'The Weather'. Our geography topic is 'What are Seasons?'. We will build on our knowledge from Year 1 learning why we have seasons, and if all countries have the same weather and climate. In science, we are going to be doing lots of experiments involving materials and their properties. Is cardboard waterproof? What does opaque mean? We will make predictions and learn lots of new vocabulary. Our RE unit is 'Jesus, friend to everyone'. What makes Jesus so special? Jesus welcomed everyone, and helped many people be the 'best they can be'. We will enjoy reading many Bible stories that will allow us to reflect on how great Jesus is, and how we can live our lives being the best version of ourselves. Please remember to check our class page on the school website for reminders and any recent work that we are proud of!

Year 3 News

We are delighted to be back and excited to be with the children once again. We could not wait to start this new school year! A big part of this year will be the transition from Infants to Juniors. There is a big step up in the work and expectations of the children but together we will support them as they settle into a different way of working. We appreciate any support from parents and please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child. This term in RE will see a focus of prophets surrounding our "Called by God" topic. This is very exciting and contains lots of stories from the Bible, with a reflective theme of repent, forgiveness and quests. Each RE lesson will contain a time for reflection where the children will be encouraged to consider their thoughts and actions in daily life and how to further improve these in order to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We will also be starting our Harvest topic and begin to look at the Old Testament stories from the Bible. Maths and Literacy will continue just like last year with one lesson of each per day. In addition to this, we will spend extra time on handwriting and guided reading. Please can you encourage your children to read at home as much as possible. This is vital to their success at school and will benefit them greatly. Even if it is only a small amount every day. The Science topic this term is Rocks and Soils -. The children will learn to identify the different types of rocks, how they are used and why. Your children will receive spellings to learn every week alongside a weekly piece of homework relating to that week's work. We very much appreciate your support in ensuring homework is completed. Please ensure your child reads with you every night. Not only is this an enjoyable task it also enhances their writing skills. Thank you!



Year 4 News



Hello to all children, parents and carers and welcome to Year 4! We are all refreshed and raring to start the new school year. In class, we have already been hearing about the interesting things the children have been doing during the school holidays. We hope you all enjoyed the time with your children. In English, work on fables has started; the children will be able to tell you some of the morals of these animal-based tales. After this, we will move onto explanation texts linked to our Geography work and then instructions and explanations. In Maths, we will begin with work on place value before moving onto addition and subtraction later on in the half term. We will be trying to stretch and challenge the children, encouraging them to be able to explain HOW they have found an answer not just to write it. RE starts with the beginning of the big frieze, learning about the idea of creation and fall. In Science, the whole school are starting by studying their chemistry unit. Year 4's is States of Matter where we will look at what the three states are and how they can change at different temperatures. The children will need to use some of the knowledge they gained during their materials work in KS1. To support and enhance the learning in this topic we organised an exciting trip to the CATALYST museum in Widnes, where we took part in TWO science workshops! Year 4's first topic is A Great American Road Trip, which begins with exploring the difference between a continent, country, state and city and what makes up North America and South America. In P.E, swimming will take place on Mondays all year. The other PE slot is scheduled to be on a Tuesday or a Thursday. Please ensure that you have your kit in on these days, although things can change so it would be beneficial if kits could be on your child's peg all week. Thank you!

Year 5 News

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had a safe and wonderful break and you are ready for the exciting year we have planned for you, here at St Peter's. We are all so glad we are coming back to a relatively normal year! In English, we will begin with reading classic fiction: The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. The children will explore many of his stories. Later in the term, we will move on to our non-fiction unit of UFO recounts. The children will look at report writing, finally creating their own recount. We will finish the term looking at instructions and explanation, focussing on future transportation devices. In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of the four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Some other topics we will look at are: shape, place value and money. For our Science Unit, Year Five will explore properties of materials. We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties. I 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. Within our RE lessons, we will be focusing on Jesus the Teacher. We will be developing the children's understanding parables that Jesus taught, and then we will be writing our own parables. If there is anything you need to speak to the Year 5 team about, please do come and speak to one of the team.



Year 6 News

Welcome back and in to Year 6! It's lovely having the children back in school. They have come back ready to start the year with such positive attitudes. This half term, we will be focusing on 'Ideas about God' and sharing our thoughts as a class. The children will be answering Big Questions and posing their own. In English, we will be focussing 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. We will start by looking at War horse where we will be reading the story in class and basing our writing around it. We will be using the thoughts and feelings of the characters to write a persuasive letter. We will then move on to looking at recounts, instructions and explanations referring to 'The Day of Ahmed's Secret' and 'Sue Palmer's Book of Instructions and Explanations.' In Maths, we will begin with place value, addition and subtraction. We will then be looking at decimals and fractions. Then we will start to look at algebra. Children will be taking part in the online programme 'Freckles' and will be answering questions that are marked automatically and then are tested at the end. We have a competition between the classes on TT Rock stars, and we will see which class wins just before October half term. In Science, we will be looking at fossils. Children will get the opportunity to observe some real fossils and discover how they were made. In Geography, we are looking at Journeys: trade and thinking about 'Where all of our stuff comes from.' We will be learning about how to look after our environment sustainably. In Art, we will be learning about Lowry focusing on sketching and drawing moving images. We are looking forward to an exciting year with Year 6 – please do come and see us if you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning.





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Break times and lunch times have had a complete overhaul this year in order for the children to make the best of the time they have whilst on their breaks. We have provided opportunities for learning through play with resources for bird watching, bug collecting, drama and role play, as well as providing books for our reading dens and equipment for sporting activities and traditional games.

Have a look at some of the photos of the children!



REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Absences

We wish to remind parents that if your child is absent from school you need to inform the school office on each day of absence by 8.50am

Lates

Children need to be on the school playground by 8:50am. If you arrive after this time you need to report to the school office and your child will receive a late mark.

Book Bags

If you need a new book bag these can be obtained from the school office at a cost of £8.00.

Lost/Damaged Books

Please note that there will be a charge for any lost or damaged school reading scheme/library books.

Dinner Money Increase

Rochdale have increased the cost of pupil dinners this year to £12.50 per week (£2.50 per day).
All payments to be made online via:
Pay 360 Education

Just a thank you to all our families who have supported the new way of lining up in the mornings - it has been so much easier with children being on time, ready and settled for the day ahead!



THANK YOU



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	91.1%	Rec RK	96.0%
Rec RP	91.9%	Year 1A	91.7%
Year 1K	97.5%	Year 2F	96.1%
Year 2H	96.2%	Year 3W	98.4%
Year 3G	95.7%	Year 4J	95.9%
Year 4C	94.5%	Year 5H	94.4%
Year 5F	96.3%	Year 6M	98.4%
Year 6H	95.6%	Whole School	95.4%

Well Done! ✓

Headteacher Message

Well, here we are again in another school year and I am delighted to say that the children have settled extremely well into their new classes. It is so nice to see the children able to enjoy the new equipment that is available to them at break times and lunchtimes, and the enhanced learning happening.

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our school newsletter and enjoy looking at the super photos! Remember the school website is regularly updated with news and gallery pictures, and each class has their own page for the teachers to keep you informed about current topics and events coming up, so 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.

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