

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**AUTUMN TERM 2016/17
1ST HALF TERM**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a great summer holiday (although it seems like a distant memory!) and managed to enjoy some fun and exciting holiday activities with your family.

Here we are again 'Back to School' and in these first few weeks the children seem to be settling into their new classes fantastically.

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 6W

22nd Sept - Class 5J

29th Sept - Class 4C

6th Oct - Class 3N

13th Oct - Class 2G

20th Oct - Class 1K

Half Term

10th Nov - Class 6H

17th Nov - Class 5M

24th Nov - Class 4M

1st Dec - Class 3B

8th Dec - Class 2M

15th Dec - Class 1S

Christmas Holiday

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

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th 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.

WELCOME



100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Congratulations to all of our 100% attendance winners. We were delighted to have 169 children who managed to achieve 100% for the Summer Term and received a box of Maltesers! We also had 46 children who achieved a fantastic 100% attendance for the whole year!!! These children received a £10 gift voucher and the chance to win their own bike! The lucky winner was Abdul-Rahman in Year 1! Well Done!

Our Woodland Walk Makes 'Rochdale In Bloom!'



Before the holidays we were very proud to be asked by 'Rochdale In Bloom' to be part of an article all about our amazing woodland walk! Take a look at some of the photos that have been selected to be part of the article. We love our woodland walk, and are glad we can help to make Rochdale bloom!

Nursery News

Welcome to all the Nursery parents and children. The children have begun settling really well into Nursery, and are exploring the areas of provision and making new friends. So that we find out more about our Nursery children, the first topic will be 'All About Me' where we will be finding out about the children's favourite things, talking about who is in their family, painting pictures of themselves or family members and finding out about likes and dislikes. In Literacy children will be listening to stories with a familiar setting and will be writing about what they like to do with their family and friends. Our RE focus will be friendship, so we will be talking to children about being a good friend as well as reading stories from the Bible linked to looking after and caring for others. It promises to be a very busy but enjoyable Half Term! If there are any questions, one of the Nursery Team will be happy to help you after school.



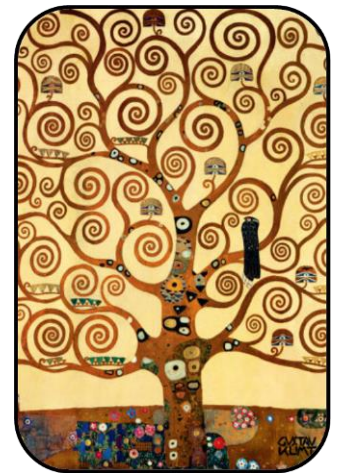
Reception News



Welcome to all the Reception parents and children. The children have settled extremely well into the Reception routine and have enjoyed playing in the areas of provision. This term the topic will be 'My Family'. We will be talking about who is in their family, painting self-portraits and drawing and labelling pictures of their family. In Literacy the children will be listening to different stories all about families and completing a piece of writing all about themselves. In Maths the children will be counting out a number of objects and recognising numbers. In RE the children will be learning all about friendship and ways in which they can be a good friend. We will be sharing Bible stories all about friendship and talking about who our friends are. We will be doing PE on a Friday. Please ensure that they have a white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps or trainers in a bag labelled with their name on it. Please check your child has their name written in all items of school clothing including their coat. If you have any questions please come and see a member of staff in Reception. We are always happy to talk to you in the morning or at the end of the day.

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1! We hope everybody has had a lovely summer break. The children have started Year 1 with a positive attitude and have quickly settled into their new routines. They seem excited and eager to learn lots of new and interesting things and hopefully this enthusiasm will continue! As part of our Geography subject the children will be focusing on weather and the different seasons of the year. So far the children have greatly enjoyed observing, discussing and predicting different types of weather. In Art we will be looking at the life and work of Gustav Klimt and the many famous paintings, patterns and drawings that he created. The children will critique his work and will also be attempting their own art work in the style of Klimt. The children will soon all receive a new reading book; we would therefore like to ask that they bring their reading books into school every day. They will read in school with an adult 1:1, once a week, and will also have their books changed. Online homework will also be assigned on Fridays and is to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. We will also be regularly sending home Learning Log challenges. Both Year 1 classes have PE three times a week; therefore we suggest that your child leaves their PE kit in school for the half term to ensure they have their full kit for their PE sessions. If you have any questions please feel free to ask a member of the Year 1 team.



Year 2 News



Hello and welcome to all the parents and carers to Year 2. We hope you have had a relaxing summer and enjoyed the time with your children. We can tell from some of the stories the children have relayed back to members of staff that they have done some fun things over the summer holidays. We have an amazing first half term. In maths children will be learning about place value, number bonds and number sequences. We will also be focusing on story writing in English, concentrating on familiar settings using exciting vocabulary. Our History topic this term is Up, Up and Away, where we will be learning about the first flight and how aeroplanes have changed our lives. In Science our topic this term is about life cycles and how to look after not just ourselves but our pets. PE will take place three times a week, so please make sure your child has a full PE kit every day. We are looking forward to working with you and your children.

Year 3 News

Welcome back to school for our first autumn half term, and welcome to Key Stage 2! We have a busy, fun half term planned! 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. In English, we will be looking at the story 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole' and writing our own versions of the story. We will then be looking at writing instructions and Roman myths. Our Science theme is Rocks! We will be learning about the different types of rocks and how they are made. We will then be going back millions of years to find out how fossils are formed. Finally, we will look at soil, asking the question - what on Earth is it? Our Geography topic is called, 'Where on Earth are we?' and we will be creating our own world games, learning about the continents and oceans and time zones! Now we are in KS2 the class will be learning French! This term we will learn some classroom phrases, numbers, French songs and lots more. In Art, we will be focusing on the artist Vincent Van Gogh and the skill of drawing. In Design and Technology we will be designing and making our own photo frames! Computing will see us becoming programmers!



Year 4 News



Hello to all children parents and carers and welcome to Year 4! We are all refreshed and raring to start new challenging Year 4 themes and topics. In class we have already been hearing about the interesting things the children have been doing in the holidays. We hope you all enjoyed the time with your children. The Year 4 team this year has a new member of staff - we welcome Mr Murray and hope he enjoys his time at St Peter's. Mrs Cavill is teaching the other Year 4 class and Mrs Hughes, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Asghar, complete the Year 4 team. Back to school, back to work! In English we are looking at the antics of the infamous Horrid Henry. He is a great character to study! In Maths we continue to stretch and challenge the children encouraging them to be able to explain HOW they have found an answer not just to write it. You should already have received a letter about our exciting trip to Chester. This supports our learning about the Romans and the impact they had on our lives today. The children will experience life as a Roman in the Dewa museum and even do some marching with a real Roman soldier! In Science we are studying a chemistry unit looking at the States of Matter.

Year 5 News

Welcome back to another school year. We hope you had a great summer and are rested and ready to learn lots in this busy year. We have an exciting year planned. In English we are focusing on the Jungle Book, looking in detail at the characters and Kipling's style of writing. For Maths we will be starting by exploring place value and addition with a particular interest in the decimal places. In science we are beginning to look at life cycles. The learning logs for this year will be focused around our foundation topics; Geography, History, RE, Art, DT, Music and PE. In Geography we are opening with the Amazon where we will be learning about the countries around it and the people of it. In RE we are focusing on the Bible and why it is important to Christians. In Art we will be looking at Cezanne's artwork and life and we will be having fun in DT exploring moving mechanisms.



Year 6 News



Welcome back after the summer holidays. This is the beginning of an extremely exciting year for all the children in Year 6! Over the course of this half term the children will be learning lots of new and invigorating things across the curriculum. In English, children will be focussing on different genres of writing where they have the opportunity to edit and redraft their work; ensuring each piece of writing shows their true potential. In Maths we are consolidating the 4 rules of number, extending the children's knowledge to ensure they are able to apply this in all contexts. In RE we will be learning all about 'Life as a Journey' – looking at the journeys of religious icons, as well as the journeys of other influential people in our lives. This will give us an insight into how life has many twists and turns along the path to our future. We will be participating in Crucial Crew where the children will learn about how to stay safe in the local area when they are independent. This will take place on the 6th October and we are sure the children will enjoy it.



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REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Absences

Can we 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 in their line on the playground for **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 £5.50.

Lost/Damaged Books

Please note that there will be a £5 charge for any lost or damaged school reading scheme books.

Dinner Money Increase

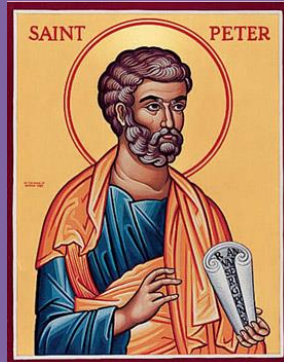
Rochdale have increased the cost of pupil dinners this year to £10.25 per week (£2.05 per day)



FEAST OF ST PETER!



On Wednesday 29th July we had a fantastic day we had to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Peter! The children spent some time in their classes learning all about this special Saint whom our school is named after. We were very lucky to have Rev. Stephen come to see us and deliver a special assembly marking the day. We also had lots of fun when magician Paul Storey came to perform for us all. The celebrations were complete when an ice-cream van visited the school, and all of the children were able to choose a yummy treat - the Oreos, sherbet and marshmallows were especially popular!! Take a look at some of the photos from the super day!



WHO WAS ST PETER?

Peter was a fisherman from Galilee. Jesus invited Peter to follow him. He was a simple, hard-working man. He was generous, honest and loved Jesus very much. His original name was Simon, but Jesus changed it to Peter, which means "rock." "You are Peter," Jesus said, "and on this rock I will build my Church."

ONLINE PARENT PAYMENT SYSTEM



Don't forget our online parent payment portal. It can make it a lot easier to make payments for such things as dinners, trips etc. There is an easy link on the 'Home Page' of our website. You should have received a letter with information about setting up an account, if you have any difficulty please just talk to the school office!



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	100%		
Rec RM	94.6%	Rec RC	96.6%
Year 1K	100%	Year 1S	99.2%
Year 2M	99.6%	Year 2G	97.0%
Year 3B	100%	Year 3N	95.8%
Year 4C	99.6%	Year 4M	91.8%
Year 5M	96.7%	Year 5J	100%
Year 6H	97.4%	Year 6W	100%
		Whole School	97.9%

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. A big welcome to our new teachers that have joined us this term - Miss Seaman Yr1, Mr Murray Yr4 and Miss Mulkeen Yr5. I am delighted that our library is now back up and running and the flood damaged furniture has been repaired and the carpet replaced.

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.

Mr A Whelan