

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**AUTUMN TERM 2016/17
2ND HALF TERM**



Winter

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we took part in 'Children in Need', we had a non-uniform day and managed to raise **£347** to help 'Children in Need'. Well Done Everyone!



REMINDERS

PUNCTUALITY
Our school day starts at
8.50am

Please ensure your child is at school on time.

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.



Dear Parents/Carers,

The second part of the Autumn term is now racing by and Winter is fast approaching bringing with it cold weather and darker evenings. What a busy half term we have already had so far.

It will soon be the season of Advent, a time of hope and waiting, where we have an opportunity to reflect on the year and get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Details of our Christmas Concerts are on the back page of this newsletter. We wish you all a hopeful and reflective season of preparation.

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

Thank you as always for your continued support!



CHRISTMAS FAIR



Thank you for all the kind donations to our Christmas Fair. Don't forget to come along, it will be great fun!



Thursday 1st December

3.30pm till 5.30pm.



Stalls will include;

Father Christmas, Face Painting, Bottle Tombola, Chocolate and Sweet Tombola, Toy Tombola, Refreshments, Fun Games & Crafts!



COME AND HAVE FUN

Ho! Ho! Ho!





Nursery News

What a busy half term! We have already begun Funky Fingers on a daily basis, during which, your child will complete a short activity to music designed to improve fine motor skills. As well as this, we have extra activities such as cutting skills sheets and pencil control worksheets to help Nursery children to improve pencil grasp and control. During Literacy lessons we will be reading traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man and the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will be asking different types of questions in order to check children's listening skills and understanding. Children will be completing writing each week and sounding out words they are writing using their phonetic knowledge. In Maths we will be counting up to 20 and back from 10, counting objects one to one, length, size, number recognition, as well as work on 2D and 3D shapes. This is in addition to all the Maths that takes place in the areas of provision. We will continue to encourage children to be creative, engage in role-play, improve computing skills, work together and most importantly improve speaking and listening skills. We will continue to visit the school library every Thursday to change library books, so your child needs to have their book in school on this day. It promises to be a very busy half term, especially on the run up to Christmas, but it guarantees to be an enjoyable one.



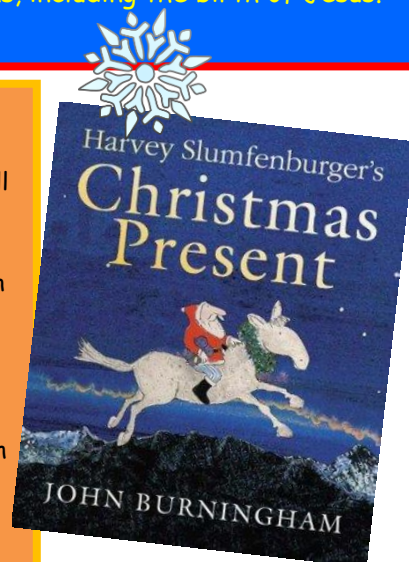
Reception News



This term the topic will be 'Festivals and Celebrations'. The children will be talking about different events such as Bonfire Night, Halloween, Diwali and Christmas. In Literacy the children will be listening to different stories all about celebrations and ways in which we can keep safe during these times. We will also be learning poems, songs and acting out the characters from different stories. The children will be developing their vocabulary by learning new words each week and describing objects and pictures. In Maths we will be counting out a number of objects and recognising numbers to 20. We will also be looking at different ways of measuring such as length and capacity. We will be recapping addition and they will also be introduced to subtraction. In RE the children will be learning all about celebrations and festivals, learning all about weddings and baptisms. They will also be learning all about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light and the celebration of Christmas, including the birth of Jesus. The children will be doing PE on a Friday.

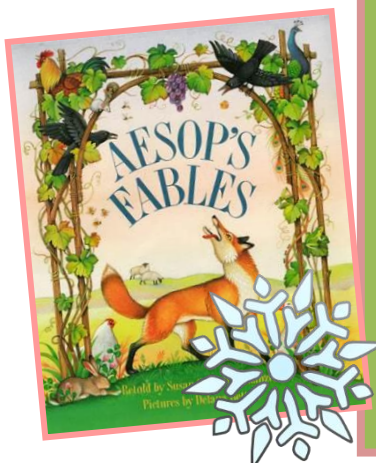
Year 1 News

We are having an exciting half term in Year 1! In History we have been learning all about bonfire night and why we celebrate it. In science we are learning about the different seasons and investigating all the different types of weather we experience during each season. We will be conducting lots of experiments measuring the different types of weather, for example, making rain gauges to measure the rain fall over the next few months. In Art we will be learning about Claude Monet and trying to replicate some of his famous paintings ourselves! In Maths we are working on addition and subtraction and our number bonds to 10. In English we are looking at facts about different machines before designing and writing about our own big machine. We will also be looking at rhyming poems before reading Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present. The children will also be learning lots of new songs and dances for their Christmas concert. Please ensure your child has their book bags in school every day, along with their reading books and reading records. The children will soon receive a new homework book and will be taking home a piece of weekly homework. This will run alongside their half termly learning log projects.



Year 2 News

After an amazing first half term we are happy to be back and working hard in the run up to Christmas! This half term we are learning all about foods and where they come from in Geography. In Science we will be learning all about 'Everyday Materials' and their uses - classifying the materials into different groups exploring their properties! We will also look at what happens when you squash, bend and twist materials. In Maths we are going to begin looking at shapes and recording data. We will also continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills using methods such as a number line to help us to solve problems. It is important that we continue to practice our times tables everyday as part of our homework! In English we will be looking at fables and traditional tales - we will be looking at how stories give us a 'message' called the 'moral' and how sometimes, at the end of a short story there are proverbs (a short sentence with a hidden meaning). We will also look at information texts and explore the differences between fiction and non-fiction. The Christmas production will take place in the last week of term.



Year 3 News

Welcome back to the second half-term in Year 3! We have a busy, fun half term ahead! In Maths, we will be looking at time including roman numerals, fractions, data handling, multiplication and division. We will also continue looking at mental strategies for addition and subtraction. In English, we will be looking at recounts first, then we will be focusing on poems of the world, and finally letters just in time for Christmas! Our Science theme is Light! We will learning that we need light to see and that darkness is the absence of light. Our trip to the Museum of Science and Industry will also teach us lots about light! Our History topic is 'What was new about the Stone Age?' We will be researching different time periods, making our own cave paintings and creating a role-play. We're all looking forward to another super half-term!



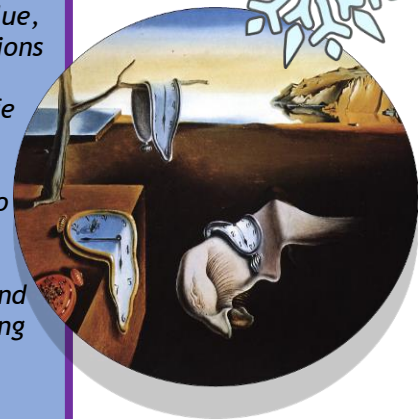
Year 4 News



After a busy first half term we are glad to be back and we are working harder than ever! This half term we will be looking about how the earth can 'shake, rattle and roll' in Geography. This involves learning about earthquakes and volcanos. Some of this work is already on the website for you to have a look at. Electricity is our Science topic and we love it so far. The children are getting stuck into practical work as well as understanding the importance of being safe and thinking about wasting resources. Time has been a big focus in Maths and is an area that is so important! The children have shown a great deal of interest already in the subject and love telling Mr Murray and Mrs Cavill all about the times we should be doing things! Further to this we are starting to develop our skills in multiplication and look at challenging problems within all of our topics in Maths. In English we will be looking at fables and information texts - we will be looking at different morals and what they mean. We will also create our own and produce our very own year 4 book of fables! Towards the end of the term we will begin to look at information texts and how we can best use these. As well as all this we have the Christmas production for KS2 all about how the carol "Silent Night" came into existence. It is a lovely production with lots of singing, dancing and acting!

Year 5 News

In English this half term we will be starting by finishing our Slam poetry unit. This will culminate in a 'rap' style poetry contest. We will then move on to look at biographies & autobiographies and a non-fiction unit of recounts. In Maths we will start with place value, decimals and subtraction. This will be followed up with a week each on measures, fractions and a combination of all of the four number operations. Our Science unit will continue with our current work on life cycles. We will now begin to compare each stage of the life cycles and finish with a final write up comparing all of the stages. For RE, Year 5 will explore Christmas around the world, comparing different ways Christian celebrate this special time of the year. Our topic work will move towards History, by investigating who were the Maya's? This will form the basis for the half terms learning log. In Computing we are focusing on different forms of communication starting with semaphore. DT will continue our theme on Cam toys where we have currently built up to the design stage and will start to make these over the next few weeks. Our Art moves on to looking at painting and surrealism art, with a particular focus on Salvador Dali's 'Melting Clocks'. May I remind you Year 5 have indoor PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday and outdoor PE on a Thursday, kit should be in school at all week in case of any last minute changes.



Year 6 News



This is an exciting term in Year 6 - we have visited the Imperial War Museum North on Armistice Day, which was fantastic. The children met a WW2 veteran who told the children all about the D-Day landings. In RE, we are looking at the season of Advent where Christians celebrate the coming of Jesus. In English, we have been studying Wuthering Heights where the children have learned lots about punctuation, and enhancing our writing through ambitious vocabulary. In Maths, the children have consolidated their knowledge of fractions and decimals, as well as the four rules of number. We are very excited about our PGL trip! This will be a trip of a lifetime and the children will cherish the memories they have forever.



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HARVEST!

Thank you for all your kind donations to our Harvest collection, the response was fantastic and very generous! Rochdale Foodbank were very grateful and sent a lovely thank you letter!

This will really help those less fortunate than ourselves in our community. It clearly shows the importance we place on praising God, and sharing all the good things he provides for us.



WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Coffee Morning!

A huge 'THANK YOU!' to all who supported our Macmillan coffee morning with donations of cakes and biscuits, money for our fundraising and all of those who came along to support this event. We all had a fantastic time!

We raised a magnificent **£534**. All of the money raised will go towards helping people facing cancer.

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Remembrance Day

On 11th November at 11am we held a Remembrance Assembly so we could remember all those who have died, especially in wars. The Year 6 children had made poppy wreaths and we all listened to some poems, prayed and had a two minute silence. We were very lucky to have Mr Murray lead our 2 minute silence by playing the 'Last Post' on the cornet. He then finished the two minute silence by playing 'Reveille'. The two tunes symbolise sunset and sunrise respectively, and therefore, death and resurrection. Thank you Mr Murray!

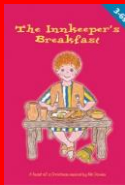


CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

EYFS

'The Innkeeper's Breakfast'

8th December 10am
8th December 2pm



INFANTS

'Born in a Barn'

14th December 2pm



JUNIORS

'Silent Night'

15th December 2pm



There will also be a Christmas
Pantomime of 'Peter Pan' for the
children on 7th December!

Anti-Bullying Week

The theme this year was 'Power for Good' and the aim was to support children to use their Power for Good - by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible. Representatives from each class shared the work they had been focusing on, through the week, at our special 'Anti-Bullying' assembly.



ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	90.3%		
Rec RC	96.3%	Rec RM	95.7%
Year 1K	94.5%	Year 1S	95.3%
Year 2M	94.3%	Year 2G	94.9%
Year 3B	97.1%	Year 3N	95.7%
Year 4C	96.2%	Year 4M	96.1%
Year 5M	97.4%	Year 5J	96.6%
Year 6W	96.4%	Year 6H	95.6%
		Whole School	95.6%

Well Done!

Headteacher Message

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our school newsletter. Remember the school website is regularly updated with news and gallery pictures, so please take a look. It's already proving to be a very busy and exciting half term. Advent is just around the corner and Christmas will soon be here, I'm really looking forward to the Christmas Plays and Christmas Fair! Now that the cold mornings and dark evenings are here, please remind the children about road safety and stranger danger. As usual, we will be doing our bit in school to pass on the 'stay safe' message. 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