

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SPRING TERM 2016/17
1ST 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 2016!

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 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

12th Jan - Year RM
19th Jan - Year 3N
26th Jan - Year 5J
2nd Feb - Year 4C
9th Feb - Year 6W
16th Feb - Year 2G

Half Term

9th Mar - Year 1K
16th Mar - Year RH
23rd Mar - Year 6H
30th Mar - Year 5M

Easter Holiday

27th Apr - Year 4M
4th May - Year 3B
18th May - Year 2M
25th May - Year 1S

Half Term

15th June - Year RM
22nd June - Year RH

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

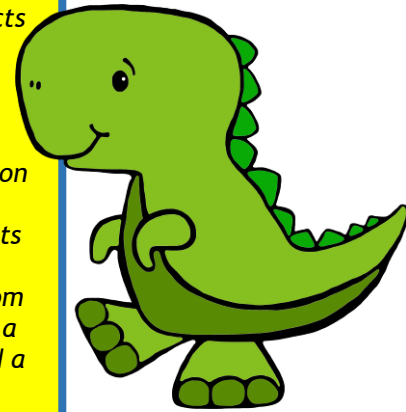
CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We had a busy Advent period with lots of fun, festive events. The EYFS, Infant and Junior nativity concerts were all a great success and very well attended. We had a lovely carol concert where staff read the story of Christmas and this was interspersed with a selection of traditional carols and Christmas songs. All the classes also enjoyed their Christmas parties, visits to Church and even a pantomime of Peter Pan! We even had a very special visit from Father Christmas who delivered presents to each class. Thank you to all the staff, children and families for making these events such a success.



Nursery News

Our Themes this half term will be 'Dinosaurs' and 'People Who Help Us'. We will be learning about when dinosaurs lived, the names of some of the dinosaurs and finding facts about them. For 'People Who Help Us', we will be learning about the Police, Firemen/women, Ambulance service as well as people such as Doctors who help in our community. During Literacy we will be looking at non-fiction texts about dinosaurs and learning how we can find facts from the books. We will also be reading lots of stories about dinosaurs and making our own dinosaur books. Maths this half term will be based on Number, so we will be doing lots of counting up to 20 and above, as well as counting backwards from 10 to 0. The children will also be estimating quantities, counting objects one to one, describing 2D shapes and writing and recognising numbers. In RE we will be learning about stories Jesus told and stories Jesus heard, looking at different stories from the Bible. Homework will be sent out each Friday and will need to be in school again on a Thursday. Children will also be going to the library on a Thursday (morning Nursery) and a Friday (afternoon Nursery) to change library books, so it is essential bags are in school.



Reception News



This half term one of our topics will be 'Space'. In Literacy the children will be writing about aliens and space journeys as well as looking at recipes to make star biscuits. In Maths we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and also making patterns. Our other topic is 'Superheroes'. We will be making our own Superhero and writing a description of them and their super power. We will also be looking at baddies and making wanted posters. In Maths we will be looking at adding and subtracting as well as developing our skills of telling the time. We will also be looking at ordering numbers and counting in 10s, 5s and 2s. In RE the children will be learning all about special people and special places. The children will be learning all about where people worship such as churches, mosques, synagogues and temples. In Expressive Arts and Design we will be using junk modelling to make our own rockets and exploring colours and textures. In Computing we will be looking at 'Beebots' and giving them directions. In Understanding the World we will be looking at how vehicles move, this will include research on the I pads and also practical activities such as racing toy cars on ramps. Our topic next half term is going to be 'Growth and Change'.

Year 1 News

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We have got another interesting half term planned in Year 1. We will be learning all about the different continents and some of the animals that live on them in Geography. This will link to making animal collages in our Art lessons. In Science we are going to be looking at the different kinds of plants and flowers we can find around school and investigating what they need to grow. We will be planting our own seeds, looking after them and observing the changes as they grow. We will ask lots of different questions in RE These will include: What makes Jesus special? Who were Jesus's special friends? How can we build special friendships? In English we will be reading traditional tales, funny poems and learning to write instructions. This term we are going to be focusing on using adjectives and verbs in our writing to make our sentences more interesting. We are going to continue building our knowledge of number in Maths, including place value, addition, subtraction and number sequences. We will also learn more about time and money and begin measuring lengths and weights. We will be doing PE on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It is essential that your child has the correct PE kit in order to take part!



Year 2 News



Happy New Year! The children have made a fantastic start to 2017, 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 (2,3,4,5,10), place value, fractions, and weight and time. So we will be very busy! Our History topic for this half term is 'Food, glorious food.' We will be learning about how not only food has evolved over the years but at the types of appliances that were used hundreds of years ago to what we use now! 'Plants' is the focus of Science during which we will be finding out about the differences between 'living things' parts of a plant and what a plant needs to grow! 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! This half term in Maths, we will be focusing on: place value, measures and data and fractions. We are also concentrating on mental addition and subtraction, moving on to written methods as these skills are vitally important. In English, we will be looking at the book 'Fantastic Mr Fox', where we will write character descriptions and then write own version of the story. Moving on we will look at performance poetry, focusing on the use of our voices when performing. In the final two weeks we will be looking at recounts. In Science, we will be focusing on plants for the whole term. We will be conducting experiments focusing on how plants make food, what conditions are the best to grow plants in and how water is transported in plants. In DT, we will be making Moving Monsters! If you have any packaging at home, please send them in! This half term we will continue to focus on History. Our topic is called, 'How unpleasant were the Bronze and Iron Ages?' We will be designing and creating our own Bronze Age tools and jewellery. We will be taking on the role of an archaeologist and then designing and creating our own model of a roundhouse.



Year 4 News



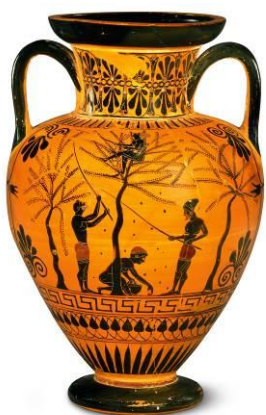
Hello and welcome back to school after the Christmas break. We hope parents and children both had a relaxing time throughout the break and it is lovely to see everyone back in school this January. As always school is very busy and we have lots of exciting things lined up in English. We will start off by getting the children in the mood for performance as we look at how to bring poetry alive. In Maths we begin the term by revisiting place value and we will start to dig deeper into different calculations. Maths does get more challenging this year so children should help themselves by learning all their tables. Further to this we will be incorporating a more investigative element into more lessons so children are using the maths that they are learning within a context. Our science theme is "Sound," the children will be learning about how sounds are made. What a sound is made of and the patterns in volume and pitch that we associate with this. The legacy of the Victorians is all around us in Rochdale and we will be visiting Toad Lane where we will find out what was important to the Victorians of the local area. Please help your children to remember their PE kits on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday as PE is an important part of the curriculum. The learning logs are getting better and we thank you for the positive response to the new homework books. Please continue with this because the work we are getting is great and it is lovely to see what you all do at home!

Year 5 News

This half term in Maths we will again begin with place value, including negative numbers, followed up with a week each on addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, fractions & decimals and co-ordinates & line graphs. In English we will be creating our own short story, our aim is to create a spine shivering spooky story. We will then look at a non-fiction unit; this will include looking at argument and debate texts, discussing the differences between fact and opinion. We will hold a class debate and write an argument text. Science will cover Earth and Space. The topic will include proving that the Earth moves around the sun; that the moon moves around the Earth; and that the seasons, and day and night are all a consequence of these movements. In RE we will learn to understand the importance of Jesus' teaching and the impact it has on us today. In Geography we will be investigating the big question 'How is our country changing?' We will investigate different events that have affected the UK over the last century. In Computing we are being artists. We will make tessellations using a program called Inkscape. DT will begin a new project on alarms. Our theme on Cam toys that ended before Christmas was a huge success. You can see some of the final products on the school website. Art moves on to looking at landscapes, focusing in on the work of Eileen Downes.



Year 6 News



This will be an extremely exciting term 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 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. In RE we will be learning all about 'The Eucharist' - looking at the sacrament and what it entails and thinking about how Christians prepare for this wonderful service. We also have a visit to Touchstones planned, where we will be learning lots of new interesting facts about Ancient Greeks and taking part in a brilliant workshop. Exciting! As always, if you have any questions about Year 6 come and speak to one of the teachers.



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PUNCTUALITY REMINDER



Please make sure your
child is lined up on the
playground for

8.50am

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year we held our first Christmas Fair. Stalls included Father Christmas, Face Painting, Bottle Tombola, Chocolate and Sweet Tombola, Toy Tombola, Refreshments, Fun Games & Crafts! It was extremely well attended, great fun and proved to be a great success. Across the stalls we took over £2000. Thank you to everyone for their support.



~ YEAR 3 CORNET CONCERT! ~

Last half term 3B performed their Cornet Concert. With the help of Rochdale Music Service, they have been learning how to read music and play the cornet. The children thoroughly enjoyed their weekly music lessons and their performance was fantastic!

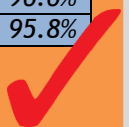


ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	90.1%		
Rec RH	95.8%	Rec RM	95.7%
Year 1K	94.7%	Year 1S	95.8%
Year 2M	94.8%	Year 2G	94.8%
Year 3B	97.7%	Year 3N	96.4%
Year 4C	96.3%	Year 4M	96.5%
Year 5M	97.9%	Year 5J	97.0%
Year 6H	96.2%	Year 6W	96.6%
Whole School			95.8%

Well Done!



The week of 14th – 18th November was 'National Anti-Bullying Week'. The theme this year was a super hero theme 'Power for Good!' Miss Marney led a whole school assembly and all classes took part in lots of activities during the week to reinforce the message that bullying is wrong.



Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school and 'Happy 2017!', where does the time go! 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. The Christmas Fair was also a great success! Thank you for all your support!

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