

# St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**AUTUMN TERM 2017/18  
2<sup>ND</sup> HALF TERM**



## Winter

### Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we took part in 'Children in Need', we had a non-uniform day and managed to raise £493 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 colder 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!



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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



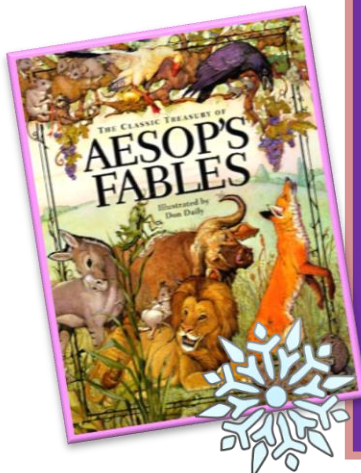
A big welcome back to St Peter's after our half term! We will begin this half term by learning about family traditions and customs, looking particularly at celebrations. Please keep sharing any learning from home and photos of your celebrations. We want to really harness the partnerships between us as a school and you as parents to make sure that your children reach their potential. In Literacy, we will continue teaching a daily phonics lesson, this will focus on a sound a day which the children can apply to their early reading and early writing. We are beginning to write sentences, even remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! In unison with our Literacy lessons comes the ability to hold a pencil effectively. We will be doing daily Finger gym exercises to build up the muscles in our hands to support this. Our Maths learning will focus heavily on number recognition and order numbers up to 20. We will also link in lots of shape, space and measure, including money. We can also spot Maths everywhere in our environment. In RE this term's focus is on Trust and celebrations. We will be exploring lots of different celebrations and discussing about people who love us. Other things we will cover in our learning include: Children In Need, Winter and Christmas. Our classroom provision area now reflects the needs of the class; and one thing for sure is that the next few weeks will be filled with lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities.

## Year 1 News

We have had an exciting half term in year 1! We have been learning all about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night in history. In science we have been learning even more about the different seasons and investigating all the different types of weather we experience during each season. In art we learned about Claude Monet and tried to replicate some of his famous paintings ourselves. Finally in RE we will be learning about the Christmas story. In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction and our number bonds to 10. In English we will be looking at facts about different machines before designing and writing about our own big machine. We will also be looking at rhyming poems and 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 still receive a piece of homework on Friday which needs to be completed and returned to school by the following Thursday. The children will also receive a set of spellings each week which they are tested on the following Friday. Please support your child at home, however please ensure the majority of the work is your child's own ideas and writing. As always, if you have any questions regarding your child, please don't hesitate to ask a member of the Year 1 team!



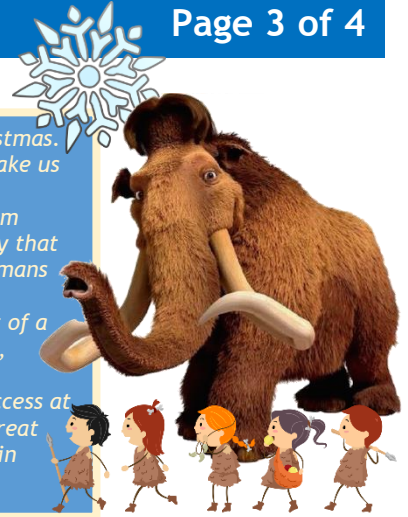
## Year 2 News



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 going to be learning all about foods and where they come from in Geography. In science we will be investigating 'Everyday Materials' and their uses - we will begin to classify 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 be 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 learning some traditional tales and writing our own imaginative stories. Towards the end of the term we will begin to look at information texts and explore the differences between fiction and non-fiction. The Christmas production will take place in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure your child practices their lines if they have some. Thank you for your support!

## Year 3 News

We hope that you have all had a fantastic half term and are all ready for an exciting lead up to Christmas. We have an incredibly busy term ahead but one that hopefully will be lots of fun too! Literacy will take us on a journey through several ancient Roman myths and legends. These are a fantastic opportunity to capture the imagination of the children and will provide an engaging format for them. Moving on from myths, we will look at humorous poems. A huge part of the development of our country is the history that it contains. During this term we shall be looking at how people from the Stone Age lived and how humans changed through the ages. The computing topic will be all about presenting; performance skills and confidence with speech is incredibly important to the success of your child. Our topic gives a context of a news presenter for the children to get fully immersed in presenting skills. DT will focus on structure, creating frames for our work. RE will see a focus of the presence of God and the Christmas story! 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. There has been a great effort so far on reading but we can still do more! Thank you for all your support with your children in school, and if there is anything you wish to ask, please do come and see one of the team.



## 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 learning about how the earth can: shake, rattle and roll in geography. This involves earthquakes and volcanoes and some of this work is already on the website for you to have a look at. Electricity is our topic for science and we have some exciting experiments planned. The children are getting stuck into practical work as well as understanding the importance of being safe and thinking about not wasting resources. Place value will continue to be a big focus for the start of this half term. This knowledge underpins everything else we learn about in maths. It is very important! Further to this, we are starting to develop our skills in multiplication and looking at challenging problems within all of our topics in maths. Later on this half term, we will explore the four operations in depth. In English, we are looking at the antics of the infamous Horrid Henry. Towards the end of the term we will begin to look at information texts and how we can best use these. After this, we will move onto looking at information texts and creative image poetry. There will also be a Christmas production for KS2. Year 4 will have a part of course and this year it will be called "Bethlehem: The Musical". It is a lovely production with lots of singing, dancing and acting! Thank you for your continued support and, as always, if you have any queries about your child please do come and find one of the Year 4 team!

## Year 5 News

Welcome back! In English, we are looking at biographies and autobiographies of Roald Dahl and Michael Morpurgo. We will be looking at dialogue, and complex sentences. We will follow this by exploring recounts, investigating UFO sightings, completing this unit with a report. Finally moving on to looking at some observational poetry. 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 Christians celebrate this special time of the year. We will be exploring how different countries celebrate Christmas, and their traditions. In computing, the children will design, write and debug a programme making a computer game software. Our topic work will move on to Geography and we will be looking at what life is like in the Amazon. We will be researching the city of Manaus, and look at how we can help to save the Rainforest for the future. In French, we will be looking at writing sentences using adjectives. We will then be looking at looking at different animals, and what would appear in different rooms of the home. In design and technology 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. Art moves on to looking at painting and surrealism art, with a particular focus on Salvador Dali's 'Melting Clocks'. May I remind you that although Year 5 are scheduled to have indoor PE on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and outdoor PE on a Friday, kit should be in school at all times in case on any last minute changes. Thank you!



## Year 6 News

This is an exciting term in Year 6 as we continue to work hard in all areas of the curriculum. In English we will be focusing 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 be reading Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights to expose the children to classic literature. In Maths we are consolidating our learning, extending the children's knowledge to ensure they are able to apply this in all contexts, with a particular focus on arithmetic. During RE, we will be focusing on 'Advent'. We will be delving deeper into the themes of the season of Advent; describing the symbolism, practices and beliefs so the children have a solid understanding. Through our Science, we will continue with our topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance', the focus for this half term is adaptation. In History our attention is on how World War 2 has impacted our local area. We enjoyed the trip to the Imperial War Museum North that further enhanced our learning and how it shaped the world we live in today. Please do come and see one of the team if you have any concerns or queries about your child; and thank you for your continued support.





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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're on the Web!

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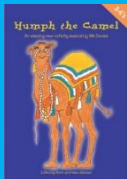
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## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

### EYFS

'Humph the Camel'  
13<sup>th</sup> December 10am  
13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



### INFANTS

'Christmas with the  
Aliens'  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



### JUNIORS

'Bethlehem: The  
Musical'  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



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

## NSPCC Assembly & Year 5 Workshops

On 9<sup>th</sup> November all the children had an assembly from representatives working for NSPCC. The 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly helps children understand how they can stay safe and who they can get help from if or when they need it. The assembly helps children to identify a trusted adult they can speak to if they are worried about themselves or a friend. They also learn about Childline, and how the service can support them.

Year 5 took part in engaging workshops, including looking at different scenarios and deciding whether they are OK or not OK.



## Anti-Bullying Week

The theme this year was 'All Different, All Equal' and the aim was to support children by understanding that the idea is to help children and young people celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school able to be themselves without fear of bullying. 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	93.5%	Rec RB	93.5%
Rec RF	95.2%	Year 1S	97.2%
Year 1H	97.9%	Year 2K	97.1%
Year 2M	96.4%	Year 3M	97.5%
Year 3G	96.4%	Year 4J	95.9%
Year 4C	97.5%	Year 5N	97.2%
Year 5M	95.7%	Year 6M	96.8%
Year 6H	98.0%		
Whole School			96.4%

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