

# St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**AUTUMN TERM 2015/16  
1<sup>ST</sup> 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 any new parents - 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

17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Class 6H  
25<sup>th</sup> Sept - Class 5M  
1<sup>st</sup> Oct - Class 4C  
8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Class 3H  
15<sup>th</sup> Oct - Class 2G  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Class 1M

## Half Term

12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Class 6M  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Class 5T  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov - Class 4J  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Class 3S  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Class 2B  
**Christmas Holiday**  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan - Class 1K

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

Why not download our new free app to keep up-to-date with school events!



Search for 'School Spider' in the app store!



## BUILDING WORK

Thank you for your patience during our exciting building work. As well as the two storey extension being constructed on our Junior block, we are also having new doors, carpeting, decoration and furniture across the school. We have already had the plans for our new library and computer suite and are hoping this work will be completed next half term.



## Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Nursery News

A huge welcome to all children and families that have just started their Nursery year at St Peter's. It is so exciting to see all of the children arrive in their very first school uniform looking so smart and ready to learn. We have had a fabulous start to the year as we have been making friends and learning each other's names. Throughout this half term our focus will be 'All about me!' Please support your child by reading their library book with them at home, helping them to draw pictures about the story. This is our Nursery homework and it is important to encourage your child to get into a good homework routine from the start. Finally, please do not worry if your child is a little teary on arrival, this soon stops as they join in and play.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions that will support your child's journey at St Peter's Church of England Primary School.



## Reception News



Welcome to the start of the year and to all our new children and parents. All the children have settled into our Reception routine well and are especially enjoying lunch times. This half term we will be learning about the topic of 'Me and my family'. Some of the children have brought in fantastic collages of themselves that they have made at home over the summer, they look fantastic! We will be learning about who is in our family and different types of homes. In RE we will be learning all about the importance of friendships and how we can be good friends. We will also be making a special RE display in our reflection area. In Maths we will be adding one more and counting out objects reliably. We will be carrying out some baseline assessments over the next few weeks. These will focus on all aspects of learning including the characteristics of learning. We will then be planning what steps are next for your child's learning including adapting our learning environment. We are sure the children are going to make fantastic progress and have lots of fun this year. If you have any questions please come and see us.

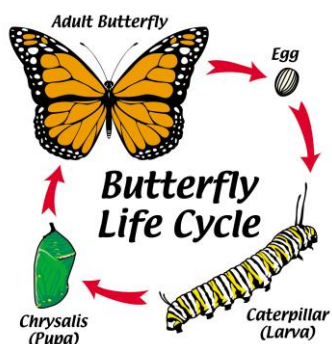
## Year 1 News

The children have started Year 1 with a positive attitude and have quickly settled into their new routine. They seem excited and eager to learn lots of new and interesting things and hopefully this enthusiasm will continue.

During this half term the children will be focusing on 'The Weather' and the different seasons of the year. This will be part of our Geography subject and 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 L S Lowry and the many famous paintings and drawings that he created. The children will critique his work and will also be attempting to replicate his drawings and paintings using a range of different art materials.



## Year 2 News



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. This year the Year 2 team consists of our teachers, Mrs Gill and Miss Burke and our teaching assistants, Mrs Keiley, Mrs Crossley, Mrs Asghar and Miss Roberts.

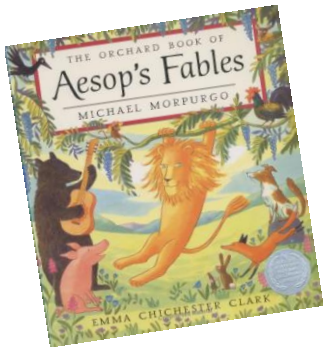
We have an amazing first half term ahead of us. In maths children will be learning about place value, number bonds and number sequences. This term in History our topic is Heroes, where we will be concentrating on looking at famous local people. We have asked the children to see how many you know. So be warned! Our Science topic this term is about life cycles and how to look after, not just ourselves, but our pets. What an exciting half term!

## Year 3 News



A big hello to the new Year 3 children and their families! Year 3 is a very important, and busy, year when children become part of the Juniors and really improve on all their skills. We have some brilliant themes to explore and fantastic facts to discover, as well as becoming confident readers, writers and mathematicians. This half-term, we will be reading and writing about a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, as well as honing our basic writing skills including spelling and sentence building. In Maths, we will focus on number work, including place value and the four number operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing). In Science we will explore the different types of rocks, where they are used and why, whilst our first Geography topic is 'Where on Earth Are We?' Meanwhile, we will continue to build up our Computing skills, learn lots of French and become reflective learners in RE, whilst focussing this term on Christianity. PE days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, although we recommend your child's PE kit is in school every day. We're all looking forward to a super half-term!

## Year 4 News



The Year 4 team this year has a new member of staff, Mr Jolly who is enjoying his time at St. Peter's. Mrs Cavill is teaching the other Year 4 class. Mrs Mackin, Mrs Sturrock, (recently married Miss Butler-congratulations!) and Miss Davies complete the Year 4 team.

Back to school, back to work! English work on fables has started, the children should be able to tell you some morals of these animal based tales. In Science we are studying Living things and their habitats. We have already made a start on this, please ask your children about MRS GREN. Our Geography topics are earth shatteringly exciting! We will be looking at earthquakes, volcanoes and other natural disasters!

## Year 5 News

Welcome back to Year 5, we hope that you have all had a relaxing summer holiday and all of you are ready for an exciting term ahead. In English we will be looking at writing instructions for a hover board and recounts based on sightings of aliens! Maths will continue to be challenging and fun looking at place value, addition and subtraction alongside lots of investigation work. In Science the life cycle of lots of different living things will be our focus and in History we will be learning about the ancient civilisation of the Mayans. We will be looking at the Bible in RE and improving our observational drawing skills in art with a focus on the artist Anthony Browne.

We will be covering an aspect of PE three times a week so it is very important that your child's PE kit is in school every Monday morning. Homework will continue in the form of a Learning Log challenge, spellings and times tables as well as a piece which will be on our website to complete. If you want any more details please check the Year 5 website page or come in and ask your child's class teacher.



## Year 6 News

We would like to welcome you back to a very busy final year at St. Peter's. We trust that you have enjoyed the summer break and that the children have recharged their batteries in preparation for lots of hard work. Initially in English our learning will be focussed around the historical novel 'War Horse' which is set in World War 1. Following this we will be looking at recounts and then poetry work. There will be a range of areas covered during Maths lessons: Place value, decimals, addition, subtraction, decimals, shape, angles, multiplication, division and fractions. In addition to this, we will be looking at SATs style questions and working on mental arithmetic and reasoning skills. The children will also be participating in an extra fifteen minutes Maths session each day to boost skills at their own level. Our Science topic is 'light' and in Geography we will be learning about where things from in the world. In RE we will be learning about life as a journey. We will be covering an aspect of PE three times a week so it is very important that your child's PE kit is in school every Monday morning. Homework will continue in the form of a weekly Learning Log challenge, spellings and a piece which will be on our website to complete. For more information please check the Year 6 class pages on our website.





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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

We hope you are enjoying our new reading scheme and the new book bags. If you need a new book bag these can be obtained from the school office at a cost of £5.15.

#### Lost/Damaged Books

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

# CONGRATULATIONS!



We are delighted to have recently received the 'RE – Silver Quality Mark' in recognition of the excellent level of Religious Education we offer at ST Peter's. Well done to all the pupils and staff, and a big thank you to Mrs Molloy our Religious Education Coordinator.

We are also delighted to have received 'Effective School Council Status - Gold level' in recognition of the hard work our School Council carry out ensuring that all pupils' suggestions and comments are heard. A big thank you to Miss Harrison our School Council Coordinator.



### NEW ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Our new online parent payment portal will go live in the next couple of weeks. You will receive a letter soon with information about setting up an account. This system should make it a lot easier to make payments for such things as dinners, trips etc. A link will also be appearing on our website.



### FREE SCHOOL MEAL FORMS

Please make sure you return your 'Free School Meal Form' by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** in order to receive your **Free**

**£10 Morrisons Voucher**  
After this date we will contact any parents who have returned the form to collect their free voucher from the school office!



### ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	97.2%		
Rec RC	98.4%	Rec RM	95.2%
Year 1K	98.1%	Year 1M	93.7%
Year 2B	95.7%	Year 2G	97.4%
Year 3H	96.7%	Year 3S	95.2%
Year 4C	96.4%	Year 4J	95.6%
Year 5M	94.2%	Year 5T	98.1%
Year 6M	97.7%	Year 6H	99.1%
Whole School			96.6%



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. We are already a few weeks into this first half term and as you can see from the class news many exciting topics are already underway. Thank you for your patience as the building work is completed, it is causing some disruption but will greatly enhance the school when it is completed.

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, 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