

# St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**AUTUMN TERM 2015/16  
2<sup>ND</sup> HALF TERM**



## Children in Need

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we took part in 'Children in Need', we had a non-uniform day and sold Pudsey Bear biscuits! We managed to raise £612.91 to help 'Children in Need'. Well Done Everyone!



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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!



## ~ JUMPERS TO AFRICA ~

We are very proud to have been supporting another primary school, for orphaned children, across the globe. The Tiyamike Mulungu Centre is situated in Bangula, a small village in Malawi, Africa. Tiyamike Mulungu, which is Chichewa for "Let us give thanks to God" is home to 115 children. The children have come to the Centre at different ages and circumstances; some as babies, a few hours old, to a 12 year old boy who had never been to school. Here at St Peter's we have been supporting the centre by donating our old jumpers, furniture and books. (approximately 500 jumpers, 180 tables, 60 chairs and over 1000 books). Kerstin Obermann, a volunteer from the Centre and trustee of the UK registered charity, attended a recent assembly to present a letter of thanks and a canvas photo of the children in Africa proudly wearing their new uniforms. "Thank you again to St Peter's for all your help; the books, uniforms, and much more! The jerseys are great, the kids love them!" This has been a fantastic project, which has not only benefitted the children in Malawi, but greatly benefited us by reemphasizing the need for charity and helping others.



## Nursery News

It was lovely to have the chance to meet you on Parent's Evening and tell you about the amazing progress your child has made in their first term in Nursery. We have been really pleased how quickly the children have adapted to the change in routine whilst their classroom is being redecorated and want to say thank you to Reception children for making them so welcome. Hopefully we will be back in Nursery shortly and we will keep you informed via our weekly newsletter. Our theme this half term is Journeys and we are basing our ideas around a book by Oliver Jeffers called 'Lost and Found' which is about a young boy who finds a penguin on his doorstep. You could share this book if you have internet access by typing in title and author followed by YouTube. Our focus in phonics this term will continue to encourage the children to listen carefully to sounds in the environment. We are so proud of the progress the children have made in phonics, the majority of the class can now sound out the first sounds and do the corresponding actions. We recently held our Superhero Week. The children chose a name for their superheroes, made masks to hide their secret identity and dressed up as their favourite superhero. In RE this term the children will be learning about the festival of Hanukkah and will be getting ready to learn our song ready for the Nativity at Christmas.



## Reception News



Welcome back to our second half term in Reception where we have lots of exciting things planned. We were very excited to hold our superhero week on 9th November. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and learnt all about superheroes, what powers they have and listened to lots of stories based around them. The children designed their own superhero costumes and super powers. We have even been covering the topic of witches and potions and even celebrated bonfire night by holding a firework display and sharing parkin cake and hot chocolate. Look out for pictures on our school website. In Maths the children are learning about lengths and using different measurements including rulers. They will be ordering numbers and amounts and using vocabulary such as more and fewer to describe them. In RE the children are continuing their work on friendship and on the run up to Christmas learning all about the birth of Jesus. We will also be learning lots of dances and listening to music from around the world as well as practising for our Christmas concert. Over the next few weeks the children will be making small trips to our local garden centre Gordon Riggs to have a look at the Christmas displays and decorations. We are sure this term will provide the children with lots of enjoyable experiences as well as lots of opportunities to learn. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher about the learning taking place in Reception or ways you can support your child at home you are always welcome.

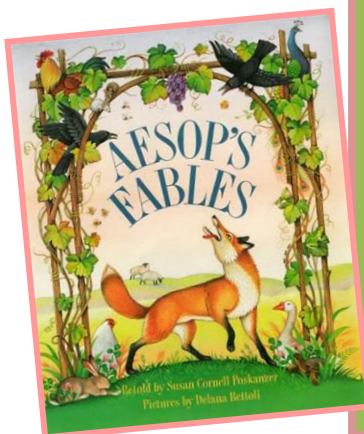
## Year 1 News

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 all about seasons and investigating the weather. We are measuring different types of weather, for example making rain gauges to measure rain fall over time. Looking back at our trip to Clitheroe Castle we are designing and making our own castles. In maths we have begun looking at shapes and recording data. We have also been continuing to develop our addition and subtraction skills. In English we are looking at facts about different machines and designing and writing about our own big machine. We will also be looking at rhyming poems before reading Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present before Christmas. The children will soon be learning lots of new songs and dances for their Christmas concert.



## Year 2 News

After an amazing first half term we are all 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 are learning all about 'Everyday Materials' and their uses - we have begun to classify the materials into different groups exploring their properties! In mathematics we are looking at shapes and recording data and are also continuing 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 the SATs draw nearer and nearer! In English we are looking at fables and traditional tales - 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). Towards the end of the term we will begin to look at information texts and explore the differences between fiction and non-fiction.





## Year 3 News

Welcome back to the second half-term in Year 3! This half-term, we will be continuing reading and writing about a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including poetry, and really concentrating on our handwriting. In Mathematics, we will become really confident with the four number operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing), learning new methods, and also practicing fractions. In Science we will find out all about light and all of the exciting things we can do with it, whilst in History we will be delving way back in time to discover the people of the Stone Age! We will focus on the very special Christmas story in Religious Education and will be becoming healthy eaters in our DT lessons! PE days are still Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Wednesday being our outdoor games day. We're all looking forward to another super half-term!



## Year 4 News



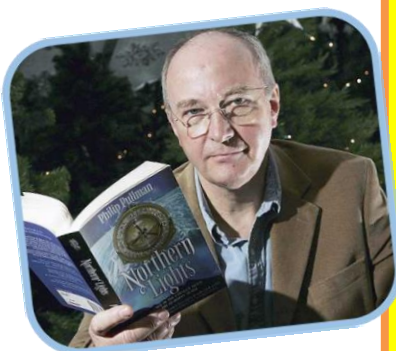
Wow November already! We welcome children and families back to Year 4 and hope your half term break was enjoyable. Last term was a very busy one and the children settled quickly and worked extremely hard to learn the routines of a new year group. Mr Jolly and Mrs Cavill particularly enjoyed meeting all the parents at parents evening. It was a fantastic turn out and your support is greatly appreciated. This term The Romans are coming!! Year 4 will be revisiting the history theme the Romans with Year 4 objectives. In science we are studying the "States of Matter," with lots of practical science around Solids, Liquids and Gases. We will investigate what happens to material when heat is applied or reduced. In the run up to Christmas our RE unit centres around the life of Jesus. As always a busy term at St Peter's with lots to look forward to. Thank you for your continued support of Learning Log homework and reading at home. The children seem to be enjoying the newly purchased reading scheme.

## Year 5 News

We are really looking forward to this half term where as usual in Year 5 we will be setting ourselves challenges to help us learn and reach our targets! In English we will be looking at writing biographies, autobiographies and reading classical poetry by Lewis Carroll. Maths will continue to be challenging and fun looking at place value, addition and subtraction, measures and problem solving involving money and decimals. In Science we will continue looking at life cycles with the focus being on humans and this term we will be covering the Geography topic of 'The Amazon'. In RE we will be looking at how Christians celebrate Christmas around the World as well as how the story is told through the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Shelters will be our focus in DT, where not only will we be studying them, but we will also build some of our own.



## Year 6 News



In English recently, we have studied narrative recount texts and the work of the significant author Philip Pullman and we will be moving onto instructions and explanations. There will be a range of areas covered during Maths lessons: place value, decimals, addition, subtraction, decimals, shape, angles, multiplication, division and fractions. We will be looking at SATs style questions and working on mental arithmetic and reasoning skills. Our Science topic is 'Electricity' and in History we will be learning about how World War II impacted on our local area. We will be enhancing our learning by visiting Touchstones Museum and exploring the cenotaph and memorial gardens. In RE we will be learning about Proverbs from The Bible and following this we will be learning about Advent. In Design and Technology we will be looking at different structures. We hope that the children are using their CGP study books for Maths, English and SPaG alongside the weekly task we set for them to complete in their Question books.



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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 saying we had donated 264.35kg of food!

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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## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

### EYFS

'The Landlord's Cat'  
10<sup>th</sup> December 10am  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



### INFANTS

'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



### JUNIORS

'Children of the World'  
17<sup>th</sup> December  
1.30pm



There will also be a Christmas Pantomime of Cinderella for the children on 4<sup>th</sup> December!

## Building Update

Our building work is now well underway. Our Year 1 area has now been completed and the builders are now working on the Year 2 area and the new library. The scaffolding on the extension is now down and the windows have gone in.

Thank you for your patience whilst this work is completed.



## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week and we will be holding a 'Blue Friday!' The children will take part in thought provoking activities, wear something blue and donate £1 to the 'Anti-bullying Alliance'. By wearing blue we will remember that ALL bullying is wrong and causes upset (makes us feel blue!)

Make a  
**NOISE**  
about bullying  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

## ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	92.5%	Rec RM	96.0%
Rec RC	93.2%	Year 1M	95.6%
Year 1K	96.1%	Year 2G	95.8%
Year 2B	95.2%	Year 3S	94.3%
Year 3H	94.3%	Year 4J	94.3%
Year 4C	95.9%	Year 5T	96.0%
Year 5M	94.1%	Year 6H	97.2%
Year 6M	95.9%	Whole School	95.1%

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 - the building work is progressing well and it will be great when it's completed, Advent is just around the corner and Christmas will soon be here!

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