

St Peter's C of E (VA) Primary School

Half Term Newsletter

February 2024

Dear Parents

I hope you have enjoyed the half term break. I would like to share these updates with you.

Class News

Rainbow Class Children enjoyed a visit from our local police and were able to go and see their police van. They learned all about what the police do to help us. In maths, the children have been learning all about addition and used colourful semantics to learn about The Gingerbread Man story.

Nursery Children have enjoyed sharing traditional tales like The Gingerbread Man. They made and decorated their own gingerbread men, which were delicious. This week, some pupils in nursery will take part in Forest School activities and learn about making shelters, building, exploring and using natural materials to create new environments.

Reception The children had a very exciting visit from our local police officers who brought their police van for them to see. The children enjoyed sitting in the van, exploring the inside of the van and hearing the sirens. They recognised special numbers on the side like 999 and 101 and we discussed what they meant and when you'd need to use those numbers. They completed some wonderful writing using their phonics to write simple sentences such as "I can see the van, I went in the van".

Year One As part of their history topic about houses and homes, children had a trip to the Abbey House Museum where they handled objects from long ago such as washing tubs, wringers and vacuums. We all enjoyed their assembly when they shared the story of The Enormous Turnip and learned lots of songs.

Year Two As part of their science topic about what humans and animals need to survive, class two had a visit from Winnie to learn about all the things a dog needs. They could see many things were the same for dogs as humans and asked some brilliant questions. They also had a visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital from Leeds University. The medical students taught them how to keep their teeth healthy by regular brushing, basic first aid and what to do in a medical emergency. They had a great time, and their teddy bears did too.

Year Three As part of their history about Romans, the children had a fantastic day at Murton Park where they became Roman soldiers for the day. They learned to march, fight, make clay pots and learn about the way Romans lived. They have made catapults in design technology in the style Romans would have used. Children also had a visit from D:Side to learn about keeping safe online.

Year Four The children have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt in history this term. They attended an Egyptian workshop at Leeds City Museum and saw some real Egyptian artefacts. In science, they created electrical circuits, including making switches and learnt about the history of electricity. Parents also attended a meeting about the times table check that pupils will be taking later this year.

Year Five In history children have started to learn about the Victorians and have been reading extracts from Oliver Twist, which links with the topic. They have produced exciting newspapers about 'Pickpockets on the Prowl' in the city of London. They had a fantastic drama workshop all about Victorian Workhouses.

Year Six In history pupils are learning about World War Two and are looking forward to their trip to Leeds Industrial Museum. As part of art, they visited local graffiti displays and explored the different opinions around graffiti.



Other News

Football Once again Mr Robertson and Mr Leigh have entered the league cup with the school football team. They have taken part in 2 matches this half term, winning them both. They have more to play but are doing extremely well and are currently top of the league.

Keeping Safe Day During our recent themed day, children explored keeping safe online, bullying, knowing which adults they can trust, what a healthy and safe friendship is and what to do if they are worried about anything. They had discussions, games, presentations, and problem solving through stories and film clips. At school we have talked to all pupils about how to cross a road safely and to always wear a seat belt in a car.

Lent Fundraising This half term we will begin our journey through Lent. This is an important part of the Christian year where we prepare for Easter and have time to reflect on the journey Jesus took. We will be asking the children to suggest suitable charities to raise money for. Each class will also be given time to raise money by either selling cakes or biscuits or by running competitions.

Parents Group Many parents have been attending the group with Leeds City College each week. It has been lovely to see how much they have enjoyed and contributed to the sessions.

Attendance Congratulations to all our families on excellent attendance so far this year. Since September our attendance stands at 97.8%. We have chosen children from those who had 100% attendance and have never been late for a prize.

Rotary Recital Award Our final took place before the holiday with fourteen finalists performing their poems in front of a panel of judges. A huge thank you to everyone who encouraged their child to learn a poem for our Rotary Recital Competition. The winners were Vivaan Paturkar in key stage one and Ebony-Rae Henry in key stage two. Congratulations to them both. All finalists received a poetry book and certificate.

Parking A huge thank you to all you parents who are parking at Bridge Community Church before and after school. It has made a HUGE difference to the safety outside school. Please can more parents try and park there to take the pressure off the road outside school.

School Closures If school needs to close due to extreme weather, we will send parents a text and an announcement will be made on BBC Radio Leeds and Radio Aire. Information is also available on the Leeds City Council and Radio Aire websites. If you have recently changed your mobile phone number, please let us know at school.

Cross Country Pupils have enjoyed lunchtime cross country sessions with Mrs Wilkinson. Some of our families also attended the Junior Park Run at Roundhay Park where Mikias in year 5 came 11th out of 97 runners! Lamick in class 4 has been selected to represent Leeds in the West Yorkshire Cross Country Final at Temple Newsam for consistently placing well in the races. The next Cross Country event will be at Woodhouse Grove on March 2nd.

Gold Award

All children who are chosen each week will have their picture displayed in the entrance hall. Their achievements are also recorded in the gold book. Do feel free to come in and look at the achiever's notice board. Below is a list of achievers for this half term.

Key Stage One

Ellie Tekle	Tyler Azeez	Barkeal Hailu	Ebenezer Paulos
Yosef Tedasse	Noah Tekie	Awet Tesfay	Yosan Tsegay
Class 1	Melahe Kahsai	Noah Robel	Yoel Asbaha

Key Stage Two

Naomi Berakate	Abanoub Lull	Wengal Biniam	Kibrom Weldegaber
Samuel Sisay	Sarah Fernandes	Petros Estifanos	Maya Kurcharska
Abenezer Gotiom	Natania Daniel	Elda Zerihin	Kavin Sudagar
Brak Elias	Kayra Sharma	Mikias Kibreab	Elnathan Paulos
Shalom Berakate	Samuel Robert	Nathan Gebremariam	Penuel Tesfamichael
Joshua Ankomah-Serebour			



Congratulations



Forthcoming Events

These events will be coming up over the next half term and you will receive more information about them nearer the time.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 22nd February	Spanish visitor to lead workshops with KS2 pupils
Friday 23 rd February	Classes 3 and 4 to Pancake Races at Leeds Minster Nursery group to Forest School English group for parents in the community room at 9.00am
Monday 26 th February	Artist to work with KS2 pupil group Football match against Ebor Gardens
Tuesday 27 th February	NSPCC workshops for years 2, 5 And 6 Netball tournament after school
Wednesday 28 th February	Class 1 parents' meeting about phonics
Thursday 29 th February	Class 5 Victorian trip to Abbey House Football match against Victoria Primary School
Friday 1 st March	Nursery to Forest School
Monday 4 th March	Class 4 sound workshop Lent stalls for class 5 and 6 to start
Wednesday 6 th March	Class 6 World War Two visit to Lotherton Hall
Friday 8 th March	Nursery to Forest School Class 5 Into University Workshop

Monday 11 th March	Lent stalls for class 3 and 4 to start
Tuesday 12 th March	Class 2 assembly Class 4 to Temple Newsam Class 6 World War Two workshop at school
Friday 15 th March	Nursery to Forest School
Monday 18 th March	Lent stalls for reception, class 1 and class 2
Tuesday 19 th March	Class 2 on a trip to the M&S archive
Friday 22 nd March	Nursery to Forest School
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents meeting about Lineham Farm
Wednesday 27 th March	Classes reception up to year 6 to Leeds Minster for the Easter Service Parents' Evening
Thursday 28 th March	Parents' Evening School closes for Easter Break

We look forward to seeing you at some of the events over the next half term and at the parents' evening in March.

Yours sincerely

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