



**St. Peter's**  
Catholic Primary School

Term 3, Week 3  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015

# Newsletter

## Reading blast off!

This week lots of the children have been able to get into the swing of using our Accelerated Reading programme. Reading now has a dedicated slot on our timetables and I've loved wandering around the school and seeing all of the classes focused on developing their reading skills. Thank you for your support and patience whilst we have started this journey of improvement.

We are investing a lot of time, effort and resources into improving reading for our children. With this in mind, I would like to form a team of parents who would be able to come into school and help us to label the books in the library. We really want to make the most of our Accelerated Reader and if the books in the library are catalogued and labelled, our children can select an appropriate book with ease. If you are available on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, please email me at [head3542@welearn365.com](mailto:head3542@welearn365.com) so I know who can come and help. In addition to this, if you have any books that you no longer use at home and would like to donate them to a good cause, we would love to give them a new lease of life at St. Peter's! We are asking for books that are less than 10 years old and in good condition. Many thanks.

Mrs Smith has also asked me to see if there are any parents who would be willing to donate an hour to read with children on a one to one basis. Please email me or let me know if you are interested in this.

The children have entered the second phase of our art project now. They are visiting the gallery in smaller groups and Sally is getting them to use clay to create small sculptures. We are really looking forward to showing off the final work in our exhibition!

Finally, Trinity Catholic High School are seeking the views of the Warwickshire school community. They have asked our parents to complete a short online questionnaire. To access the questionnaire, please follow the link from [www.trinity-school.org.uk](http://www.trinity-school.org.uk) or access it via twitter @catholictrinity.

I will leave you with some lovely pictures of the children enjoying the art project!

Have a great weekend!

**Miss McNamara.**



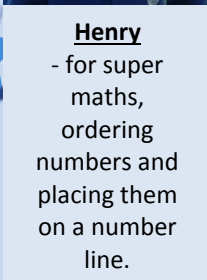
### **Prayer for the weekend**

May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.  
Amen

# Stars of the Week!



**Alfie**  
- for working hard outside to make a large clock and lighthouse for the role play area.



**Henry**  
- for super maths, ordering numbers and placing them on a number line.



**Simran**  
- who always works hard and does her best. She has worked well in Numeracy this week.



**Dylan** - for trying hard to improve his handwriting using a pen; and for his sense of humour when writing (last week's R.E. creased me up!)



## Class 1

In Maths this week Class 1 have been learning about time. The children have been finding out how long 1 minute is and have been carrying out different activities to find out how many things they can do in 1 minute. They have also made their own clocks. In Art we have been listening to a piece of music 'Debussy and the sea' to which the children painted seascapes.



## Class 2

This week the children have been considering the common themes in the lighthouse keeper books. They acted out their own adventure with a friend and have made a book with their adventure stories for Mr Grinling's day off. We have also been using our knowledge of place value to order numbers and place them on number lines. In the afternoons we have been getting arty, drawing, painting and working with clay at the art gallery.



## Class 3

This week, for our topic, the children in Class 3 have been researching and writing information about animals, trees and plants in different layers of the rainforest. In Numeracy, they have been learning and applying different methods of adding and subtracting. In R.E., the children have read and written about the Baptism of Jesus. For the second stage of our school art project, one group of children enjoyed visiting the art gallery, where they made brilliant cockerels from clay. The rest of the class will be going next week.



## Class 4

This week in Literacy we have been writing persuasive letters, in particular trying to persuade The Whole Information To Schools (get the acronym?) Office to finance a trip to the Alps. In Maths we have been working on reflection, rotation and symmetry; and in Science we have been looking at how animals are adapted to the mountain environments they live in. Our R.E this week covered the parable of the Good Samaritan.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Council – 9am

Week of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Art launch – details to be confirmed

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's day cake sale – 3.30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Class 4 to Marle Hall (return on Friday)

- Valentine's cake sale – 3.30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Performance and Standards (Governors) -7.00pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Wear red to school - £1

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half term

### Gold Award Winners!

Class 1 with 46% of children achieving a gold award this week! WELL DONE!

### HOUSE POINT WINNERS:

St. Bernadette with 88 points!