



St. Peter's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Many thanks to all parents who have been able to attend our after school information sessions. It has proved to be a highly valuable exercise and hopefully has given parents a chance to see your child's class, meet their teacher and to ask those questions that have been keeping you awake at night! This idea came from a parent who was really keen to support our new staff and wanted to know how best to support her child at home. We always welcome suggestions and solutions to problems that we may not even have noticed ourselves!

As you know, our number one improvement priority this year is to put Jesus at the heart of everything that we do. This week, I have seen some wonderful art work, excellent questions and have been impressed by Class 5's study of the Sacraments. Our class Mass in year 5/6 this morning was a special celebration and the children worked very hard to prepare for it. Next Friday, St. Peter's are hosting a special Mass for the Rosary on Friday morning in Church and this will be attended by children from lots of our neighbouring Catholic Schools. It would be lovely to see as many parents there as possible as we come together to honour Our Lady.

Well done to Miss Halden; one of our Newly Qualified Teachers, who; under the expert guidance of Mr Rooney and Mrs. Giacalone, led her first school trip this week. Class 4 visited Cadbury world to learn all about Chocolate as part of our drive on promoting experiential learning opportunities. All of the children had a great day thanks to Miss Halden and Mr Rooney's excellent planning.

Please be aware that I am still experiencing some issues with email. If you need to contact school, please do so via the admin3542@welearn365.com address and Mrs. Rowberry will ensure I am alerted to it.

Class 3 also had a treat this week, when Fr. John visited to perform a 'Baptism' in the classroom! Again, role play gave the children an opportunity for experiential learning and the writing and memories created as a result mark how valuable this was. Massive well done to Mrs. Traynar for her hard work and dedication in making God know to all of our children.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to my wonderful team at St. Peter's. Everyone is working their socks off for our children and the best bit is that they are doing so willingly and with a smile. What more can a Headteacher ask for?! Please pray for our hardworking team in this early start of the year, that God may continue to fill them with energy, optimism and excitement!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss McNamara.

Prayer for the Weekend

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow. We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show. Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot and hoar frost, sunrise and sunset, we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed. And, as your good earth rests through winter's cold embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening when kissed by Spring's first touch.

Attendance

Well done to all families for such a great start to the new school year. We have so many children turn up to school on time and in the correct uniform and it is making a real difference to how we start our day. Children are learning new and exciting things from 9am because they are having a routine and positive start to the day and are arriving on time. This is as a result of our excellent parents! Please, please, please keep up the good work; it is one of the best things that we can do for our children.

Dates for the diary!

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| 28/09/15 | Class 1 welcome meeting at 3.45pm |
| 29/09/15 | Class 2 welcome at 3.45pm |
| 02/10/15 | Mass in church |
| 08/10/15 | Life Education |
| 09/10/15 | Reconciliation in school |
| 16/10/15 | Flu Jabs for Years 1+2 Year 5+6 to University of Warwick for Imagination expo Class 4 Class Mass PTFA International night |
| 23/10/15 | Harvest Mass Harvest donations being received. Break up for Half Term |
| 02/11/15 | Year 1 Fire Safety talk |
| 03/11/15 | Year 5 Fire Safety talk |
| 04/11/15 | PTFA AGM Governor's Mission and strategy |
| 06/11/15 | Remembrance Mass |

This week, we have been learning...

This week in Class 1 we have been working around our topic 'Our School'. The children have made a Mini-Me of themselves thinking carefully about their hair and eye colour.



This week Class 2 really enjoyed a welly walk. The weather was very autumnal! But it helped us to notice lots of ways in which the world around us is changing with the new season. We have produced some fantastic writing about our walk. We have also been using musical instruments to explore the science behind making sounds.



This week, Class 3 have been learning all about Baptism. Fr. John came in to help us baptise a doll. We all voted for the name, and chose Peter John. It was a great occasion, and it was very special to be able to experience a baptism in our own classroom. Thank you Fr. John!

The highlight of Class 4's week has to be our trip to Cadbury World. We had a fabulous day with lots of opportunities to discover fascinating things about the history of chocolate, the manufacturing and packaging processes, and product advertising to name but a few! The children were incredibly well behaved throughout the day and were great ambassadors for St. Peter's. Miss Halden was particularly proud when a member gift shop staff commented on what a well-mannered group they were.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS:
St. Francis with 74 points!

Gold Award Winners!
Class 2 with 72% of children achieving a gold award this week!
WELL DONE!

This week, Class 5 have been writing and evaluating their exciting Hugo stories using all the skills that they have been practising recently. In maths, they have been doing some tricky problem-solving and challenging their rounding skills whilst in art and PE they have been sketching characters and developing their abilities at turning quickly. The most important part of our week has been planning and preparing for our first ever class mass - including reading our own prayers - which is on the theme of 'Peace'.



The National Baccalaureate at Trinity Catholic School

Parents who attended Trinity's Open Evening this week will know that the school are becoming the only National Baccalaureate school in the area. Trinity is very keen that the Parishes and parents in our Catholic primaries are able to decide on the direction of the curriculum, and the school is interested in hearing from any parents who would like to be part of a Parent Steering Group.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Stars of the Week!



Class 1

Ruairi for settling in so well to school and already being a fantastic role model for the reception children.



Class 2

Aine for putting such fantastic effort into everything we do.



Class 3

Amelia, for some truly delicious French Madeleines



Class 4

Mani for consistently knuckling down and working hard in lessons and always producing carefully presented work.



Class 5

Pascal - for always being brave and prepared to share his ideas.

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