



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Dear St. Peter's families,

This has been a wonderful week at St. Peter's. As I said to one of our parents on the gate, there appears to be something magical in the air!

I have been so fortunate to be able to spend some really focused time in our classes watching our wonderful children learning. Class 5 achieved the unachievable when their prayer session for the victims of the Paris attacks brought me to tears. Our children are so kind, considerate but above all, forgiving. There is so much anger in our world at the moment, but if this generation is leading us forward, I am confident we are in good hands!

On Thursday, I was in need of some R&R so of course; I popped into our Class 1 to see what the little ones were doing! We had lots of fun with glitter and sequins. Edward made me smile and Ruairi taught me how to stick sequins on neatly in rows. Again, even our youngest children are showing their compassion and consideration for others, whilst growing up into great St. Peter's children.

Oscar in Class 5 dazzled us all in assembly on Thursday with his improvised re-enactment of the story of the prodigal son. Ella stood up to give some excellent answers to Mrs. Frost's questions and Year 2 sang a marvellous song for us all! Of course this was second only to the efforts of Class 5 with their handwritten hymn in mass on Thursday. For those of you who missed it, I'll be eagerly looking for an opportunity to get a second performance in over our Christmas festivities; the planning for which begins in earnest on Monday!

Finally, our number one star of the week this week has to go to our one and only Fr. John! We were treated to the crème de la crème of sermons during mass; there was singing, there was dancing and also there was tourist information! Most importantly though, mass gave me time to reflect on how lucky we are to have such proactive, supportive and involved clergy linked to our school. Fr. John has gone over and above for us this year so that our new team feel supported in achieving our key priority of putting Jesus at the heart of everything that we do. We thank him whole-heartedly.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Miss McNamara.**

## Prayer for the Weekend

Dear Lord,

You are the best! Please help me to be one of the members of school council. Sorry for not getting dressed quick enough, also thank you for everything, especially Christmas, Easter and Halloween. Thank you for my epic teachers. Thank you for my brilliant best ever-ever friends. Lord, you are the best. I love you!

Hughie in class 2 really sums it all up beautifully in his fabulous prayer!

## SPAN Christmas Appeal

### Deadline Friday 4th December.

There's now only 2 weeks left to donate your new and 'as new' books and toys for this year's appeal. Thank you for everything that has been placed in the box in the school entrance so far. With nearly 100 children to provide gifts for, we also need wrapping paper.  
Thank you!

Only  
**34**  
more sleeps!



## Dates for the diary!

- 20/11/15 – Class 2 class mass
- 27/11/15 – Advent mass (9.15am)
- None-School uniform – chocolates please!
- 01/11/15 – Performance and Standards meeting (7pm)
- 04/12/15 – None-School Uniform – Bottles please
- 09/12/15 – Full governor's meeting (7pm)
- 11/12/15 – None School Uniform – Sweet treats please!
- Class 1 service (9.30am)
- Christmas fayre (3.30pm-6pm)
- 14/12/15 – KS1 Performances (2.30pm & 6.30pm)
- 15/12/15 – KS1 Performances (2.30pm & 6.30pm)
- 16/12/15 – KS2 Christmas Concert (7pm)
- 17/12/15 – Pantomime
- 18/12/15 – Christmas mass

# This week, we have been learning...

Class One have been getting Bossy with their verbs this week when ordering instructions to make our Diwali lamps. The children really enjoyed then following their instructions to weigh and measure in maths the ingredients to make the salt dough. They then carefully crafted the dough to make their lamps and are looking forward to painting them next. In RE we have looked at forgiveness this week and how we can follow Jesus and be forgiving to others. Some lovely 'Sorry' cards and prayers have been created.



Class 2 have been preparing for their wonderful Prayer service this Friday. Every child took part in the service and all of the grown-ups were really moved by their beautiful prayers and by their fabulous presentation skills; not to mention their beautiful singing!



This week, Class 3 have been investigating all sorts of different rocks. We had to really inspect them to see what their properties were. Then we had a discussion about what sort of rock the pyramids were made from, and why this rock was chosen. We were almost archaeologists!

Gold card winners are Class 3 with 47%

House point St Bernadette with 79 points

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Stars of the Week!

Class 4 have been developing science fiction characters in English. To help them 'bring them to life', we role played conversations before writing play scripts for them. In RE we wrote some beautiful prayers to recognise Jesus as the Light of the World, and in maths we have been tackling fractions. We entered a Warwickshire contest on Sumdog and were the daily winners for Wednesday!



**Class 1 - Carolina**  
For always being polite and caring and always trying her hardest especially in phonics writing this week.



**Class 2 - Daniel**  
For very impressive knowledge of his number pairs to 10 and doubles to 15.



**Class 3 - Oran**  
For the most incredible working model of a shaduf.



**Class 4 - Miranda**  
for working hard maths and showing great progress, and for contributing lovely ideas to our prayer in RE.



**Class 5 Freya**  
for being a wonderful peer learner and for massively improving her writing.

In Class 5 this week we have been reflecting on the events in Paris and on what makes us positive learners. We have researched Hinduism as part of our inter-faith work and have been using formulae in spreadsheets. In English, we have been role-playing an imaginary scene linked to Hugo to help us write a play script (as in the picture).



Congratulations to Miss Halden, who attended her Graduation ceremony on Thursday at the University of Worcester. Miss Halden and Mrs. Hancock have both worked exceptionally hard to achieve QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and we congratulate them both for such an amazing start to their teaching careers.

