



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Dear St. Peter's families,

It is so lovely to have welcomed all of our children back safe and well this week, starting another exciting year at St. Peter's. I hope you all had a wonderful break and lots of fun with your families over the festive period.

We have started a new whole school topic this week. The theme is 'Discovery' and each class has carefully selected an exciting text to inspire their learning. The children really enjoyed their visits from the 'Animal Man'!

Several parents have asked me if their child is allowed to bring their Kindle into school to do their reading. I have no issues with this because it encourages children to read a wide range of books and develop a love of reading, that's good for me! The children will not be able to access the internet in school via their Kindles and they will be expected to read Accelerated reader books on them during reading time. If you allow your child to read on their Kindle, please visit the office to sign a permission slip and assume responsibility for the device whilst in school. These forms will be available as of Monday.

I have received dates for First Holy Communion enrolment and for receiving the sacrament itself. Children will be enrolled for first Holy Communion and Confirmation on Sunday 31st January at 9am mass. First Communion will be on Sunday 26th June at 11am mass and Confirmation will be on Sunday 3rd July at 11am mass. Arrangements for a celebration after both First Communion and Confirmation will be made by school staff and a letter will follow with further details closer to the events.

Finally, I would like to inform all parents that after many, many years of working hard to clean our school, our beloved Mrs. Smith has decided to step down from her role of Caretaker. Mrs. Smith will continue to work in school serving our lunches daily and remains a very important part of our family. She has my total and complete support in making this very difficult decision and I hope that she can enjoy new things in 2016 with a reduced workload.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss McNamara.

Prayer for the Weekend

Good Morning God!
You are ushering in another day,
untouched and freshly new.
So here I am to ask you, God,
if You'll renew me too.

Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday
and let me try again dear God
to walk closer in Your way.

But Lord, I am well aware,
I can't make it on my own.
So take my hand and hold it tight,
for I cannot walk alone.

Amen



Our classrooms have been transformed over the holidays so that our learning environments match our topic and our chosen book. Mrs. Traynar has a forest at the back of her room and Mr Rooney's room has turned into an Arctic wonderland!

Dates for the diary!

- 13/01/16 – PTFA @7pm in school
- 15/01/16 – Mass in church
- 19/01/16 – Vision meeting @6pm in school
(please RSVP)
- 20/01/16 – Vision meeting @9am in school
(please RSVP)
- 22/01/16 – Class 5 Class mass
- 29/01/16 – Class 4 Class mass
- 31/01/16 – First Holy communion Enrolment
mass
- 05/02/16 – Class 3 Class mass
- 12/02/16 – Break up for Half term
- 22/02/16 – Term 4 starts
- 26/02/16 – Lent mass in Church
- 04/03/16 – Class 2 Class service
- 11/03/15 – Class 1 Class service
- 18/03/16 – Easter mass
- Break up for the Easter holidays

This week, we have been learning...

The children have shared some lovely Christmas memories in circle time this week. They then followed this up with either writing or drawing pictures to show their experiences further. After the visit from the Animal man we have looked at the classification of animals. They also have been learning to use money and recognise the different coins. Some of the class have updated their book reviews and worked really hard showing how much their writing has improved since last term. Well done all of Class One for returning to school healthy and happy!



Gold Card winners

Class 5 with 34%

House point winners

St. Teresa's YELLOW house



Stars of the Week!

Class 1 - Edward - For starting school with a big smile and trying really hard in phonics.

Class 2 - Elwin - for always giving his best and working extremely hard in every lesson.

Class 3 - Wiki - for constant diligence

Class 4 - Ruby Grace and Orla - For working hard to raise lots of money for charity this Christmas

Class 5 - Killian - for being a positive learner



This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from a zoologist and some of his animal friends. He gave us a fascinating talk and taught us so much....we learned so much and were inspired to ask lots of really great questions. We even got to touch some of the animals....what a brilliant start to our term!

Class 3 have had an amazing first week back at school. They have started our discovery topic with great enthusiasm, and loved the visit from the animals on Wednesday. They've also been having a practical maths week, where we have taken our maths lessons outside and using the environment to help us solve problems.



In Class 5 this week, we have settled straight into our new topic and begun predicting what happened to Shackleton and his crew on their epic expedition. In PE, we have learnt dribbling whilst maths has seen us practise lots of times tables and fractions skills.

