



St. Peter's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Dear St. Peter's families,

This morning as I write the newsletter, I feel just like Jack Bauer in hour 36!!! It has been a truly eventful week at St. Peter's as we welcomed a visit from Her Majesty's Inspector from OFSTED. We have been expecting a visit for a long time and finally got the pleasure of showing off our lovely little school yesterday. I'm not able to discuss the outcome of the inspection (even with the staff!), which initially seemed frustrating. However, as I drove to work this morning, I thought about how appropriate this is. We are a fabulous school; we teach fabulous children and every single day, we do our best for them without exception. This is why 96% of the parents who took part in the parent questionnaire said their children felt happy at St. Peter's and 100% said their child felt safe coming to our school. Our staff are back in this morning teaching to their consistent high standards, as they do every day, rain or shine. The result of an inspection doesn't and can't change these facts, nor does it change our mission to provide the highest quality education to each and every child. What it does do is help shape the future developments and help direct us towards even more success in the future; something that I am really looking forward to getting my teeth into! The OFSTED report will be available in roughly 3 weeks; I will let you all know when and in the meantime, I'd like to thank you all for such unwavering support this week and every week. It is clear to me that our Key Priority of putting Jesus at the heart of everything that we do has been adopted far beyond the school walls and the support that our staff have received from parents and children has been truly heartening. I realise I'm at risk of sounding a bit 'totes emosh' now so I will move on.... 😊

Netball! What wonderful children we have! On Wednesday, Mrs. Giacalone led a team to, well, a cancelled match at Trinity! However, as disappointing as it was to see the match rained off, I saw such enthusiasm and excitement in our children who were so proud to represent our school. They practiced hard and are a credit to us. Massive thanks to Mrs. Giacalone, who put her heart and soul into this!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss McNamara.

Prayer for the Weekend

Lord God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life.

Amen



Our fantastic netball team in their new kit!
We want our children to be proud to represent our wonderful school and also to stand out for their team spirit and sportsmanship! Well done to every one of them who achieved this and made me a very proud head teacher!

Dates for the diary!

- 31/01/16 – First Holy Communion & Confirmation Enrolment mass **at 9am**
- 05/02/16 – Class 3 Class mass
– Please return Smartie tubes by today!
- 09/02/16 – Pancake races @3.15pm
– Resource committee meeting at 7pm
- 12/02/16 – Valentine's Cake Sale @3.15
– 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

FINAL INSET DAY – Friday 29th April 2016

This week, we have been learning...



Class One have been discovering 2D and 3D shapes and their properties this week. The children have had fun trying to build different shapes and have shown real determination and patience in completing their models! We have been exploring the colours of black and white from the Class text and used story mountains to help us plan our adventures. In history we have learnt about Neil Armstrong and his 'Giant leap for mankind' remembering the facts we learnt to produce timelines and information posters. In RE we are now learning more about Baptism and would be delighted if anyone from Class One could bring an example of their precious Baptism candle in to share at the beginning of next week to enhance our learning.

This week we have become zoologists! We did some wonderful research using the ipads to learn about meerkats. We then watched wildlife documentary and used this footage to narrate our own version. Finally, we really enjoyed completing an animal quiz which Mati had set us for his homework.



Gold Card winners

Class 4 with 70%

House point winners

St Bernadette with 110 points

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Stars of the Week!



Class Three have worked so hard this week, producing some exciting adventure stories about Professor Potts under the sea. They've also been learning a new skill, as we begin to teach the basics of coding through 'Scratch' software. There were some truly brilliant sequences created! I've also been really pleased to see them working so hard on sumdog, making improvements in their mental maths skills already. Well done Class Three!



Class 1

Isabelle - For a fantastic week in Class one and giving Mrs Hancock a very big smile each morning!

This week in Class 4 we have been continuing with our topic theme of Discovery and have been researching Australia Day and why Australians celebrate it. We have also been finding out about Captain Cook's voyage to Australia and writing a diary entry of the day when he first spotted land off the eastern coast of Australia.



As well as planning a science experiment, Class 5 have been learning about and reflecting upon Henry Worsley - the polar explorer who sadly died this week. They have composed prayers and have spent time reflecting on his influence, inspiration and charitable work.



Class 2

Betty - for working so incredibly hard at researching and recording information about meerkats.



Class 3

Ben - for incredible handwriting



Class 4

James for his perseverance in Maths throughout the week.



Class 5

Daniel for showing a great attitude.

