



# St. Peter's

## Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

### Prayer for the Weekend

Lord, inspire me to live in such a way, that my choices  
each day  
and my commitment to live in a positive way  
may transform the negative into something positive,  
and the ordinariness of daily life into something  
extraordinary. Amen.

Dear St. Peter's families,

Welcome back to Term 4, our shortest term of the year! We have lots to pack into 4 (now 3!!! Eeeek!!!) short weeks. Before I start, I must say a massive well done and congratulations to our amazing children in Class 5. At the end of last term, they arranged a mini fete to raise money in memory of Henry Worsley, the Arctic Explorer who tragically died whilst walking in Shackleton's footsteps. They did this with no help from staff (except a tiny bit from a soggy Mr. Rooney perhaps) and I really couldn't be more proud of them for their compassionate approach to a fitting tribute. Well done to everyone who arranged this event and to parents for their support. £136 was raised!

Many thanks to those parents who have taken the time to read our OFSTED report. We are delighted to be recognised as a 'Good' school and are already actioning our inspector's points for improvement. On Monday, Mrs Smith, Mrs Traynar and Mrs. VJ attended training which gave them numerous ideas on how to challenge children in their learning. They have fed these back to staff and we hope to start making strides in this area soon. Also, we have started the refurbishment of the old library and hope to have the new 'Phonics Suite' up and running before the Easter Holidays.

Our Mid-day supervisors have also been on some training recently, aimed at giving them ideas for engaging children during lunch time so that they behave well. Our ladies are already becoming increasingly confident and hopefully we will continue to see improvements in behaviour at lunch time. We have some other ideas of how to motivate children and encourage our play leaders which we will bring to you soon.

Mrs. Hancock has been out of school this week on Compassionate Leave. Her lovely daughter Meg has had a serious operation and needed her Mum by her side. Fortunately Meg is on the mend and we hope Mrs. Hancock will be back at school soon. Please keep them both in your prayers during the coming week; it has been a worrying time for the whole family.

In our continuing bid to improve communications, we have replaced our phone system this week. This project has been immensely time consuming (we starting planning the swap 18 months ago!) and has taken Mrs. Bains a lot of effort. Please feel free to leave us answerphone messages to report absences or brief messages about your child. We hope this will make office processes much easier. In addition to this, in the unlikely event that we need to close the school unexpectedly (e.g. a snow day), you can call school to check and updates will be left on the recorded message. We have also started to use Twitter. At the moment there is nothing on there (partially because I'm a bit of a novice), but also because we have no followers! Please feel free to follow [@stpetersleam](https://twitter.com/stpetersleam) and we will see how we can develop this service. I'm hoping that it will be used to keep parents informed about events and reminders, but we'll have to wait and see; the possibilities are endless!

Finally, we are celebrating world book day next week with the following exciting events:

**Monday** – Children can bring in a book they have read at home but no longer want and give it to one of their friends to keep.

**Tuesday** – Visit from a local author; Jason Moss

**Wednesday** – Children have a session to read their favourite Bible story to their friend or friends.

**Thursday** – World Book Day, dress up as your favourite children's book character

**Friday** – Donate a new book to our school's Accelerated Reader system (Please visit <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/advanced.aspx> to ensure the book is on AR. We are in need of books with an interest level for 'Middle Years' and between Book Level 6 and 9 if possible, but will happily accept any book donated).

Phew! I think that is all of my announcements made for this week, if I've forgotten anything, I'll try and tweet it! Wish me luck!

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Miss McNamara.**

# This week, we have been learning...

Class 1 have been thinking about blue crayon from our topic book, The Day the Crayons Quit. It brought to mind; the sea, waterfalls, rivers, lakes and rain, much of our work this week was linked to this. We have written stories, drawn pictures, looked at the continents and oceans and even flown in a hot balloon and seen the water below us!



This week, Class 3 have launched into their new topic: Minecraft. The children have become the experts, and are going to teach Mrs Traynar all about their favourite game! We've started to write a Minecraft magazine, which will be published for the whole school later this term. We had a whole planning session, looking at Minecraft books to gather ideas for articles.

This week in class 2 we have been learning about programming. We became human cranes and wrote our own programs to move bricks around. We also had to debug our programs to check they were perfect.



This week we have been punctuating speech in our writing and in maths we have been problem solving and choosing the correct mathematical operation to help us. On Wednesday afternoon we joined up with Class 3 and created our own PE warm up games. After writing the instructions we had great fun trying the games out!

In Class 5 this week, we have been learning more about measures with Mr Thomas. In science, we have carried out our dissolving experiment, making observations and recording our results. We have discovered what happened at the end of 'Shackleton's Journey' - writing articles about the great news!



## Gold Card winners

Class 2 with 32%

## House point winners

St. Francis' Green House 100 points

## Dates for the diary!

26/02/16- Lent mass in Church

04/03/16- Class 2 Class service

09/03/16- P&S meeting (7pm)

10/03/16- No swimming

11/03/15- Class 1 Class service

- PTFA Chilli and quiz night

14/03/16 - Parents Evening (4-7pm)

15/03/16 - Parents Evening (4-7pm)

16/03/16 - Full GB Meeting (7pm)

18/03/16- Easter mass

- Break up for the Easter holidays

**FINAL INSET DAY - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**



## Stars of the Week!

### Class 1

Felix, who is always willing to help, he is a great role model and always tries his very best.



### Class 2

Esther - for being a determined and conscientious learner in all subjects.



### Class 3

Hugh - For his spirituality.



### Class 4

Kieran - for working consistently hard in maths throughout the week and continuing to challenge himself.



### Class 5

Patrick, for dedicating hours to home learning creating an astonishing quiz which gripped the whole class in excitement and learning!

