



St. Peter's

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear St. Peter's families,

Year 6 can finally breathe a huge sigh of relief because their SATs assessments are finally over! We are really proud of the mature way that our children dealt with the whole process. We had no tears, no stress and lots of confidence. We are so proud of each of them and are looking forward to lots of post-SATs silliness now!

Next week, we start our end of Key Stage 1 assessments, which will involve all of our Year 2 children. Unlike the Year 6 SATs, these assessments are much less formal (the children can take as long as they want; they can even stop and come back to the assessment later if they wish!). In year 6, the papers are all sent off for marking and the result is the child's final grade, however in year 2, our teachers mark each paper and the results are used to inform the assessment that the teacher has already made. This means that if a child underperforms in the test, the teacher will ensure that they receive an end of year grade that is representative of their general daily performance, not the snapshot from the hour of a test. With all of this in mind, please do not worry or feel anxious about the tests. Through interim reports and parents evenings, you will already know how well your child is doing and the test will simply reaffirm our assessments.

I would like to say the most enormous well done to Mrs. Hancock who arranged her first whole school mass this week. I have said before that arranging mass is a very daunting task and this year, I had the aim that all members of staff would be able to do it themselves by the end of the year. Mrs Hancock worked very hard to inspire and involve her children and they did a marvellous job. I don't know if you noticed, but she even included examples of their work on the presentation. Fr. John was really impressed, as am I! Well done to all of the children for shining like superstars!

Have a great weekend!

Miss McNamara.



Term dates

I would like to make you aware of our term dates. Our website is in the middle of transitioning to a mobile-friendly site, so it is not up to date at the moment. As you are aware, it is illegal to take your children out of school for a holiday during term time. Thankfully, this is not a significant issue for our children because our parents do their best to arrange holidays at suitable times. We will let you know our INSET days as soon as they have been agreed, but in the meantime, please find the agreed Warwickshire dates below:

Autumn Term 1: 05/09/16 – 21/10/16
 Autumn Term 2: 31/10/16 – 16/12/16
 Spring Term 1: 03/01/17 – 17/02/17
 Spring Term 2: 27/02/17 – 07/04/17
 Summer Term 1: 24/04/17 – 26/05/17
 Summer Term 2: 05/06/17 – 21/07/17

Prayer for the weekend

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.

For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.

For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.

For summer time, full of warmth and colour
 And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.

You are always with us.

Amen.

This week, we have been learning...



Class One have been writing poems this week based on the book Freddie and the Fairy by Julia Donaldson. In maths we have been adding and using a game of 'hook a duck' to support this as well as numerous other activities. We have also been writing, painting and acting in class in preparation for our class mass today. We hope you enjoyed it.

This week we have read Cinderboy - an updated take on Cinderella. The children have really enjoyed getting to know the story and planning and writing their own versions. We have also continued our work on fractions.

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



Class 1
Joseph - super effort with his independent writing. He now has finger spaces!



Class 2
Sashka for a beautiful story opening in her own version of Cinderella.



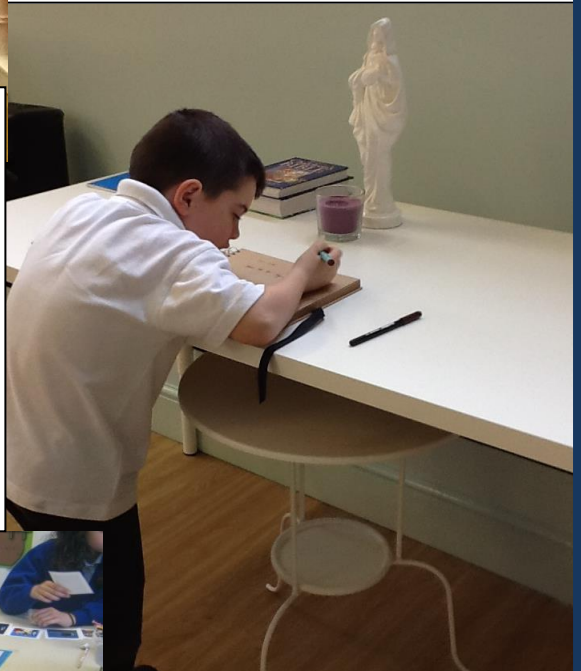
Class 3
Amelie, for perseverance.



Class 4
Loretta - for trying hard in everything this week, especially in Maths. She has also been very helpful around the classroom.

Class 5
all the year 6s for being equally calm, positive and determined

Class 3 had a retreat day on Tuesday, spending the whole day taking part in various prayer and reflection activities to prepare them for their Reconciliation service. They were all amazingly peaceful and engaged throughout the day, and it was a pleasure to share this time with them. We've also been revisiting key skills in maths, learning about Pentecost and exploring light.



Gold Card winners - Class 3 with 57%
House point winners - St Francis' Green house red house with 134

Dates for your diary

- 16/05 - Key Stage 1 Testing Window
- 18/05 - Resource committee mtg @7pm
- 20/05 - None School Uniform - £1
- Class 3 Class mass@9.30am
- Class 1&2 trip to Wonderland
- PTFA Movie night
- 23/05 - Class 5 to Alton Castle
- 27/05 - None school Uniform - bottles (alcohol)
- 30/05 - Half Term Begins

Class 4 have had a super week! We have started looking at Greek myths in English and we have enjoyed retelling the myth Theseus and the Minotaur! The children have written brilliant character descriptions about the Minotaur including fantastic adjectives and new vocabulary. We have also started our new Science unit all about sound! In Maths, Class 4 has worked extremely hard on solving two-step problems involving addition and subtraction. They have all shown real perseverance when

The year 6 children have been diligently taking SATs tests this week - working hard with an impressive maturity. Either side of these test, the year 6s have been relaxing in various ways, making sure we have been in as relaxed a mind-set as possible. When the class has been together, we have been putting together group reports on the history of crime.

