



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear St. Peter's families,

This week, I have attended several meetings with leaders and governors from other Warwickshire schools, and a Chair of Governors from a different school discussed the meaning of 'having faith' with me. For me, having faith is what keeps me cool in times of difficulty or stress. I absolutely trust that God has a plan for me and I know that His love will help me to face the challenges of life with courage and resilience. Mrs Bains (my right hand woman in a crisis!) may disagree with this, but I rarely get stressed, upset or angry, not because I have thick skin, but because I have great faith. And when that faith has ever started to waiver, God has sent me Fr. John and a cuppa!

I have had several conversations with parents about the decision to change the Mass times. At our school, we are so used to 'change' now that I'm sure we will all adapt to the new schedule before too long, but for some, this change is difficult and I can understand that. For some, the week is built around celebrating Mass and changing that central point can be daunting. However, at a time like this, it is essential that our faith stays strong, that we trust that God is working in Leamington and in doing so, all will be well. Different, but well! For members of our school family who approach the new schedule with trepidation, I ask that we support our Parish with an open mind and trust that God has given Fr. John the strength and resources to lead his flock in a new direction in the best possible way; he wouldn't have made this decision unless he absolutely had to. Change is hard, really hard! But rarely do I see change for change's sake. We may not know or understand reasons for decisions, but in time we will and having faith in God will help us to walk on the waves like St. Peter did.

At Mass this morning, Mrs Frost's class had chosen to open Mass with 'Follow me' and I was able to reflect on how pertinent the words to this hymn are:

"If you would follow, me, you must leave old ways behind; you must take my cross and follow on my path. You may be far from loved ones, you may be far from home, but my father will welcome you at last." All I ask is that we approach this change as a family, support one another and trust that God's love will be spread through the hearts of our children and their families, wherever and whenever they celebrate Mass. Division is never going to achieve anything positive or loving.

I feel so blessed to be part of the St Peter Apostle Parish and we are so lucky to have Fr. John and Fr. Noel. If this arrangement is deemed by them to be the best way to enable them to best serve our Parish, I thank God for sending them to us.

Have a great weekend!

**Miss McNamara.**



Well done to Reception and Year 1 children who took part in a Pumpkin growing competition. They grew the largest pumpkins in Leamington, probably even the world!



My Crimping irons are already heating up and my leg warmers are ready to go! Tonight's 80's party looks set to be epic – not one to be missed!

### Prayer for the weekend

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength:  
God's power to guide me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's eyes to watch over me;  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to give me speech,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to shelter me,  
God's host to secure me.  
Amen.

# This week, we have been learning...

The children were invited to Jephson Gardens to meet with Laura, the pumpkin lady. She had invited us to plant our 5 pumpkins we had grown as they were the best they had received back from the local schools that had been involved in the scheme. The children enjoyed the sensory garden whilst we were there and all were. This week in Class 1 we have been busy sharing holiday news, working with numbers, exploring saints and having fun writing about what we may like to be when we grow up.



In class 2 we have begun our new topic, 'when I grow up...' We will be learning about lots of different vocations and started our term with professional sportsman, Rob. The children really enjoyed interviewing him and have written superb reports about the life and work of a sports person.

Class 3 have taken advantage of the weather this week, and spent some of their reading time outside. They've also been learning all about scientists, and the jobs that they do, using Mr Benn as their inspiration. We've started to think about forces and magnets as well as revisiting some other science topics.



Class 4 have had a great start after half term. They have written great persuasive letters to become secret agents. They have also enjoyed starting out new Science topic about living things and their habitats and were brilliant at classifying and grouping animals!



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



**Class 1**  
James - Excellent recall of holiday news in spoken and written language.



**Class 2**  
sophie - for really super writing and maths all week!



**Class 3**  
Ben Foley, for consistent effort in all subjects.



**Class 4**  
Kelsi for putting in lots of effort!



**Class 5**  
Simran for consistently working hard and improving her learning.

**Gold Card winners - Class 1 with 100% House point winners - St Bernadette's Red house red house with 163**

This week in Class 5, we have been debating our futures! We have also been considering the people and careers that could help the desperate character in our class book. In reading, we have been rehearsing and learning famous poetry (with many funny out-take moments)! Meanwhile, in maths we have been either revising or doing real life maths calculations.



## Dates for your diary

- 30/05 - Half Term Begins
- 06/06 - Return to school
- 10/06 - Class 2 mass in Church  
- PTFA 80's disco
- 14/06 - Class photos
- 15/06 - Swimming Gala  
- Govs P&S @7pm
- 16/06 - Day of the African Child (Y3/4)
- 17/06 - None school Uniform – toys, books and U/PG DVDs  
- **Class 4 class mass @9.30 CANCELLED**
- 22/06 - PTFA meeting @7.15pm
- 24/06 - Class 2 Class service @9.30  
- None school Uniform – £1 and biscuits for first communion
- 25/06 - Summer Fayre 12-3
- 26/06 - First Communion @11.00am
- 29/06 - St. Peter's Day