

Spring Term 1 Week 7

Friday 17th February 2017



**St. Peter's**  
Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**D**ear St. Peter's Families,

We have had such a loving Valentine's week at St. Peter's School this week. Our children, as always, have treated each other with kindness and respect, two big elements of loving relationships.

Our PTFA have very kindly agreed to lots of exciting spends for our school. They have pledged £500 to each Class to spend as they wish. Our teachers are overwhelmed by this generosity; you will know budgets are tight and they are not usually able to spend any money on their classes because quite simply, there is no money to spend. This money will allow them more creative control of their classrooms and curriculum; something that will have the greatest impact on our children's learning. If that's not PTFA fundraising is all about, I don't know what is! The PTFA have also contributed to a project to refurbish the Early Years equipment on the playground. Lots of boxes have arrived and we are very excited about unpacking them over Half Term and putting our new equipment to good use. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the PTFA by donating money and attending events. Your support is so gratefully accepted.

Mrs Divers had a very successful week selling books for parents to donate to our Accelerated Reader programme on World Book Day. This is your chance to fill our library with your choice of books. She will be back on the playground on Monday and Tuesday after half term to sell to any parent who would still like to donate a book so that their child can come to school in fancy dress on World Book Day!

Have a great Half Term holiday and we'll see you back at school on Monday 27th February!

Miss McNamara.

## ★ ★ ★ Stars of the Week! ★ ★ ★



### Class 1

Bella For super independent writing!



### Class 2

Weronika for her positive attitude to learning and improvement in literacy skills.



### Class 3

Luke Cashman, for excellent writing all half term!



### Class 4

Maria, for huge leaps in her writing!



# This week we have been learning...



**Class 1** have had a very busy week! We have been learning all about the Inuit people and have created information booklets. The children created questions to write an email to Mr McNamara to support our learning of the Inuit people and he kindly replied with very detailed answers. We have learnt about their traditional Throat Singing competitions and worked in groups to create our own songs. In Art we have created pictures in the style of a colourful Inuit artist. On Wednesday we walked to the library and enjoyed a story time that included singing, dancing and a little acting. The children left with big smiles on their faces! We have worked as scientists to study the effect of melting ice and in Maths we have worked on number bonds. To finish the week we have a lovely prayer hour which helped us reflect on our learning of many parables this half term.

**Class 2** have been busy this week learning all about the Jewish festival of Sukkot, and how to build a sukkah to remind the Jewish people about the tents that their ancestors would have lived in during their escape from Egypt in the desert. We have also had a focus this week on the adventures of Peter Pan and how they would feel being part of the Lost boys with some wonderful writing using adjectives and conjunctions. In maths we have been focusing on multiplication, division and problem solving. In our outside PE session saw some great development in football skills in mini games. We have now finished our Taking Care project which the children have enjoyed being part of a year 3 and year 2 groups. We are all ready for a half term break!

**Class 3** have been writing biographies of Harry Potter this week, as well as designing their own new character for the books. There were some interesting ideas! On Tuesday they made some beautiful Valentine's Day cards from God to the world, thinking about how much he loves us. We've been finishing learning about the muggle invention 'electricity', learning about conductors and insulators. They've also been playing some exciting games with Mrs Giacalone in PE, I feel like I've missed out! Have a restful half term



Class 3, and come back ready for our new topic.



**Class 4** this week have ended the half term on a real high. We have been reflective regarding our work: looking over our reading and grammar skills as well as editing our writing to make it as good as we can. Our short stories have had so much effort and care put into them - I think they'll rival our recent biographies for 'Best Writing of the Year' awards! We've all had the chance to show off our spelling skills and we have tackled some statistics and reasoning challenges that have had adults scratching their noggins. Meanwhile, science, debating, dancing and PE have filled the rest of our time: what a week!

## Prayer for the weekend

Dear Lord, we who are divided, unloving,  
prejudiced at times,

Inclined to misunderstanding,  
Intolerant

Make us instead

United, loving,

Open to learning

Understanding and forgiving

Tolerant

May your Spirit be present in us all as you are in all  
peoples.

Amen

## Dates for the Diary

- 17/02 - Class 1 Class Mass at 9.30am
- 17/02 - Valentine's Cake Sale
- 17/02 - Break up for half term
- 27/02 - Children return to school for new term
- 01/03 - Ash Wednesday Service at St Peter's Church at 10.30am
- 02/03 - World Book Day—Donate an AR book and come dressed up!
- 07-08/03 - Parents Evening
- 10/03 - Whole school Mass at St Peters Church led by Class 2 at 9.30am
- 24/03 - Class 3 Class Mass at 9.30am
- 28/03 - Bentley Photographic