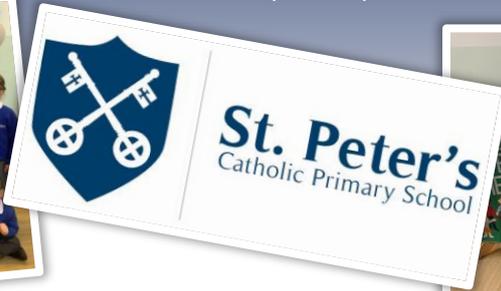


Newsletter

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School
Friday 16th September 2022



Welcome back!

Dear St. Peter's families,

It is lovely to be back at St. Peter's to extend the warmest of welcomes to you in this new school year! I hope you've had a positive start and are feeling ready and raring to go! This week, our Reception children joined our St. Peter's family and we look forward to watching them grow and learn over the next 7 years!

Our School Mission

We have been very busy already this term. Miss Hart has been working hard to ensure that our school Mission is embedded in all of us as we start our journey together. I am sending home 'Mission leaflets' today, which are our collective pledge that we will do our best to put Jesus at the heart of everything that we do and what it means to be part of our family. Please read this document with your child and if you choose, sign it with them to pledge your commitment to our mission.

Always learning!

Thank you to our staff, who have attended so much training in the last two weeks! Predominately health and safety, the staff have completed Safeguarding training, positive handling training, Prevent training (anti-radicalisation) and also RE training. The staff have worked several evenings this week so I am very grateful to them for their time and commitment to our children.



Welcome to our new Reception class!



This week, we have remembered HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We have learned about the Queen's life, her vocation and her service to God, the country and to her family. We pray that she enjoys eternal rest alongside her beloved Philip and that God protects and strengthens her family and friends at this difficult time. Amen.

This week, we have been learning...



Class 1

Reception have had a brilliant first week of school! It has been a delight to watch them settle in and learn each other's names. Lots of lovely friendships are beginning to blossom! The children have been very busy exploring their new environment, but we still managed to fit in our very first RE lesson; all about putting Jesus at the heart of everything we do.

Class 2

Class 2 have settled beautifully into their new year groups. We have spent time getting to know our new class friends and have bonded over many various activities. In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards and have spotted missing numbers in different patterns. In English we have made predictions about our new story book and in RE our learning has been focused on God's Creation. We have learnt the story of Creation and have written what we are thankful for in our world. Class 2 have also enjoyed a fun agility PE lesson, painting, learning about timelines and practising their letter formation. Well done Class 2!



Class 3

In Class 3 this week we have begun our Place Value unit in Maths, looking at how we can represent and partition numbers into the thousands using dienes to help us. Our English and Topic work has focused on the Ancient Egyptians. We have been reading our class text Tales of Gods and Pharaohs, answering VIPERS questions on what we have read and sequencing the story. In History, we have been defining key Egyptian vocabulary and asking questions about Egyptian artefacts. During RE, we have been learning about belonging and discussing what groups we belong to. We have also read about how Jesus found his Disciples and asked them to follow him. For our child led prayer this week, Annabelle and Isaure led a reverent and thoughtful session thanking God for giving us Queen Elizabeth to reign and look after our country for 70 years.

Class 4

Class 4 have settled back in to school with enthusiasm and smiles. It has been wonderful to see all the children again and see how grown up they have become. We got to road running and the class have been very busy bees! In English we started our new class novel - Street Child - and the children have written some very emotive letters in role as one of the characters in the book. Exploring the text and engaging in some hot seating allowed them to really explore the characters' feelings. This linked into their History topic (the Victorians) as the novel is set during this era. The class made some lovely leaflets all about Queen Victoria. In RE the children have been learning about the Creation stories from Genesis. There was much discussion about the importance of all God's creations. They looked at Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech and discussed how MLK was only trying to achieve the loving and equal world which God had intended. Well done Class 4! Mrs Collins and I are very proud of the good example you have set this week.



Stars of the Week



Class 1's Star of the Week certificate goes to all of the children for settling in so well! Each and every one is already a special part of our St. Peter's family.



Silvia has settled very well into Year 2 and has shown an exemplary, positive attitude. Silvia has worked consistently hard this week and has also been a fabulous role model to others in the playground.



Class 3's Star of the Week this week is Brendon! He has come back to school with a fantastic attitude towards his learning and a great enthusiasm for our Egyptians topic.



Dolly! Dolly has had a really mature attitude to learning since she returned from the Summer holidays. She will be such a good role model for other children in Class 4 and across the school.