



Diocese of Westminster
SS. Peter & Paul
Catholic Primary School
Head Teacher: Miss T M Peters

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

In a week where we have had lots of news regarding Covid-19 vaccinations, I ask that you all pray for a successful one to be found. We pray that when it is ready that it can be given those who need it most, as soon as possible, to allow us to get back to our normal lives. While we wait for this, I ask for you all to wear face coverings at pick up and drop off time. I also ask that you respect each other space and keep your distance from those outside your support bubble.

Weekly Attendance

It is extremely important that children do not miss any school, unless they are unfit to attend. After such a long period of no schooling due to COVID-19, attendance is more important than ever. Please remember, if your child wakes up late you can still bring them to school, but running late like this should not become a habit. Children with poor attendance and punctuality will be made known to the Local Authority.

Each week, we will report to parents each class's attendance.

Year 6: 97.9%

Year 5: 95.2%

Year 4: 98.6%

Year 3: 98.3%

Year 2: 99.2%

Year 1: 93.8%

Reception: 94.5%

Nursery: 96.9%

Well done Year 2.

National Youth Funday

Today we joined the diocese virtually to celebrate National Youth Funday! We were invited to join on YouTube for a day of prayer, fun, games and inspiration. St Peter and St Paul had a shout out at the beginning before the Cardinal spoke and prayed with us all. For more information from the diocese, please follow the link:

<https://nationalyouthsunday.com/foryourfamily/>

Photographs

All children had their individual photographs taken in school on Tuesday. The children were sent home with little cards for you to be able to check images online. Please note some of the images may seem a little blurred. This is for copy writing purposes. Please ensure you order your photographs via the link.

Common Flu Vaccinations

Common vaccinations will take place on the 25th of November. We strongly urge you to return the consent forms and allow your child to have the flu vaccination. Numbers across Islington show that there has been a decline in uptake of the vaccination this year. This may be because some parents feel that the vaccination is unnecessary or simply because there is a confusion between the common flu vaccination and a COVID-19 flu vaccination. Please be assured this is the common flu vaccination.

Trouble in Ethiopia

We would like to take this opportunity to pray for all members of our school community who are Ethiopian or have family members living in Ethiopia or links to the country. This is a very difficult time for them and we would like to offer our support and prayers. Please remember if you are directly affected by this, you can call upon the school to help in any way we can.

Harvest collection

Unfortunately our harvest collection for the Islington food bank this year has not been as successful as in previous years. To date we have received £4.70. Thank you to those who have donated what they could. If you are able to donate anything towards this extremely important cause, please send your donation into school with your child in an envelope marked harvest collection. Thank you in advance.

Covid-19 Testing

If your child has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school will recommend that you have your child tested. Your child will not be able to return to school until we have seen evidence of a negative COVID-19 test, if they have had specific symptoms.

Year 1 Vision and Hearing Test

All children in Reception class have their hearing and vision tested each year. As this had to be deferred last year, the Year 1 children's hearing and vision will be tested on Wednesday, the 25th of November by the school nurse.

Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 will take place from Monday 23th November - Friday 27th November 2020. The theme is United Against Bullying

Wear an Odd sock on Thursday 26th November **What is Odd Socks day?**

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school or workplace, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on Thursday 26th to help raise awareness of bullying.

I look forward to seeing you all in your variety of colourful socks.

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

'This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is present in all people, especially in the sick, anyone in need and also he is present in you and in me. What we do for others, we do for Jesus - even small everyday acts of kindness are most valuable in god's eyes'.

Have a good weekend

Yours Sincerely

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