



St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

Clerkenwell

Diocese of Westminster

Headteacher: Miss Tracey Peters



Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children

Parents/Carers Evening

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended parents/carers evening on line on Wednesday 16th. For those of you who could not attend or had technical difficulties with the link there will be an opportunity to rearrange your appointment and class teachers will contact you. After that offer it will be up to you (parent/carer) to contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Anti-Bullying week

There was a great sea of odd socks on parade to celebrate our uniqueness during Anti - bullying week and the theme of REACHOUT.

Anti-Bullying Week reminded everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, to reach out and show each other the support we need when faced with difficulties. Thank you.



Harvest Liturgy

We are having **a harvest liturgy of thanksgiving on the 22nd November**. We are living in difficult and uncertain times. We as a school are thinking of ways in which to help and support those who are having difficulties in our community. So we are asking for only **one item per family of non- perishables (more if you can)**. Your donations will then be sent to the local food bank or St Luke's community centre. **Please bring your items to the main office**

Thanking you all in advance





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The World Cup

World cup fever has hit the school! To celebrate the start of the World Cup 2022 this weekend. We are inviting all children to come into school wearing either their Countries Football Kit or their Countries National Colours on Monday.

Children will have an opportunity to watch part of England's first match against Iran on Monday.



Educational Visits

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Consequently, our school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises along with the PTA the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs.

Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/Carers to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide the total cost of the visit. Please regard this as an important investment in your child's education.

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding with regard to this matter.

Year 4s visit to the Jewish Museum

Year 4 as part of their work on Judaism went to the Jewish museum to learn about Jewish traditions and celebrations. They took part in a workshop on Hanukkah. They learnt about the origins of the festival and how it is celebrated today. They made their own candles and looked at Hanukkah lamps from around the world.



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Attendance and Punctuality

We as a school have worked hard over the years to improve our attendance and punctuality. Pre – Covid we were over 96%. Since our return to school there has been a dip. We understand there will be circumstances that are out of your control and we do take that into consideration. We as a school have always offered our support and guidance. So please do come and speak to us if you and your family need support with attendance and punctuality.

Punctuality for some families is also becoming an issue. We are looking at strategies in order to improve punctuality and the disruption it causes to those who are in on time as well as those who are late with regards to their learning.

The bell now rings at 8.40am as a reminder that school starts at 8.45am.

Please be reminded that we operate a **soft start from 8.30am** and **school starts at 8.45am** and **finishes at 3pm** (Nursery 2.45pm).

Letters have been sent out to those families who are meeting the thresholds of persistent poor attendance and punctuality

Any requests for leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis taking into account individual circumstances and should be made in writing using the school template. This can be obtained from the school office.

Thank you for your support and understanding with regard to this matter.



Congratulations to Year 4 with 94 % attendance and Year 6 with the best punctuality.

Dates for your diary: (Please note some new dates have been added)

Assemblies

Well done to year 2 on their first assembly of the academic year. Their assembly on Remembrance was very prayerful and their singing beautiful.



As we enter the season of Advent the rest of the years assemblies will remind us of what Christmas is truly about - the birth of Jesus, Son of God and the hope and love he brings to enable us to live in peace and



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harmony. We look forward to seeing Year 1s assembly on the 1st December at 9.30am (**Please note the change of times**)

- Thursday 1st December Year 1 – **9.30am** (Christmas)
- Monday 5th December Year 2/3 Christmas Production **2pm**
- Tuesday 6th December Reception **9.30am** (Christmas)
- Thursday 8th December Nursery **9.30am** (Christmas)
- **Year 4/5/6 Carol Service – 12 December 2022 1.45pm at The Italian Church**
- **Friday 2nd December 2022 – Christmas Fete**
- **Wednesday 7th December Christmas lunch - Those children on packed lunch who would like Christmas lunch please let the office know via parentmail (Christmas Jumper over uniforms)**
- **Tuesday 13th December 2022 – Class Christmas parties (Mufti day i.e. own clothes day)**

Cake Sale dates

- Friday 25th November 2022 Year 4
- Friday 27th January 2023 Year 3
- Friday 4th Feb 2023 Year 2
- Friday 28th April 2023 Year 1
- Friday 26th May 2023 Reception
- Friday 7th July 2023 Nursery

Uniform

Please remember that our school has a **no jewellery** policy and that **includes all earrings**. Children are permitted to wear a watch but any smart watches or Fitbits must be left at home.

Fruit Scheme

Please note the fruit scheme is only funded for EYFS and Key Stage 1. We encourage our children in Key Stage 2 to bring their own fruit to school. They normally have their fruit at break time. Please ensure fruit like grapes are seedless and cut in half and the stones are removed from fruit like cherries and plums to avoid choking incidents.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Word on Wednesday

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Mercy is the theme.

“God is so merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful.” Pope Francis

Have a good weekend

Kind Regards,

Miss T Peters and Mrs F Gormley