



St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

Clerkenwell

Diocese of Westminster

Headteacher: Miss Tracey Peters



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week for us all with lots of exciting learning taking place across the whole school.

### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

We took time at assembly on Tuesday to think and reflect about Holocaust Memorial Day which takes place on the 27<sup>th</sup> January of each year.

Eternal God, you hold all of our days in your hands.

On this day, we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of other genocides.

May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives.

Today, help us to remember and recognise the sanctity of each human life that all people are made in Your image.

We pray that genocide and hatred will be no more, and that love will triumph over evil.

In our prayers and in our actions, help us to show this love in the world today.

*Amen.*

### **History off the Page - Ancient Egypt!**

Year 3 had a fantastic workshop learning about Ancient Egypt. The whole day was very interactive and the children had a lot of fun in their learning. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported Year 3. The feedback has been excellent. We look forward to the Ancient Greeks in Year 5 on Monday.



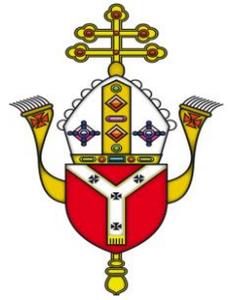


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### Year 6 Marshmallow and Spaghetti Tower Structures



The winning team in Year 6 whose tower withstood an experiment on withstanding an earthquake under test conditions.

### Positive Parenting Strategies – Workshop for Parents

It was great to see some of our parents at this workshop. Thank you for attending. We hope to hold future workshops exploring a range of themes.



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### Dates for your diary

#### Class Assemblies - Thursday at 9.15am

Year 4s assembly was a lovely presentation on Jesus as a teacher and in particular his teaching of the Beatitudes. We look forward to **Year 5s assembly on the 9<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.15am. Parents/carers will be let in through the EYFS gate at 9.10am.

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|---------|-----------|
| 19-1-23 | Year 6    |
| 26-1-23 | Year 4    |
| 9-2-23  | Year 5    |
| 23-2-23 | Year 3    |
| 2-3-23  | Year 1    |
| 9-3-23  | Year 2    |
| 16-3-23 | Nursery   |
| 23-3-23 | Reception |

### Swimming dates

Year 4 start their 2 week programme of swimming on the 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2-3pm.

### Cake Sale dates

Thank you your support with Year 3s cake sale. The next class is Year 2.

- Friday 24th Feb 2023 Year 2
- Friday 28th April 2023 Year 1
- Friday 26th May 2023 Reception
- Friday 7th July 2023 Nursery

### Uniform

Please ensure you have the correct uniform with your name clearly marked on all items of clothing. Please remember your PE days and wear the school PE kit with trainers. School bags are available from the uniform shop in Angel. Blue or black coats. The school coat is optional.

Please remember that our school has a **no jewellery** policy and that **includes all earrings**. There have been an increase in children getting their ears pierced. Earrings will have to be covered for the first six



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weeks before being taken out and put back in again for the weekend. Children are permitted to wear a watch but any smart watches or Fitbits must be left at home.

## Attendance and Punctuality

There has been an improvement in the attendance and punctuality of the school. Keep up the improvements as we still have children coming to school well after 8.45am. Important learning is being lost as a result. 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).

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. The grid below helps to see the impact on a child's education due to absence.

|                                  | Percentage of attendance | Days of Absence                                      | Impact  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Good Attendance</b>           | <b>96-100%</b>           | <b>0-8 days absent over the school year</b>          | <b>Best chance of success in education</b>          |
| <b>Poor Attendance</b>           | <b>80-90%</b>            | <b>19- 29 days absent over the school year</b>       | <b>Reduced chance of success in education</b>       |
| <b>Very Poor Attendance</b>      | <b>75-80%</b>            | <b>38-47 days absent over the school year</b>        | <b>Safeguarding Concern</b>                         |
| <b>Extremely Poor Attendance</b> | <b>Below 75%</b>         | <b>More than 47 days absent over the school year</b> | <b>Serious impact on education and life chances</b> |

If your child is a persistent absentee or is persistently late, you will receive a letter and then be asked to come in for a meeting with a member of the SLT.

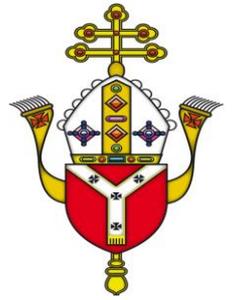


**Congratulations to Year 4 with 98.47% attendance and Nursery again with the best punctuality.**



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## **Strike Action**

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted to carry out strike action in schools. Only **teaching** members of the NEU are covered by the ballot for strike action.

The first proposed date for strike action is 1st February 2023. **We are fully open.**

## **Wednesday Word**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the Beatitudes which link with Year 4s assembly. Jesus shows us how to be happy. We don't have to search around for happiness: it comes from within. When we listen to Jesus and follow his ways we are filled with happiness!

"The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life and they are the way of true happiness." Pope Francis

Have a good weekend

Kind Regards,

Miss T Peters and Mrs F Gormley