



St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School



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Through Jesus we love, we learn and we grow together

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term edition of the St. Peter's newsletter. I hope this will give you a flavour of some of the wonderful things that have been happening in school over the last few weeks. We have almost reached the end of another term and I am very proud of the whole school. In the run up to the Easter break, please may I remind you that this term ends at 3.15 pm this **Thursday, 28th March**.

Attendance: Our current attendance is 93.26%, which is well below the national expectation of 96%. It is really important that your child is in school, on time, every day. Good attendance at school is essential. Please remember that children should be dropped off and collected from the playgrounds at the correct times. The gate opens on Newcastle Gardens at 8.30 am / whistle 8.40 am / gate closes 8.50 am. The school day ends at 3.15 pm.

A reminder about our Friends of School Easter Bonnet competition: Children are invited to design an Easter bonnet; this can be out of simple materials. We have already received some creative and colourful entries!

I wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Easter break. **We look forward to seeing the children return on Monday 15th April.**

Mrs Archer

Headteacher

CLASS UPDATES:-

ROSEN:

This term, Rosen Class have been learning about 'Space'. We have enjoyed playing in our space station role play area and finding out about the astronauts, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison to help us with our fantastic writing. We have also been busy making planets, rockets, stars and galaxies in the classroom.

Last week, a rocket crashed into the outside area of our classroom! We were very excited to be reporters for the day. We made our own newspapers and labelled drawings to help everyone find out more.



SEACOLE:

This term the children in Seacole Class have been learning all about the Great Fire of London in all areas of our curriculum from history through to dance. There have been some amazing newspaper reports written, fact files created and diary entries recorded just like Samuel Pepys did. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using all the information they have learnt and used it in their creative skills through dance. They transported themselves back in time to create dance/movement sequences linked to fire and how it spread across London.

The children in Year 2 were also lucky enough to visit The Life Centre to take part in sporting activities alongside other schools around Plymouth. They showed amazing skills in balancing, aiming and throwing as well as running skills. Most of all, they showed respect and teamwork and were an absolute credit to St Peter's.



RASHFORD:

This term Rashford class visited the Plymouth Islamic Centre in St. Judes. Isham welcomed us and shared lots of information about the Islamic faith. The children were very respectful and asked some great questions to enhance their understanding.



CAFOD BIG LENT WALK!

The children, staff, parents, and Father Daniel recently completed The Big Lent Walk! All this was in aid of helping our global neighbours fight poverty, the effects of climate change and natural disasters.



THUNBERG:

Another term has passed as a blur within Thunberg Class – I honestly don't know where the time has gone! We've been busy writing balanced arguments when arguing for and against a topic (if you're unsure about whether or not zoos should be open, or if you should own a pet animal to name a few, then Thunberg Class is the place for you!); we've positively engaged with the yearly celebration of 'World Book Day' where we innovated the text 'The Day The Crayons Quit' and created 'The Day Thunberg's Class Contents Quit' to great amusement, and upped our game with 'reading to succeed with... AR and STAR.' SO many quizzes have been completed in such a short period of time, and I am very proud of Thunberg Class for how positively they've raised their reading game.

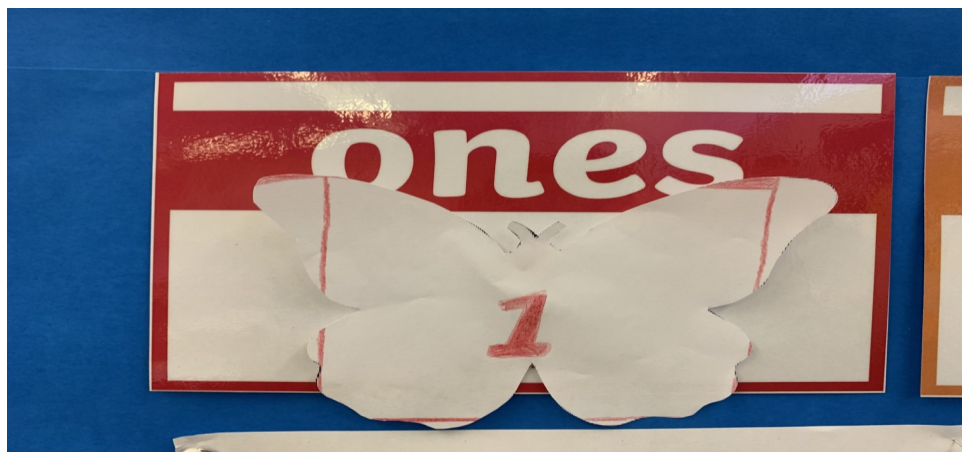
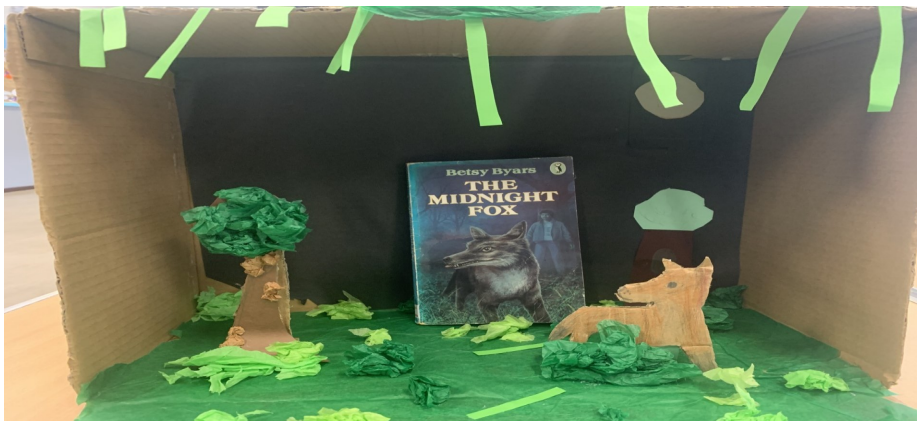
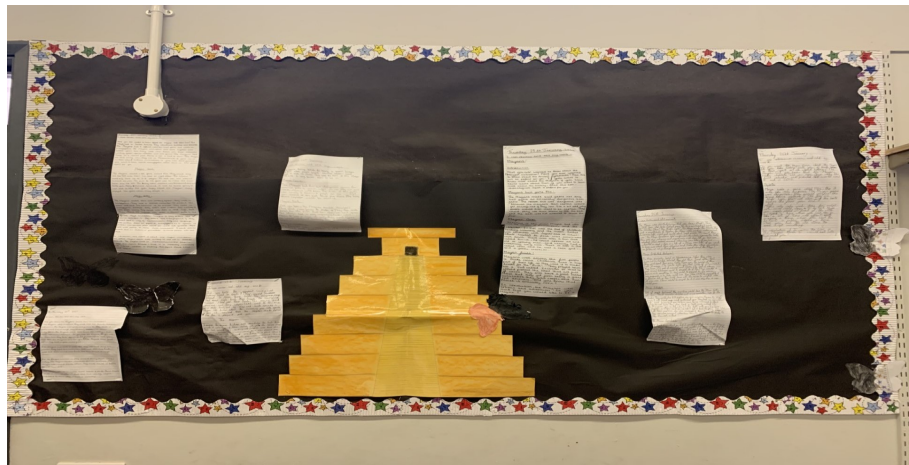
Some standout mathematics has to be fractions with the Year Four component of the class, and long multiplication – and its inverse operation – short division with the complement of Fives. Mind you, this is a fraction of what mathematics the class have been readily using... (Pardon the pun!)

Most recently, we positively engaged with the British Science Week theme of 'time' in all its variations: melting ice cubes, pendulums, timed distances, active adaptations and ruler reactions. All of these activities gave the Thunbergers a great opportunity to engage with STEAM (STEM) learning to apply their science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics knowledge and understanding. Good job, folks. Perhaps a future career in STE(A)M is on the horizon for many of you?!



ORMROD:

This term the children in Ormrod Class have got their heads down in preparation for SATS, they have all been working extremely hard. They have also received some fantastic opportunities such as having a Muslim faith speaker within school. The children asked very well thought out questions and showed our guest how fantastic St Peters is. Additionally, Ormrod have taken part in British Science Week and completed a range of experiments. One of the favourite experiments within the class was the evolution of a moth and how they have adapted to their landscape. We then created moths to hide within our landscape of the classroom. Lastly, the children had a brilliant World Book Day which they wrote letters to crayons persuading them to come back - this was in response to the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. They also participated in our 'Book in a Box' exhibition where they created amazing art pieces which reflect upon some of their favourite books. Well done Year Six.



EASTER MASSES AT ST PETER'S & ST THOMAS MORE

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday: 24th March

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass with Blessing of Palms

9.00am Blessing of Palms & Mass

at St Peter's & St Thomas More

10.30am Blessing of Palms & Mass at St Peter's



Monday in Holy Week: 25th March

9.30am Mass at St. Peter's

Tuesday in Holy Week: 26th March

9.30am Mass at St Peter's & St Thomas More

Wednesday in Holy Week: 27th March

9.30 am Mass at St. Peter's

HOLY THURSDAY: 28th March

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

at St Peter's [the church will be open until midnight]

GOOD FRIDAY: 29th March

10.30 am Walk of Witness at St Peter's

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord

at St Peter's

HOLY SATURDAY: 30th March

8.00pm The Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter at St Peter's

EASTER SUNDAY: 31st March

9.00 am St Peters & St Thomas More, 10.30am St Peter's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Friday 19 th April	Year 5 EFL Programme
Wednesday 24 th April	Tempest Photography
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th May	SATs week (KS2)
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 5/6 Football Festival
Wednesday 22 nd May	Pupil Chaplain visit to the Cathedral
Friday 24 th May	FOS Sweet Treat Finish for half term
Tuesday 30 th May	Music event at the Theatre Royal
Monday 3 rd June	Staff Professional Day
Tuesday 4 th June	Children return
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 & 2 Phonics Check week
Friday 21 st June	Wrong Trousers Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 5/6 Striking & Fielding Festival
Friday 5 th July	FOS Summer Fair
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass at the Cathedral FOS Summer Discos (to be confirmed)
Monday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Mass at school
Tuesday 23 rd July	Whole School Mass End of School Year 3.15 pm

PARENT / CARER ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Advice and support is available from our SENDCO and PSA. If you would like to arrange a meeting with Miss Goddard, our SENDCO, please email gracegoddard@st-petersrc.plymouth.sch.uk or call the school office (217010). Miss Goddard is in school on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Cork our Parent Support Advisor is available daily by calling the school office, or by email: scork@st-petersrc.plymouth.sch.uk

WARM WEATHER

During spring and summer please ensure you provide all day sun protection for your child.



Please check Class Dojo on a daily basis.



ClassDojo

A lot of information is communicated through the app to ensure parents/carers are updated regularly.

Please ask your child's class teacher if you need any assistance with Dojo.

A reminder that the school is closed on Monday 6th May for the Bank Holiday.

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TERM DATES - SUMMER 2024

Monday 15th April

Monday 6th May

27th May – 31st May

Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 23rd July

School re-opens

School closed – Bank Holiday

Half Term Holiday

Staff Professional Development Day

School re-opens

End of School Year