



St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Tracey Peters

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children at St Peter and St Paul have been busy in the lead up to Advent. This half term is really flying by and before we know it Autumn Term will be over! Read this week's newsletter to see what they have all been up to.

Prayer Life of the School

In Wednesday's assembly Miss Manzone spoke to the school about Advent which starts this Sunday the 1st December. All the children in school learnt the significance of the coloured candles on the Advent wreath and the meaning of the word Advent. As a school community we are now preparing to welcome Jesus.

Dear God,

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.

Amen



Year 4 Prayer Service

Father Ivano came to say prayers with Year 4 on Monday. It was a beautiful, thoughtful liturgy. The children sang and read confidently. They really enjoyed this opportunity to spend time with one of our parish priests.



Year 4 Class Assembly

Year 4 performed wonderfully on Thursday despite illness resulting in depleted numbers. They sang, danced and entertained their audience with enthusiasm. They reenacted feeding the five thousand and reminded us of the importance of sharing through their bidding prayers. Special thanks to Harley for stepping in last minute to act the part of Jesus. A very well done to all of Year 4!

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Special Mention

Fergus in Year 6 had a momentous day when his mum was awarded an honour called 'Freedom of the City of London' in an ancient ceremony at The Guildhall. The Freedom of the City of London started around 1237 and is a unique part of London's history. Fergus' mum has been awarded this for her fourteen years of service in the local community. The family at St Peter and St Paul want to extend huge congratulations to Fergus and his mum.



Christmas Toy Appeal



Last Year we took part in the shoe box appeal for the homeless we were (through your generosity) able to prepare over 30 shoe boxes filled with toiletries, hats and gloves etc. This year we are taking part in the Christmas Present Appeal.

Salvation Army churches and centres across the UK are running a **Christmas Present Appeal, collecting donated presents until mid-December**. You can help us spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift. Please donate **new, unwrapped** toys and gifts. **Nothing too expensive**- The Works, Entertainer and Tiger, Tiger have inexpensive little toys, crafts and games. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need by the Salvation Army. We will collect your gifts in school from next week.

Suggested gifts: Please also check the Christmas tree for a gift tag.

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Many thanks for your continuing generosity in supporting all our school appeals.

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Playground Buddies



This week we appointed some new playground buddies.

Year 1 Bella and Oliver

Year 2 Holly and Lucas

Year 3 Nancy and Charlotte

Year 4 Theia and Joaquin

Year 5 Lenny, Nala-Star and Selina

Year 6 Darcy, Sofia and Allison

This important job will ensure that no one is lonely in the playground. The children who volunteered are eagerly awaiting their purple jackets which should arrive soon. We will post a picture of them all when they are dressed for their jobs!

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd December – 2-Year-Old parents' meetings from 9am

Thursday 5th December - Reception Nativity 9:30am

Tuesday 10th December - Years 2/3 Christmas Play 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December – 2-Year-olds/ Nursery Christmas Nativity Assembly 9.30am

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch



Thursday 12th December - Year 1 Class assembly 9:30am

Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Carol Service 2pm (Years 4,5 and 6) St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church in Clerkenwell (whole school to attend)

Wednesday 18th December Class Christmas Parties. Own Clothes. A list will be sent out nearer the time with the contribution you can make to your child's class Christmas party

Friday 20th December- last day of term. Half day. Please collect your child/ren at 1:15pm

Islington Sendiass and The Parent House

Islington Sendiass offer impartial information advice and support for Islington parents, carers, children and young people up to the age of 25. For more information, get in touch on 020 3031 6651 or pick up a leaflet from the school foyer.



The Parent House can support you with courses, workshops, 1:1 support, clothes for your children and food bank referrals. Follow the QR code below to register or pick up a flyer from the office

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Christmas Fair Reminder



The PTA are still looking for donations of toys (in good condition), clothes (in good condition), alcohol, sweets and non-perishable foods. They will also be looking to sign up volunteers to help for the event. Please contact the school office or Miss Bessant.

Football Squad

Miss Bessant and Miss McCaffery have commenced training the newly appointed football squad who will be participating in the Slaughter and May football tournament after Christmas. The children are extremely enthusiastic and eager to give it their best shot.



Craft Club

At Craft Club this week the children continued learning how to knit, crochet and made pom poms! Thank you to Tristan's mum who helped out with her crochet skills!



Hot Chocolate

Miss Peters hosted hot chocolate on Friday. All the children impressed their teachers by showing the school mission to: 'Love One Another' and demonstrated by their actions the school values of: love, truth, forgiveness, giving and understanding. This Friday's children were:

- Pearl - Rozsa**
- Amethyst – Lucia**
- Coral - Arianna**
- Diamond – Natan**
- Emerald – Mason**
- Jet - Raiya**
- Moonstone - Alex**
- Ruby – Emilia**
- Sapphire – Dylan**

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Head Teacher Awards

This week's awards for effort in their studies go to:

Amethyst – Rafael and Lucia

Coral – Phoebe and Daniel

Diamond – Sydnie and Abigail

Emerald – Daisy and Lucas

Jet – Arthur and Craig

Moonstone – Joaquin and Ned

Ruby – Karl and Lenny

Sapphire – Hannah and Evelyn

Excellent job all of these children! Keep up the good work.

Attendance and Punctuality

The whole school achieved 92% attendance this week

We are aware there has been a lot of sickness especially in the older year groups.

Remember the national target is **96%** so at St. Peter and St. Paul we are working hard to raise attendance and your help in this is much appreciated. This week Coral (R) Moonstone (Yr4) Jet (Y3) and Ruby (Yr5) achieved **93%** attendance.

The winners this week though were Diamond Class who **achieved 94%**

Sapphire Class (Y6) won **the punctuality cup** with 1 late!



The Wednesday Word

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth and the powers of heaven will be shaken. They will then see the Son of Man appearing in a cloud with power and great glory" Jesus told them at that time to stand upright and hold their heads high because it means the time of liberation is close.

We must pray at all times to have strength to stand with confidence before Jesus.

Dear Lord,

Awaken us, that we may be ready when your Son comes, that we may receive him with joy and serve you with pure hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A word from Pope Francis: Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Prince of Peace. It's time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours.

Have a good weekend

Kind regards,

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