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Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus Virtue this week is...

Citizenship

*I show love for my neighbour
through my actions.*

Gospel Reading



The theme of this Sunday's Gospel reading is love. Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us.

Thank You to Mark Foster

Following yesterday's Singing Praises, we presented our long-serving Chair of the Academy Council, Mark Foster, with a card and gift from our school community. Mark has given wonderful service to our school, being a fantastic governor for 11 years. Thank you, Mr Foster!

Foodbank Thursday

Thank you and well done to Year 5 for filling the foodbank box; your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Mini Vinnies presented the class with a certificate and extra playtime voucher. Most importantly, Y5 will have really helped those most in need in our local community.

Y3 Trip to Stump Cross Caverns

On Monday, Y3 went to Stump Cross Caverns as part of their science and history topics. The children toured the caverns, looked at rock formations and learnt about how Stone Age people survived in caves. Thereafter, the children took part in an engaging fossil session, learnt about ancient creatures that once inhabited the area and all got the opportunity to participate in a fossil dig. Everyone had a fantastic time and showed exemplary behaviour. Thank you to our parent helpers who supported this trip.

Other Faith Week – Buddhism

The whole school have enjoyed learning about Buddhism this week. It has been wonderful to hear their rich knowledge and their appreciation for things that are the same and things that are different when comparing other religions with their own religion. Well done for all of your hard work, children. Please see X for some photographs of the children enjoying their other world faith work this week.

Training Day Reminder - 23/10/26

A reminder that tomorrow is a training day and the school will be closed. Friday 16th October will be the last Celebration Assembly before the mid-term break.

Canon Tim's Induction Mass

Congratulations to Canon Tim on the occasion of his formal induction into the Parish this evening at Ss Peter & Paul church.

Half Term Reading Challenge

The most important way you can support your child with their learning is by reading. Please encourage them to read regularly over half-term. Please use the reading challenge chart that has been sent home in book bags, and via email, and return to school by Wednesday 4th November so that we can award certificates.

TTRS Class Competition

Children from Years 2-6 are invited to take part in a TTRS competition over the holidays. It starts today at 2.10pm and ends at 8.00am on 2nd November. Please see attached poster for this.

Young Apprentice Challenge

It's that time of year again! Year 6 are about to embark on their Young Apprentice businesses. Over the half-term holiday, they will be busy writing their business plans ready to hand in after the holidays. Once the business plans have been checked and authorised by Lady Sugar (aka Mrs Filarowski), the children will receive their £5 loans and will begin their businesses! Please note that Y6 will be selling their products at a fair in the school hall for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday 30th November straight after school and for Years 3-6 on the Tuesday 1st December straight after school. When the Young Apprentice project finishes after Christmas, the children will have raised money, which will be divided in four ways. Some money will be donated to support the Y6 chosen class charity, some money will be donated to a worthwhile project in the community (voted for by the children), some money will be donated to school, some money will go towards a gift to the school that is chosen by the children and some money will be spent on a Y6 end of year treat day out! We wish Year 6 the best of luck with their businesses!

Sport

U11 Boys' V Yeadon Westfield

Last Friday, a group of Y5 and Y6 boys took part in a league match against Yeadon Primary. The team gave an outstanding team performance to win 8-1.

Y3 Boys' Football at Fives

On Monday, our Y3 boys played in their first league match at Fives. They won all four of their matches and played with great skill and enthusiasm.

U11 Girls' V Newlaithes

On Tuesday, our Y6 girls' football team played away at Newlaithes. The girls played some great football and played their part in a very entertaining match. Congratulations to Newlaithes on their 4-1 victory.

Y5/6 Athletics at St Joseph's, Otley

Today, a group of Y5 and Y6 will be going to St Joseph's, Otley to take part in an athletics event. We can't wait to hear how they get on.

U11 Girls' Westfield

On Friday 6th November, our U11 girls' football team play at home against Yeadon Primary. Good luck girls.

Bible Skills Week

After the half-term break, we will be having a special Bible Skills week in school. The aim of the week is to explore the content of the Bible as well as learn about the Bible itself, in particular, what it is, where it comes from and how we use it. We hope that as the children progress through school, they will develop a deep understanding of our Holy Book.

Poppy Appeal Items

Poppy Appeal items are now in school and will be sold to pupils the week after half term. There is no price list; pupils may donate what they are able to. There are a variety of traditional poppies, snap bands, bracelets and key rings.

Reception and Year 1 Family Phonics

We are excited that Family Phonics is returning to Reception and Year 1, please see below for the dates:

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November

The sessions are at 9.30am; please drop your child at school as normal and come to the office to sign in. Please contact the school office to book your place.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

The school nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 24th November to administer the nasal flu vaccine. Correspondance will be sent home the first week back after half term with full details and a link to give consent.

Y6 Tag Rugby

We are fortunate to have Mason Brame, School Rugby Manager at England Rugby in school to teach Y6 four sessions of tag rugby every Tuesday, commencing Tuesday 10th November. This is their normal PE day so PE uniform should be worn as normal.

Tempest Photography

Order forms for individual photographs were sent home on Friday 9th October in the bookbags. Please follow the instructions as per the cards for ordering.

New Awards and Activities App

We are delighted to see so many of you have registered for the new parent app, Awards and Activities. You should have received an invite directly from Juniper to your emails to get the parent app set up, if you haven't had this, please contact the school office to request one. As this is a new app, please bear with us as we set everyone up and get it running smoothly. Thank you for your patience.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 9th November (3.40pm – 6.15pm) and Wednesday 11th November (5.00pm – 8.00pm). If you have not done so already, please visit <https://sspp.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment; no login details are required, please just enter the details that the system asks for. If you have any issues logging into the system or booking an available slot, please contact the school office.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

In the Catholic Church, October is traditionally known as the 'month of the Rosary'. Here in school, we have two events planned to celebrate the month of the Rosary;

Travelling Rosary

As in previous years, the travelling rosary will be coming to your home at some point during the month of October. The pack will come home with the eldest child in your family. The Rosary pack can be opened at home, as a family, and the Rosary prayed together - there

are instructions in each pack. Please make sure your child returns the travelling Rosary the following day to allow all children in the class the chance to take the travelling rosary home.

Rosary Challenge

Our Chaplaincy Team have set each child in school a challenge - to pray the rosary each week day during October. Your child will be bringing home a small leaflet next week (also attached to this newsletter). The leaflet includes a title of a bible story to read and an empty box which your child can tick when they have prayed the rosary. Children who complete the challenge will need to return their 'ticked sheet' to school after the half-term holiday and the Chaplaincy Team will present them with a certificate!

Young Voices

Choir rehearsals will start on the first Monday back after half term (2nd November). In the meantime, Spotify have the playlist on their platform so you can start learning the songs with your child at home.

Autumn 2 After School Clubs

Please see below clubs for Autumn, Term 2. The school-run clubs are now live on ParentPay; please book your child on as soon as possible to secure your place. Please note STEM is now full. External clubs are booked separately with the provider of these.

Monday	Young Voices	KS2
	Movie Club	All Years
Tuesday	Singing	KS2
	Computing	KS2
	Cook Stars – <i>External with Cook Stars</i>	KS2
Wednesday	STEM	KS2
	Drama – <i>External with Lynne Malone</i>	Y1 & above
	Football (5pm – 6pm) – <i>External with TW Community Sports</i>	Reception & above
Thursday	KS1 Arts & Crafts	KS1
	KS2 Arts & Crafts	KS2
	Girls Football (5pm – 6pm) – <i>External with TW Community Sports</i>	Reception & above
Friday	Lego – <i>External with Inspiration Tree</i>	Y1 & above
	Football – <i>External with MVMNT</i>	Y1 & above

Open Days for September 2027 Reception

Our open days for September 2027 Reception have been set for Tuesday 3rd and Monday 9th November at 10:15am. If you, or anyone you know, would like to attend, please contact the school office to book a place. Please share these dates with anyone you know who may be interested.

St Mary's Admissions

We hope Year 6 enjoyed their visit to St Mary's for their open day. Just a reminder that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is the 31st October 2026.

Snacks in School

A reminder that the only snacks that should be brought into school for break are a piece of fruit or vegetables. Thank you.

Collection/Going Home Arrangements and Photo Consent

If there are any changes to your child's collection arrangements or if you would like to change any photo permissions/consents previously set, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Contact Details

Please ensure all addresses, phone numbers etc are up to date with the school office.

Notable Dates

The school calendar on the website has been populated with dates up to the Christmas holidays. Please make a note of these dates. You can follow the following link to view this:

<https://sspeterandpaul.greenhousecms.co.uk/Calendar/>

Inhalers/Medication

Please ensure that new inhalers are sent to school if they have expired. If children require medication, please remember that this must be prescribed by a doctor, and must need administering 4 times a day for us to be able to give it in school.

If your child has a new diagnosis over the summer, or you think you may not have advised us of something, please let the school office known as soon as possible.

Clubs

Our **Breakfast Club** is in place from 7.40am in a morning, term time. The cost is £5 per child per session. Please pay on ParentPay to book your child's place, and state the days you are paying for in the notes section. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Donated Uniform

Our grateful thanks to all the kind parents and carers who have donated pre-loved uniform to the school. This is available from the main entrance free of charge, please help yourself.

Whilst we are very grateful for these donations I would like to remind you of the following:

1. The uniform should be in good, wearable condition.
2. Washed. Ironing isn't necessary.
3. Remove or cross out the child's name so that we know it's been donated not lost.
4. PE Hoodies – PC Sports on Yeadon High Street will change the initials for a small fee.
5. No shoes – there is just not the storage space.
6. Only uniform suitable for pupils at Ss Peter and Paul. St Mary's uniform can be donated to them at Visitor Reception FAO the person who deals with the donated uniform for them.

We have a very kind grandparent who organises all of this for us. There have been quite a few recent donations of unwashed non-uniform. Please remember this is just for our school uniform.

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that full school uniform is worn. If you need a reminder, please check the school website. All items can be obtained from PC Sports on Yeadon High Street. Please ensure that PE shorts are plain and un-branded, and are a suitable length. Children will continue to wear PE kit to school on your child's PE day. No jewellery other than watches or stud earrings should be worn. Please label each item with your child's full name.

Volunteers

We would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers that come into school and help with various things, including reading with the children. This is invaluable and really does help us. If anybody has any time that they can spare to be a volunteer in school, please see Mr Power or Mrs Copsey.

Message from the Parish

Exploring Catholicism

Starting on Wednesday 21/10/26 at 7.15pm a series of weekly talks and presentations, with occasional visits from guest speakers, are being held in the Parish Centre at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church. These meetings will be useful for parents who may not be full members of the Church but want to know more about the Catholic faith and those wishing to deepen their knowledge of the Faith, the Church and its teachings. These meetings are free and open to all. Further details may be obtained from Canon Tim or Deacon Martin on 07948828721.

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November 10.00a.m - 1.00p.m at SsPP School hall

Items are needed for; Bottle, Children's Tombola, Gift Tombola, Raffle, White Elephant, Toy & Book stalls.

You can send sweets/chocolates but no food or clothes.

Please send your bags with items for the fair to church or school after half-term. We would appreciate a bottle in every bag and new or nearly new for the tombola stalls. Cakes will also be needed the week of the fair.

Please put the attached slip in each FULL bag you send to be entered into £5 prize draw. All proceeds are going towards parish centre repairs.

We need more volunteers for stalls or helping out at the fair. If you can help please contact: 07963128448 or write your name on the list in the church porch. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy has restarted at 10.00 a.m. Mass. It is for pre-school and primary age children. The Sunday Gospel is presented in a suitable form for children with an activity included. They go out at the beginning of mass and return after the Homily. Please come and join us.

Parish Playgroup

The playgroup restarted this week, Wednesday 30th September 9.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. in the Parish centre. All pre-school children with their parents, grand-parents or carers are invited to join our new playgroup. There will be snacks and drinks available and plenty of toys. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet new friends.

Message from the FOSPAP PTA

We are pleased to announce that tickets for the FOSPAP family disco are now available via ParentPay. The evening promises to be a fabulous night for all the family - with our resident DJ Wayne from Hired For Sound, spinning those family favourites to keep the dance floor full! There will be a bar, a snack shop and a pocket money stall. Tickets are priced at £3 per person (with under 3's free). Pizzas will also be available to pre order and purchase before the event and we will circulate information about this shortly.

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets for tonight's Spooky Disco's. We are looking forward to a spooktacular evening!

FOSPAP can be contacted at fospap1@gmail.com

Have a lovely half-term.

Best wishes,

Mr. Power
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