Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

Learning through **Faith, Hope and Love**

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NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus Virtue this week is…
Prayer
I grow in friendship with God through prayer

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Dear Parents

Gospel Reading



The focus for this morning's Celebration of the Word, and the Gospel reading on Sunday, is wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. The Gospel reading helps us to differentiate beween being clever and being wise. God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom.

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school so happy and keen to do their best and work hard.

St Carlo Acutis

As you will have seen from the letter sent out earlier this week, our Trust has changed its name to St Carlo Acutis Catholic Education Trust. We will be sharing information about this to the children in the forthcoming weeks. Attached is a guide for you about St Carlo Acutis' life and impact.

Celebration Assembly Sponsor

This week's celebration assembly is sponsored by Engie. Engie is helping to build a future powered by renewable energy. Their Academy helps people learn new skills, build confidence and keep improving. Please see attached a flyer for further information.

Please contact the school office if you, or anyone you know, are interested in sponsoring future Celebration Assemblies.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to Connie M and Grace E for writing and presenting Celebration Assembly this week and to the choir who sang beautifully at the start of assembly. Thanks also to Rosa F-R (Y5) who sang and played the piano so well as the children left the hall. It was the turn of Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 to share their learning this morning. I visited Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 to find out about their favourite learning this week.

Reception shared Bible skills learning about how special the Bible is. They focussed on Genesis and learned that it is the 1st book where we read about God creating the world.

Year 1 have enjoyed their Bible skills work this week. They have particularly enjoyed learning about the story of Noah's Ark.

Year 2 shared their learning about their class saint, St Thérèse of Lisieux, and her important message that small acts of kindess are important.

Year 3 have enjoyed presenting their Mary Anning posters – part of their home learning – to the rest .

Year 4 have learned how to use Bible references to find passages. They also told us all about the comparison work they have completed on the Old and New Testament.

Year 5 have enjoyed researching the 4 Gospel writers and have created wonderful posters displaying their understanding. They have also studied the different sections of the Bible and have written a blurb for this.

Year 6 shared their studies on the four Gospels. They have been comparing the style and accounts that are included. They have also enjoyed taking part in a Bible reference speed drill!

Awards

Children who showed The Virtue of Prayer

Reception – Zapphire S
Year 1 – Poppy H
Year 2 – Roisin McG
Year 3 – Franco B
Year 4 – Leo B
Year 5 – Ariana C
Year 6 – Sienna N

Leadership Awards



Reception – Grace J
Year 1 – Eden M-G
Year 2 – Harry T
Year 3 – Sophie C
Year 4 – Ted R
Year 5 – Elsie C
Year 6 – Dawson P

Lunchtime Awards

Our lunchtime staff have chosen the following pupils for showing outstanding behaviour at lunchtimes:

Arthur D (Y3) and Rupert G (Y3)

Team Points

Congratulations to Kirkstall who are this week's team points' winners!

Good Samaritan Award

Well done to Harriet G-P for being this week's winner for her acts of kindness in school.

Half Term Reading Challenge

We awarded a record number of half-term reading challenge certificates this week - 129! Well done to everyone who took part and special congratulations to Reception who had the highest number of completed challenges.

TTRS Class Competition

Congratulations to Y6 who won the half-term class TTRS competition and were awarded a certificate and 10 minutes extra playtime voucher this morning. Well done also to the top 3 scorers:

1st - Dylan S (Y6) - 10,253 points
2nd Kobe (Y6) – 8,000 points
3rd Frankie (Y5) - 4,470 points

Bible Skills Week

We have had a special Bible Skills week in school which we heard all about in Celebration Assembly this morning. The aims of the week were 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. The children showed, in assembly this morning, that through the activities planned by their teachers, they progress through the school developing a deep understanding of our Holy Book. Please see Twitter for pictures showing the wonderful work they have done.

Young Voices 2027

It was lovely to welcome lots of new faces to our first rehearsal on Monday, as well as seeing so many of our experienced singers returning. We've got some great songs to sing this year and hope the children enjoy learning them.

All of the songs will be sung off by heart at the concert...and there are a LOT of words to remember! The children can use their lyrics booklets to practise at home and start memorising the words of the songs we've learned in rehearsals so far. This week we sang the chorus of 'How can I keep from singing?', 'Under Pressure' (from *Bowie's Birthday Bangers*), 'A Little Respect' (from *Respect your Dreams*), 'Stay' and 'Feel this Moment' (from *Pop Medley 2027*). The songs are also available to listen to on Spotify and YouTube.

Please note there is no rehearsal on Monday (9th Nov) due to Parents' Evening.

Poppy Appeal Items

Thank you to those that sent money for children to purchase poppy items; all donations are greatly appreciated.

Young Apprentice Challenge

Our budding entrepreneurs in Y6 have submitted their business plans and have received their loans to start their businesses! Mrs Filarowski and I are very impressed with their ideas. The Young Apprentices will have stalls in the hall on on Monday 30th November (for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and Tuesday 1st December (for children in Years 3-6) at 3.20pm – 4.00pm. Please come along and support if you can.

Open Morning

We had the first of our open mornings for Reception 2027 this week. A big thank you to our Y6 tour guides who did a great job. We have another open morning on Monday 9th November at 10.15am. Please share with anyone who may be interested and advise them to contact the school office to book a place. Individual appointments are also available on request.

Sport

Y5/6 Dodgeball

Yesterday afternoon our Y5/6 dodgeball team enjoyed taking part in a number of games and activities at St Joseph's, Otley. They had great fun and showed high standards of behaviour.

KS2 Cross Country

Tommorrow is the first race of the Leeds Schools Cross Country league at Cardinal Heenan. We have over 20 children taking part from Y3 to Y6. Good luck to all.

Next week

U11 Girls' V Holy Name
On Tuesday 10th November, our U11 girls' football team play away to Holy Name Primary. Good luck, girls.

Parents' Evenings
Parents' evenings will take place on **Monday 9th November** (3.40pm – 6.10pm) and **Wednesday 11th November** (5.00pm – 8.00pm). The system is now closed, please contact the school office if you have been unable to make an appointment or have any issues. Children's books will be available on the night to take a look at, please arrive a few minutes pior to your booked time to take a look at these. Appointments last ten minutes and a buzzer will sound to alert for the next appointment.

Other Faith Week – Hinduism
Next week in school, children will have a focus week where they will learn about the faith Hinduism. The learning for each class is set out below:
Reception - Diwali and why it is important for Hindu people
Year 1 - Hindu stories which bring people together
Year 2 - Prayer which is an important part of Hindu life
Year 3 - How Hindu people worship
Year 4 - Hindus special book - the Mandir
Year 5 - Hindus belief in one God and pilgrimage in the life of a Hindu
Year 6 - Hindus care for creation and the ideas of Karma and Dharma

Reception and Year 1 Family Phonics
Thank you to all parents and carers who have booked to come in for the Family Phonics sessions for Reception and Year 1. Due to high numbers, please only attend on your chosen date if you have received confirmation from the school office. A reminder, the sessions are at 9.30am; please drop your child at school as normal and come to the office to sign in.

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.

Nasal Flu Vaccination
An email was sent this week advising that the school nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 24th November to administer the nasal flu vaccine. Please remember to give consent 7 days prior to this date, or your child will not be vaccinated. Information on the vaccine was sent home with the correspondence email. Please check this for full details and the link to give consent.

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 – *External with Cook Stars*	KS2
Wednesday	STEM	KS2

	Drama – *External* with Lynne Malone	Y1 & above
	Football (5pm – 6pm) – *External with TW Community Sports*	Reception & above
Thursday	KS1 Arts & Crafts	KS1
	KS2 Arts & Crafts	KS2
	Girls Football (5pm – 6pm) – *External with TW Community Sports*	Reception & above
Friday	Lego – *External with Inspiration Tree*	Y1 & above
	Football – *External with MVMNT*	Y1 & above

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. 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

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for the FOSPAP Family Disco on 21st November. Further to this week's whatsapp messages and an increase in ticket sales we are delighted to announce that we are going ahead with the event!! Tickets are still available on ParentPay until Wednesday 18th November and we would love to see even more of you on our dance floor!! At only £3 per person is a great price for a night out!!

We are once again holding our Christmas jumper swap ahead of this years Christmas

jumper day on 27th November. Any pre loved, washed jumpers can be brought into the school office and the eco warrior team will hang them all on the rail ready to find their new home! Please do think about checking the rail before purchasing any new ones!

FOSPAP can be contacted at fospap1@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Mr. Power
Headteacher