

SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



March 2019

Shrove Tuesday

The children were surrounded by pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Miss White's assembly explained the customs that different cultures around the world followed to mark Shrove Tuesday. Our lovely school cooks produced over 200 pancakes for the children to enjoy at lunchtime and Foundation Stage practised tossing pancakes.



Ash Wednesday



The whole school marked the start of Lent with Mass and the distribution of the Ashes. The Mass was led by Year 3 and two of our school chaplains helped to distribute the ashes to the school community. Thank you to Year 3 for their excellent reading and singing and to Miss White for organising the Mass, Father Bosco for celebrating the Mass and Mrs White for playing the piano for us.



Year 6 Assembly

Year 6 performed their last class assembly at school. They told us about Zero the Hero. It showed that everyone has a value and that everyone matters. It made us all think about the way we treat people and that

sometimes we don't give everyone the respect they deserve. Well done Year 6 and Mrs Minshall, it was an inspiring assembly.

PTFA Ceilidh

Well done to the PTFA for holding a very successful Ceilidh at Woodlands Church Hall. It was a very successful evening with lots of families attending and lots of fun. The PTFA will be looking to run another Ceilidh next year so make sure you look out for the adverts.

The PTFA will be providing the school with a new sound system in the hall which will greatly improve the sound quality for all productions and services. They have also agreed to pay for changes to the KS1 playground to replace the broken monkey bars and provide a new sitting area for the children. This is a project which the Student Council were very keen to see happen.



Quartet Visits Year 4



The children in Year 4 were very lucky to have their own private concert provided by Mr Pearson's string quartet. They listened to some music by different composers and learnt how the musicians have to listen carefully to each other as they don't have a conductor. The children

then had an opportunity to ask questions and have a go at playing the instruments. Thank you to Mr Pearson and his fellow musicians for giving up their time and giving the children such a memorable experience.

World Book Day

On Friday 8th March the school celebrated World Book Day. The children and staff dressed up as their favourite characters or favourite books and took part in a range of activities to celebrate. Every child in school received a book token which could be exchanged for a book or used as a £1 discount off another book. We have received a large number of books from parents and friends of the school through the Amazon website list. Thank you so much for your generosity; all the books will be put into the school library with a donation sticker inside. I know the children will enjoy reading them.



NW24 Activities



SS Peter and Paul is part of the NW24 cluster which is made up of the schools in the northwest of Bristol. As well as giving the Head teachers and teachers a chance to work together the group also organise activities for the children in the cluster. This term the children have taken part in Spelling and Maths Bee competitions and the Great NW24 Bake Off. The children took part in the Spelling and Maths Bee in school but the Great Bake off took place at Christ Church School. As part of the competition the children had to find out different facts about the other schools in attendance. I am glad to report that the team of bakers from SS Peter and Paul won their heat. Congratulations to our wonderful team!

Heritage Schools Award



I am very pleased to inform you that the school has received a Heritage School Award from Historic England. The award was a result of the work Mrs Gladman has done working with local historians to promote our local history. This has included taking a historic walk along the roads near to school and meeting historic characters, as well as taking a

war time tour of the neighbourhood finding out about how local people and buildings were affected by both World Wars. We look forward to continuing to work with Historic England and ensuring that all classes are involved with different projects.



The children have completed their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project and sent teams to the regional final. This year the project focused on plastic in



the ocean and the effect it has on wild life. As part of the project the children learnt about different sea birds and their habitats and had to make a bird that would fly along a wire and pick up as many fish as possible. The challenge was to make sure the bird could move down the wire without stopping and ensure that the magnet underneath the bird would connect with the fish and pick them up. As you can see from the photographs there was lots of hard work and excitement throughout the project. Thank you to Mrs Rigby who organises the project for us each year and for the enthusiasm of our teachers who make it happen in every class.

Folly Farm

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Folly Farm in the rain! The visit was to enhance their learning about soil. The children were very enthusiastic on their return telling us about how many worms they had found and what an important job worms do in keeping soil fertile. Thank you to everyone who accompanied the children and made the visit possible.



Foundation Stage Visitor

The children had a visit from a guide dog for the blind and his owner. His owner explained that her dog is her eyes when she is out of her house and she has to rely on him to take her to places and keep her safe. The children enjoyed meeting the dog and talking about what the dog could do. Year 1's sponsored charity is Guide Dogs for the Blind and parents are welcome to make a donation to the charity via the office.



St Bede's Cluster Choir

Year 5 took part in the annual St Bede's Cluster choir alongside 8 other schools. This event is a wonderful opportunity for the children to sing in a large choir and work with some of the teachers working at St Bede's. Teachers from St Bede's visit the children in their own schools and practise songs they will sing with the other schools. The children from all the schools then meet up before the final concert to rehearse together. It is an amazing feat and the sound of over 250 children singing together is wonderful. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children and Miss Scott and Miss White for looking after them at the event.



Links with St Joseph's

This year we have been strengthening our links with St Joseph's Nursing home. The choir regularly visit to sing and entertain the residents. In addition children from KS1 make cards at Christmas and Easter for every resident so that everyone is included. The Sisters have very kindly agreed that we can use the chapel for class Masses. The first Mass to take place was for Year 6. It was a lovely experience for the children to have access to the chapel. The next Class Mass will be on 15th May for Year 5. Parents are welcome to attend.

Royal West of England Academy

Year 5 were invited to the RWA to part take in a workshop called *LOOK, IMAGINE & WRITE*. Each child wrote a piece of writing on a chosen piece of art from the Gaudier-Brzeska's range of animal-inspired artworks and the Open Sculpture Exhibition. Their work will be entered into a competition alongside a number of other schools in the area and the winner's writing will be displayed in the gallery alongside the art. The winners will be selected by Michael Oddell, a writer who recently published a memoir of his life as a rock journalist and whose day job is interviewing people in the arts for the Times. A celebratory event to announce the winners, award prizes and celebrate the students' achievements with families, teachers and friends will be held on Thursday 23rd May from 5.00 to 7.00 pm at the Royal West of England Academy.



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TERM DATES FOR THIS YEAR:

**TERM 5: Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24
May 2019**

**TERM 6: Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23
July 2019**

INSET DAYS:

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

ABSENCE AND ILLNESS REQUESTS

If your child is unwell please telephone school by 9:30am to give a reason why. Please also telephone if for any reason you are going to be late such as a medical appointment.

Children should not return to school after illness until they are fully recovered and some illnesses require that your child stay off school for 48 hours. Please check with the office if you are unsure.

Requests for leave of absence during term time must be done so in writing on the Request for Authorised Absence form which you will find in the pocket outside the staff room, or please ask in the office. If this is not done all absence will be Unauthorised. All requests for term time absence will be dealt with in accordance with our Attendance Policy which can be found on the web-site.

PARKING

When dropping off your children in the morning please ensure that where you park on the road is legal and safe.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE MEALS

To find out if you are eligible please contact Bristol City Council free School Meal Service on: Telephone 0117 903 7990

Free School Meals
Bristol City Council
PO Box 3176
Bristol BS3 9FS

Email
free.school.meals@bristol-schools.uk efsm.bristol.gov.uk

Children should be wearing the correct school uniform as listed below;

Girls Blue Polo Shirt and Cardigan or Sweatshirt with the School Logo, Grey Skirt or Pinafore Dress with grey socks or tights and Black shoes.

Boys Blue Polo Shirt and Sweatshirt with the School Logo. Grey trousers, grey socks and Black shoes
Trainers are not to be worn with school uniform.

A PE Kit should be kept in school and taken home regularly to be washed

***** Children who have swimming MUST remember their swimming kits for Thursdays please. *****

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