



24th January 2020

St. Peter at Gowts Primary CE School Newsletter 2020

Notes from the Headteacher

Dear all,

I hope you like the format of the new newsletter, any feedback is always welcome! I am delighted to say that the new term has started very positively with all the children really settled and enjoying their new topics.

Attendance has improved dramatically during January, but throughout December, attendance slipped quite considerably and I just wanted to reinforce the importance of ensuring that your children are here every day and on time.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

- Attending school every day = 100% attendance
- Attending 4 1/2 days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year
- Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.
- Attending 3 1/2 days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.
- An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.
- Being late for school reduces learning time.
- If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.
- If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Let's hope that we can work together to ensure that all children secure great attendance over the Spring Term so that they can really make great progress across all areas of school life.

Mrs Hickerton



"Unlocking potential in all,
empowering a community of hope"

Teaching and Learning Updates

This week has been a really exciting one for many children. We were delighted to welcome IMAGE THEATRE into school on Friday to perform 'The Reluctant Dragon'. The children joined in wonderfully and enjoyed the story line, acting and singing.



During the week, Years 1 and 2 also enjoyed trips around the centre of Lincoln as they learnt how to read maps and follow a set of directional instructions. It was wonderful to see our pupils able to independently navigate around the city using lots of their geographical vocabulary. Well done Key Stage 1!



Reception have enjoyed a fun filled week exploring Chinese New Year, Years 3 and 4 have been exploring poetry and Year 5 and 6 are absolutely engrossed in their 'Greek' topic!



Photo Reminder

Please remember that if you are in school, you are not allowed to take photos during assembly. There are several children in school who, for various reasons, cannot be photographed. Therefore, we will have to be very strict with any parents taking photos and failure to comply with our policy will mean that parents will not be allowed to attend assemblies in the future.



**No Cameras
Allowed**

Diary Dates

27/1/20 - Y5/6 Greek Workshops

28/1/20 - Y2 SATs Parents Meeting - 3.20pm

28/1/20 - Little Learners WOW Day

4/2/20 - Y6 SATs Information Meeting - 3.20pm

4/2/20 - KS1 Visiting Lincoln Castle

06/02/20 - Y3 Class Family Worship

11/2/20 - Mayor of Lincoln visiting

13/2/20 - Finish for half term

24/2/20 - Return to school

W/c 2/3/20 - Book Week

Young Voices 2020

Well done to our talented performers that wowed the audience at Sheffield Arena last week. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the chance to sing with celebrities and join in one of the largest choirs in the world. The children sang a wide variety of songs with around 5000 other children, the atmosphere was absolutely electric. Well done St. Peter's singers!



Attendance

Well done to Year 1 (98.2%) and Year 6 (98.2%) for their great attendance this week.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on the 11th February 2020! Safer Internet Day 2020 will be celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet. We are looking forward to celebrating the day in school and will be welcoming parents in to share our learning and an exciting new website that supports keeping children safe online. More information will follow.