



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

SAINTPETERS@SCHOOL
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“Unlocking the potential in all, empowering a community of Hope”

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

Firstly, thank you so much to everyone for their support during the last few days of term. Our Ofsted inspection came very late in the term, but despite this it went well and we look forward to being able to share the report with you this week. We really appreciate all your positive comments and the amount of parents who took the time to write personal comments via the parental questionnaire to the inspector about the school. It really did make a huge difference and helped the inspector to get to know our school and how we work.

Thank you so much to everyone for filling in their clubs forms this term. We are aware that many children especially in Key Stage 1 didn't get the places they wanted. We will try and establish some more clubs for the younger children so that this does not happen again next time. Please can I ask that if your child has been allocated a club, try to ensure that they attend regularly and take up the place allocated as so many children requested the places.

The Summer Term is always a great one at St. Peter's. We are looking forward to the challenge of Year 6 and Year 2 SATs which we haven't had for a couple of years, as well as Year 1 phonics testing, Year 4 timestables testing and end of Reception assessments. It is good to return to normality and the children are enjoying the academic focus and challenge of the work. Please do help them to succeed by reading regularly, completing homework, completing TTR at home and any other academic activity that will support them to feel proud of their achievements.

We hope your start to term was a happy one after a long and lovely Easter holiday. Please do remember that our door is always open and if anything isn't right for your child, let us know and we will do our best to make sure that things are resolved and your child remains happy and settled at school.

Our new Christian value this term is 'Responsibility'. Whilst this doesn't seem like the most 'exciting' value, it is such an important value in society. We hope that the children will really engage and enjoy their learning about the value of 'responsibility'.

We look forward to a great term!

Charlotte Hickerton

OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM - RESPONSIBILITY

Our value for this term is 'Responsibility'. The definition of this value is

- Having a role or duty to fulfil
- The opportunity or ability to act independently and take decisions
- Responsibility is doing the job we have been given, and also spotting jobs that we can do without being asked.

We are trying to encourage the children to independently demonstrate the behaviours of 'responsibility'. Here are some ideas of the sorts of things the children could demonstrate.



At school and at home:

- Making good decisions in our own behaviour
- Taking responsibility for our learning
- Asking when we need help
- Being independent
- Ensuring we bring the necessary belongings to school e.g. book bags, reading diaries, homework
- Taking care to work hard
- Proactive - not stepping over litter, coats, seeing a need - stepping in
- Caring for others
- Demonstrating altruism
- Being involved in School Council - seeing this responsibility as important - willingness to work hard at it
- Taking responsibility for our own health - physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- Care for pets / family

In the community:

- Volunteering - in school
- Volunteering in community/visiting elderly/caring for war memorial
- Being involved in outside clubs - being committed - e.g. cubs/scouts/brownies/guides/sports
- Proactive - not stepping over litter

At a national/ international level:

- Citizenship
- Global responsibility to learn from others
- Responsibility for the environment e.g. rainforest, animals, global warming
- Responsibility for the poor
- To know our rights and responsibilities (human rights, the rights of the child).

Please could you discuss 'Responsibility' with children at home, and explore ways to reinforce it. Each week we will be giving special certificates to those children who demonstrate good values!

UNIFORM REMINDER

Some children are wondering if Summer dresses are part of our new uniform policy. We would love to see the children in their Summer attire and shorts and dresses are very welcome during this term.



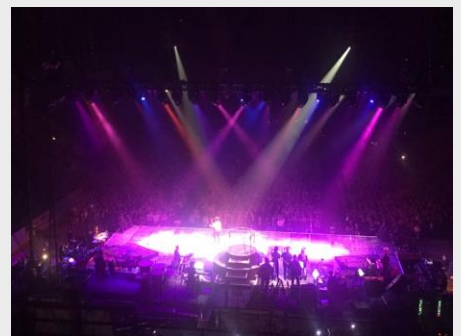
ISINGPOP EASTER CONCERT

A big thank you to all the children and staff involved in our recent iSingPop concert. I know the children loved learning new songs and recording them too. Emma our iSingPop leader said she had an 'absolutely brilliant week working with the children' and that the concert was 'superb'! She wanted to let the children know that they all did a fantastic job and raised the roof of the church with pure joy!



YOUNG VOICES - SING WITH YOUR HEART!

Last Thursday afternoon and evening, 28 Key Stage 2 children were very fortunate to have attended the Young Voices concert at Sheffield arena, where we joined over 4,000 other children and 91 schools to take part in the biggest pop concert on the planet! Our children represented the school impeccably - singing and dancing their hearts out! Big thanks to Mrs Park for spending time rehearsing with the children - teaching them the words and the moves. Secretly, we think she enjoyed it as much as the children did!



HEADLICE - OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOL

Please do keep an eye out in your child's hair for any little friends that may be appearing. It is so difficult to get rid of headlice once they start to lay eggs so we do recommend regular checking and treatment as there are some classes that are reporting outbreaks.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Well done to all our families who are working hard to promote good attendance, get back into routine and maximise the time children are learning. It is so important that children attend well and come to school on time - the first part of the morning is very often the time when children change reading books, do phonics, reading and maths - really key learning, especially coming up to SATs. Please remember that children should be in the school gates by 8.45am and can enter at 8.30am.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

We have a wonderful, ambitious curriculum planned for our children this term, with lots of exciting learning opportunities both in and out of school. In nursery, children are learning all about fairy tales this term and have been immersed in the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, using real tools to create bridges for the goats to travel on to get to safety! The children are also really looking forward to their visit to Sundown Adventureland in a few weeks time - a huge thank you to the PTA for making this financially possible! In reception the children are loving taking responsibility for the newly arrived duck eggs and there are signs of the first duckling trying to hatch! The class had an important job of tidying up the farm because Farmer Duck was too lazy to do it herself! They will soon be learning about other animals and those all around the world. Yr1 and Yr2 have begun their key geography and science topics and looking at habitats and comparing life in other countries with Kenya. The children are due to embark on a very exciting visit to Woodside Wildlife Park this week which we know will give them a wealth of knowledge about a huge variety of animals. Yr3 and Yr4 are embracing the world of Romans and the impact that the Romans have had on life in Britain. On Monday they enjoyed a historical tour around Lincoln on the Roman Trail, finding Roman remains all over the city that they didn't know existed!

Extreme Earth/Active Planet is the key geography learning for our Yr5 and Yr6 children this term. The children have made active volcanoes this week and are very excited to learn more about this wonderful topic. Year 3 and Year 5 are also enjoying Forest Schools as part of their curriculum this term, followed by Year 4 and Year 6 next term. The children are really enjoying their outdoor learning and activities!

PE UNIFORM REMINDER

Now it is starting to warm up, it is really important that when it is your child's PE day please can your child come to school in their PE kit. Please try to dress your child in the school PE kit, which is the white St. Peter's sports top or white t-shirt, a red hoodie or red top, black joggers or leggings or shorts.

PE days sometimes change due to external agencies teaching specialist area.

The days for this term are confirmed as the following -

Reception - Wednesday/Friday

Y1 - Wednesday/Friday

Y2 - Tuesday/Wednesday

Y3 - Thursday/Friday

Y4 - Tuesday/Thursday

Y5 - Monday/Wednesday

Y6 - Monday/Wednesday

Thank you for your support in this.

GIRLS ENGAGEMENT WITH SPORTS CLUBS - COME ON GIRLS!

During this year the FA, LCFC and the school have tried to encourage our girls to take part in football as well as other competitive sports like rugby and cricket. Why?

Did you know ...

- Almost twice as many girls as boys report that a lack of confidence stops them being active in school
- Boys say they are more active than girls with 49% saying they do more than 60 minutes of activity a day compared with 25% of girls
- The gap between girls' and boys' levels of physical activity grows as they get older.

At St Peter at Gowts 77% of our extra-curricular sports places are taken up by boys.

Another challenge, is ensuring that girls have the chance to have a go at the sports they want to. The Football Association (The FA) have an ambition that all girls will have equal access to football at school by 2024, whether that is playing, coaching or promoting the game; we believe girls should have the same opportunities as boys. It's so important for boys and girls to stay fit and active, and it doesn't matter how you get involved.

These days women's football has never been more popular, with national and local teams raising the profile and attracting fans of all ages and genders.

Lots of women took up football during WW1 as a way to keep fit, but in 1921 a few years after the war had ended the FA decided that women's football was to be banned.

The reason given by the FA was that "...the game of football is quite unsuitable for females and ought not to be encouraged." They said that no teams should allow women to play in their grounds. This decision was overturned in 1971 - after 50 years had gone by!

Arsenal and England striker Beth Mead told Newsround that when she was growing up she was told that football was for boys. She thinks the ban has had a severe impact on the situation of women's football now compared to the men's game. "We're 50 year behind now," she said, "but the women' game is moving in the right direction, and we are getting the TV coverage, social media, getting more people to games, more people invested in the games."

Success for us, as a school community, is creating an environment for all girls to pursue and fulfil their dreams and be inspired by the UEFA Women's EURO Championships 2022 and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

Louise Gear, head of women's participation at the FA, said: "Football has been perceived as a boys' sport and the plan is to change the perceptions and break down the barriers. The ambition is to give boys and girls the same experience, that's why we're embarking on this programme."

'Growing the Game: Maximising Impact' - is hoping to double the number of registered female players from 1600 to 3200 over the next five years.

We really need to be encouraging more girls to play. For girls to enjoy playing football with other girls without being presented with the notion that football is only for boys.

In partnership with LCFC Foundation, we are currently offering FREE Girls football to KS2, every Tuesday. In addition, the FA also run Wildcats Centres for girls aged 5-11. If this is something that you are interested in, you can find out about your nearest Wildcats Centre here: <https://womenscompetitions.thefa.com/en/For-Girls/SSE-Wildcats>.

This is a great opportunity to get out there, have fun and make new friends. Please join us in convincing our girls that they can thrive in competitive sports, keep fit and believe that sports aren't just for boys they are for EVERYONE!



SUN SAFETY REMINDER

Please could parents ensure that their child has a sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses in school on hot days. The sun can be particularly strong so please help us to make sure the children are safe at all times.



HOLIDAY REQUESTS THIS TERM

Please note that NO holidays during term time will be granted. We would therefore kindly ask that no forms are submitted with requests for holidays during term time. This is not a policy that our school has devised, all Lincolnshire County Council schools enforce this ruling as it is so detrimental to the children's learning. We hope that you will respect our policies and procedures regarding this issue and support the school fully, requesting leave in only exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

PLACES IN LITTLE LEARNERS' NURSERY

Places for September 2022 in our Nursery are filling up fast! If you, or someone you know, is looking for a Nursery place (either 2 year old or 3 year old) for September, please do ask for a form from the School Office. You may also be eligible for free places for 2 year olds or for free 30 hours places for 3 year olds - please ask the office for more information.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 28th April - Y1 & Y2 Visit to Woodside Wildlife Park

W/c 9th May - SATs Week

Thursday 12th May - Year 1 Class Family Worship

Monday 16th May - Nursery visit to Sundown Adventureland

Thursday 19th May - Reception Class Family Worship

W/c 23rd May - Arts Week

Friday 27th May - Finish for half term

TERM DATES

Please do take a note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children!

Term 5 - Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 - Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

