



## NEWSLETTER 2019



**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our pupils and their families! As we start the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all the support they give to their children at home.

At St Peter at Gowts, we understand that life can be busy, but we recognise that children need the support of adults at home if they are to succeed in school. This includes

- **READING** at least 3-5 times each week - record in diaries to move up Ninja belts and win prizes!
- **Return homework books weekly**
- **Arrive at school punctually** - it is so unsettling for the children to not start the day promptly
- **Attend school regularly**
- **Ensure PE kit is in school AND NAMED**
- **Access clubs and opportunities to develop different skills**

• **Be positive about learning and achievements**  
We can only be successful as a school if we work in partnership with our parents. Please try to help us help your children to make progress and be happy and settled at school.

### TERM STARTS WITH A WOW!

The children are looking forward to some exciting events as we celebrate the start to our new learning and engage the children in their new topics. Our new areas of learning are as follows -

**Years 1 and 2 - Australia**

**Years 3 and 4 - Vicious Vikings**

**Years 5 and 6 - Innovative Inventions**

**Reception - What is a reflection?**

**Nursery - Dangerous Dinosaurs**

### CLUBS

**Clubs will start again next week. Please look out for our clubs form on Parentmail and see what great opportunities there are!**



### VALUE THIS TERM

#### Friendship and Forgiveness

This term all children are learning about friendship. Through focussed teaching, collective worship, circle time and values based sessions, the children will find out how to be a good friend to others. Please encourage the children to talk about this and demonstrate this value at home!

### Young Voices

Good luck to the 25 children who are singing in the huge Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on Thursday.

The children (and staff) are very excited about this amazing opportunity, let's hope everyone enjoys the singing and street dancing acts!



### PSHE - PANTS Workshops

Please do look out for information about the NSPCC visiting our school on Friday 11th January to deliver their **Speak out. Stay safe.** assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe - and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary words. You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants)



### Talking Time -

#### FRIENDSHIP

What does it mean to be a good friend?



**8th January 2019**

### Dates for your diary:

10/1/19 - Young Voices Concert in Sheffield

W/c 14/1/19 - Clubs start

15/1/19 - Image Theatre Company in School (pm)

17/1/19 - Y5 Evolve Music Project at LPAC - 10.30am

21/1/19 - NSPCC's Online Safety Workshop for Parents 9am-10.30am

22/1/19 - Y3 Visiting St Michael's School at Thorpe

24/1/19 - Y4 Class Workshop

11-12/2/19 - Y3 Rand Residential

