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# St. Peter at Gowts CE Primary School Newsletter 2020

## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

What a strange week it has been in school, there have been so many happy moments and successes, a sharp contrast to the many worries we have as face the reality of the Coronavirus and how best to deal with this to minimise the risks for all.

Firstly, a huge well done to all those children who have participated in the Lincoln Music and Drama Festival. We have won so many certificates - including 6 First places and 3 trophies! The children have performed exceptionally well. I would like to thank the teachers for taking the time and energy to invest in the arts, allowing our children to develop their musical and performance skills. I was so incredibly proud of each and every performer, we competed with some very impressive schools and showed that our school had so much talent and skill. Our netball win of 10-2 also gave us great pride in our sporting achievements!

In regards to the Coronavirus, I wanted to thank you so much for your patience and calmness as we try to work through the current health situation which is affecting so many countries. I would like to reassure you again that the school is following the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the Local Authority in order to ensure the health of our whole school community, including pupils and staff.

The situation continues to develop rapidly, please check the online advice for the latest and most up-to-date information <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> and the PHE blog for further information <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

If you have any worries or would like to speak to us further please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

Charlotte Hickerton

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

## Governing Body

I'm sure you have all heard about our school governors but what exactly does a governor do?

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of our school; strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable our school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leader and supporting teachers to provide the best possible education for our children so they have the chance to reach their full potential.

Our governors attend meetings throughout the academic year, which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. They are involved with our school community, acting as critical friends to the headteacher and senior leaders. Our Chair of Governors is Paula Hughes and our Clerk to Governors is Jo Ingle. For more information please visit our website.

## Sporting Update

Fabulous amount of sport happening. Year 3s had fun at a multi-skills festival; Year 5s playing in the Tag rugby festival; cross-country and a winning start to the netball league. Cross-country league continues heading to William Farr School and Washingborough Academy; the year 4s are off to a multi-skills festival and the netballers are back out on Wednesday and Thursday for back-to-back matches! Sport Relief unfortunately didn't go to plan, with our dance teacher being unwell, so couldn't lead the Danceathon. Please watch this space as we rearrange for next week.

## Book Week – WOW!

What an amazing Book Week we had last week at St Peter at Gowts! It always is one of my favourite times of the year! What's not to love about a whole week dedicated to books and reading? But, this year was truly spectacular. From book swaps to a roller skating headteacher, we certainly had an action-packed and fun-filled week celebrating reading.

The theme for our Book Week this year was picture books and children across the school enjoyed reading so many exciting books. I was blown away with the writing produced in each class. Parents, you are in for a treat when you get to have a read during parents' evening! We will be re-opening our book swap during parents' evenings too as we still have lots of high quality books that we need to find new homes for. Throughout the week, every class from Nursery to Year 6 visited the library and got the opportunity to visit Waterstones to spend their World Book Day token. The Waterstones staff were highly complimentary of the children's manners and behaviour.

I really enjoyed our special visitors, including Barrie who performed two very interesting and interactive shows and Billy Bob Buttons the author. They both entertained and inspired children and teachers.

World Book Day 2020 will forever be remembered as the day Mrs Hickerton came into school in roller skates, which she wore brilliantly and wowed us with her skills! World Book Day dressing was a massive success as always! It was brilliant to see children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. The class photos look fabulous too- make sure you have a look in your child's book bag for the proof copies.

We would like to say a massive thank you for parents and carers for your help and support during Book Week - from morning reading, to sorting dressing up outfits and support library visits. We couldn't do what we do in school without our help and support. Please help us keep up the Book Week spirit all year round by continuing to read with your children at home as much as possible. It doesn't just have to be a school book- we encourage reading of everything and anything. Please do make a note in those reading records.

Thanks so much for all your support !  
Mrs Bradley

## Diary Dates

**16&17/3/20 - Y3 Rand Farm Residential**

**W/c 16/3/20 - Language Week (Polish)**

**18/3/20 - Y5/6 Greek Workshops**

**W/c 23/3/20 - ISing Pop Week**

**23/3/20 - Return Photograph Orders**

**24/3/20 - Parents Evening (4 - 6.30pm)**

**26/3/20 - Parents Evening (5 - 7.30pm)**

**W/c 30/3/20 - Design & Technology Week**

**2/4/20 - Easter Craft Morning**

**2/4/20 - Easter Service**

**2/4/20 - Break for Easter**

**20/4/20 - Return after Easter Break**

## Attendance

Well done to Year 2 (99.33%) and Year 3 (96.25%) for their great attendance this week.





# Competition Winners – Book Week

A massive congratulations to the winners of our reading photo competitions on Twitter. We even had a famous parent and child duo this year- their photo was shared on the Lincolnite website!

Here are the list of winners!

Staff	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2
Lee Vicky	Jenson		Sienna M Noel	Abigail Fabio
Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
Skye Alfie	Macy Fin	Charlie	Roksana Tom	

