



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

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18TH MARCH 2022

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

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

This term seems to be whizzing by with so much going on. Thank you for your support as we continue to deal with staff shortages and the ‘tail end’ of covid, which still affects numerous staff and children.

We have been particularly proud this term with our Ukraine fundraiser, which raised over £1800. A HUGE effort. Thanks so so much to everyone for their generosity at this time. We acknowledge that some of our families have been directly affected by this conflict, as well as everyone feeling very helpless and scared by the current situation. As a school, rather than focus on the politics, we are exploring themes like the displacement of people and what it means to be a refugee, as well as ways to help positively. The children seem to be aware of the situation, but hopefully not too scared and upset by the information sharing.

This week has been a rollercoaster of nerves and excitement as we have taken lots of children to perform at the Lincoln Music Festival. The children have performed exceptionally well and we are so proud of them. The choirs were delighted to come second (competition was very stiff so this was wonderful!), poetry came away with first, as did numerous solo and small group singers. We are unbelievably proud of the children for performing, especially post-covid.

We now look forward to our Easter celebrations, including our ISingPop concert, Easter Egg Hunt, cake competition and of course our Easter craft morning where we will welcome in all parents.

Parents’ Evenings are next week, please do sign up to find out how your child is progressing, raise any concerns and find out how to support at home.

We also welcome the Book Fair back next week, it is so lovely to re-establish all the things that we used to do pre-covid!

Charlotte Hickerton

BOOK WEEK

We would like to say a massive thank you to parents and carers for your help and support during Book Week. It really was a wonderful week filled with learning and inspiration. We definitely couldn’t do what we do in school without your 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 and don't forget to make a note in those reading records too so ninjas can be earned.

"Keep reading. It's one of the most marvelous adventures that anyone can have." (Lloyd Alexander)

Mrs Bradley

RED NOSE DAY



Red Nose Day is today (Friday 18th March) please bring in £1.50 for a red nose, we have plenty but we would hate the children to be disappointed. They are on sale at the front of the school. Red Nose Day will be celebrated with a whole school joke competition, so please do encourage your child to learn a joke and deliver it for maximum laughs!

What's the best thing about Switzerland?

I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

Why did the nurse need a red pen at work?

In case she needed to draw blood.

Why do bees have sticky hair?

Because they use honeycombs.

I SING POP - EASTER CONCERT IN CHURCH

In March we welcome iSingPOP to St Peter at Gowts CE Primary School where the children will be involved in a singing and performing project.

iSingPOP is a singing, performing and resourcing project that helps children and families engage in Collective Worship in school, church and at home. They will be learning and performing a number of special songs with actions, which support our school values as well as the children's learning in a range of subjects including Music, RE and Citizenship.

On Friday 25th March there will be a concert in St Peter at Gowts Church, where we can join together as a community to celebrate the children's achievements. The concert will begin at 2pm and we will be walking the children to the Church, please collect them as normal at the end of the day. The concert will last under an hour and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as can attend.



On the day of the concert the children can choose to wear either their school uniform, a brightly coloured top or an iSingPOP t-shirt above their school trousers/skirts.

Please see ParentMail for more details.

VALUES IN ACTION - SHOW US HOW WONDERFUL YOUR CHILDREN ARE!

We are just over half way through our term and exploring our value of Happiness. I was blown away by the generosity of so many people who baked cakes and bought them at our cake sale, what a fantastic example of values in action.

Remember to email me if you take part in our 'Random Acts of Kindness' mission this term helping to spread happiness in the local community. Any ideas will be shared on the website and you could also upload them to the Facebook group too!

My e-mail address is christine.billinghurst@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Thank you for helping create a community of hope,

Mrs Billinghurst



SUCCESS FOR ST. PETER'S AT LINCOLN MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL



A huge well done to all those performers at the Lincoln Music and Drama competition. We were so proud of everyone! In total the school received 11 either first or second places, as well as 3 trophies and a winner's plate. A HUGE honour - well done to everyone involved.

We are celebrating in school with our Spring Musical Concert on Monday 28th in the afternoon. If your child would like to sing or perform we would love to hear from you!

PERFECT PARKING CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to all our competition entrants who entered the 'ROAD SAFETY' poster campaign. So many children created such beautiful art work, designing a poster to promote a clear message of the need for 'ROAD SAFETY'. The winners will now be made into huge banners to put outside school. Well done to the winners, those who entered and our parents, especially Michelle Francis-Swaby who helped to organise and lead the campaign. It was wonderful to welcome the



mayor last week to give out the prizes and judge the competition. Let's hope our parking continues to get better and better outside St. Peter's!

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As you may be aware, the Queen is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee this year. This means that she has reigned as Queen of England for 70 years and is therefore the longest reigning monarch in the history of the monarchy. This is a considerable achievement and something to celebrate!

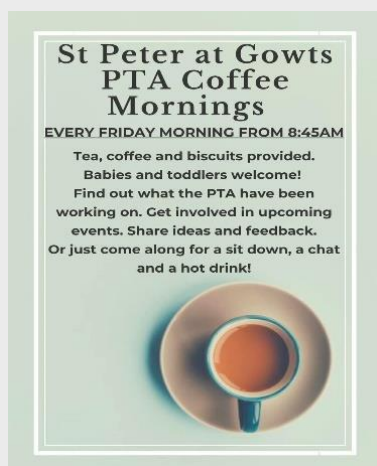
In order to celebrate this, the Queen has given us an extra day's holiday. This is taking place in half term therefore we have chosen a day off in lieu of the Jubilee. The extra day's holiday will be taken on Tuesday 19th April following the Easter holidays. Please note this extra day means that the children return to school after the Easter holidays on Wednesday 20th April 2022.



We will be celebrating the Jubilee in school by holding a 'Right Royal Arts Week' during the week commencing 23rd May. Please join us in marking this celebration during this special week.

PTA UPDATES

The PTA have some great things planned over the next few weeks. The weekly coffee mornings continue, as well as a uniform sale and end of term Bake Sale. We are looking forward to this new addition to our annual calendar, following the cancellation of the Christmas Bake Sale due to rising covid last year. Thanks so much to the PTA for organising, it should be a wonderful event, we all know how much our families at St. Peter's enjoy both baking and eating a wide variety of cakes!



BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that next week we will be welcoming a Book Fair into school. The book fair will be open each day from **Monday 21st March until Friday 25th March**.

The book fair will be open each day before school 8.30 - 8.45am and after school 3:20 - 3:45pm.

The book fair will also be open during our parent's evenings on Tuesday 22nd March and Thursday 24th March, so there is plenty of time to come and browse before buying something new to read.



Payment for books can be online if you wish to pay by card <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/pay> or by cash.

We look forward to seeing you there.

DIARY DATES

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day

Friday 18th March - Uniform Sale

W/c Monday 21st March - IsingPop Week

W/c Monday 21st March - Book Fair in School

Tuesday 22nd March - Nursery trip to Pennells

Tuesday 22nd March - Parents Evening

Thursday 24th March - Parents Evening

Friday 25th March - IsingPop Concert

Monday 28th March - Spring Musical Concert

Monday 28th March - Easter Bake Sale

Thursday 31st March - Easter Craft Morning

Thursday 31st March - Easter Service

Thursday 31st March - Children finish for Easter break

Wednesday 20th April - Children return to school from Easter break

TERM DATES

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

Term 4 - Monday 21st February 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Term 5 - **Wednesday 20th April 2022** to Friday 27th May 2022

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

