



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS - 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly wonderful time at St. Peter's. There is so much exciting learning happening - Diwali, British Values Day, Wow Days and so much more! We hope your children are enjoying the action packed curriculum that we have at St Peter's! It is World Hello Day on Monday which will bring much excitement and a real celebration of the diversity at St Peter's!

As you are all aware attendance is extremely important at St Peter at Gowts and every day genuinely counts. Our Attendance Leads continue to monitor every child's data and will be making contact with parents for any child/ren under 95% to see what further support may be offered. We consider good attendance to be 95% and above, with anyone less than 90% being classed as a Persistent Absentee. 90% attendance sounds good if it was a score in a test but 90% attendance throughout your child's school career means over one year's absence!



We would also like to remind parents that our school gates open at **8.30am**, this is to ensure all children are set and ready to learn from **8.50am**. Any child that is after this time will be marked as late. Please do not hesitate to ask for any support or advice in regards to attendance or lateness.

As we approach the festive period please do check ParentMail for our Christmas Event Guide which will be sent out next week. We have included key dates in this newsletter and we look forward to celebrating the festivities with our St Peter's community. We will be running a preloved Christmas Jumper donation stall so we'll be looking for jumper donations shortly.



As always, thank you for your continued support.

Emily Mayer

YEAR 1 WOW CASTLE VISIT



Year 1 had a long walk to the castle this week but it was well worth the trip! We had the opportunity to explore the castle walls, learning all about the special features of the castle. Did you know that Lincoln castle used to have a moat all around it that was full of spikes to stop enemies getting in! We spent time exploring the different types of armour that was worn by soldiers and knights when protecting the castle. We had a brilliant time at the castle and really enjoyed perfecting our archery skills!

BRITISH VALUES DAY

British Values day is a very special day at St Peter's. Not only do we learn about why the British Values are important to us but it is a time where we pay our respects and reflect on those people who had sadly lost their lives in wars. Last week, we were able to reflect on the British Values in an age appropriate and challenging way through a range of exciting activities. Lots of us had great in depth discussions, which really challenged our thinking on why these values are significant to us.



REMEMBRANCE AT THE CENOTAPH

Friday 11th November, 11:00am, our House Captains joined crowds gathered at the Lincoln War Memorial outside St Benedicts Church. Along with leading members of the military and local politicians our House Captains laid poppy wreaths that were made by children, within their School Houses, as part of Remembrance Day. The children represented themselves and the school with pride and nobility.



PTA DISCO

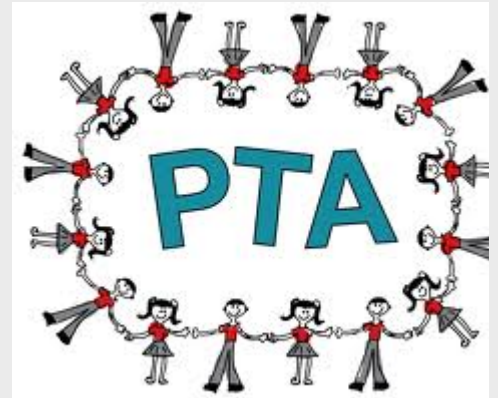
It was great to see so many happy faces at the disco! All the children that attended had great fun, with lots of dancing and games! The adults also had a fab time and were hitting the dance floor. I am sure you will agree that the PTA have made a fantastic effort in organising and coordinating the fine tuning of planning such an event, so from all of us at St Peter at Gowts we would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to you all! We are looking forward to the next one which will hopefully be planned for February! I can announce the final profit for the disco is £402.45!



PTA FUNDRAISING - EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

Please do keep up to date with the fundraising ideas from the PTA by following them on Twitter and Facebook. The money is currently pouring in from different initiatives, for example Easyfundraising, where you can shop online and then a percentage will be donated to school. Our school lottery is also growing and is a great way of raising money for the school whilst having fun. This money makes such a difference to our school in terms of supporting with enrichment trips, visitors and exciting events.

We were so delighted to be the chosen charity for a sporting event 'Fright night' - which raised over £1262 for the school. This is a huge sum of money - huge thanks to Lee and Michelle Swaby and family for organising and allowing us to fundraise for the school.



DIARY DATES

Monday 21st November - World Hello Day
Thursday 24th November - KS2 Cinema Visit
Wednesday 30th November - School Choir at Lincoln Diocese Headteacher's Conference
Wednesday 30th November - Christmas Decorations in school for Christmas Tree
Friday 2nd December - School Clubs finish
Tuesday 6th December - EYFS Performances am and pm
Thursday 8th December - KS1 Performances am and pm
Thursday 8th December - KS2 Choir Concert
Friday 9th December - Christmas Lunch
Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Hamper Donation
Monday 12th December - Nursery visit to Rand Farm
Tuesday 13th December - Pantomime at The Drill (Reception - Y6)
Tuesday 13th December - Wonder Day on the Hedgerow
Thursday 15th December - Christmas Extravaganza & Craft Morning
Wednesday 4th January - Return to School

TERM DATES

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

Term 1 - Tuesday 6th September 2022 to Friday 21st October 2022
Term 2 - Monday 31st October 2022 to Friday 16th December 2022
Term 3 - Wednesday 4th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023
Term 4 - Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023
Term 5 - Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023
Term 6 - Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023