



## SAINT PETER AT GOWTS - 27TH JANUARY 2023

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear St Peter's Families

Over the past few weeks, the children have thoroughly enjoyed all of their Wow days and really embraced their learning. We have had many celebrations of learning and the children are gaining lots of dojos linked to our lunchtime key values and behaviours - well done everyone!

Thank you for your continued commitment and support with homework. Homework can really support your child's learning as it requires them to apply the knowledge that they have learnt at school. Please continue to read with your child daily. Reading is the gateway to the curriculum and by having this skill your child will unlock their potential in every subject.

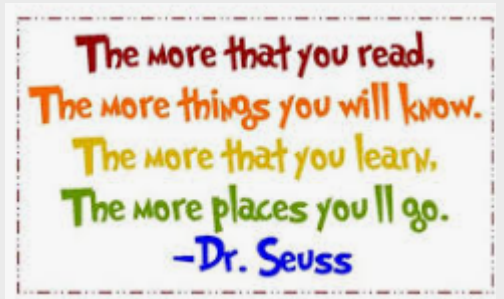
As an Active Spelling Showcase school we have had our teachers filmed to showcase the teaching and learning for this programme. Although our teachers were a little nervous, they were, of course, fabulous as were the children. These films will be used to support other schools to develop their skills with Active Spelling. We are very proud!

Within this newsletter we are including our Pupil Leaders. We have various groups of pupils leading areas of our school and they would like to tell you about everything they have done or are doing in the school. Please read on to find out more!

Thank you for your commitment to our school and your continuous support,

Emily Mayer

Yr1 artists creating 3D sculptures with paper and card



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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This term we have been working on creating our Leaky Cauldron into a wonderful space to play and learn! We asked our classes what they would like to see in the Leaky Cauldron and what they would like the theme to be. We chose an enchanted forest theme and it has been created! There are also stationery items for us to be creative and games to play. We are currently working on ideas as we'd like to change the name of the Leaky Cauldron. We will share our ideas with our classes and a vote will take place! Watch this space for more information...



## PEER MEDIATORS

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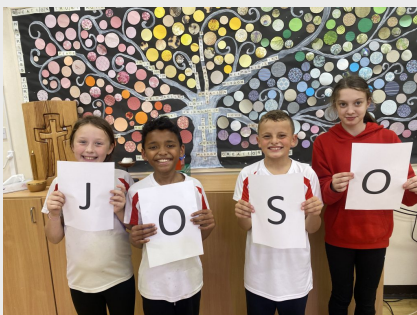
At St Peters, if you are in Years 5 or 6 you have the opportunity to train as a Peer Mediator. The team of mediators are timetabled to mediate every lunchtime in the playground. We are trained to confidentially resolve simple conflicts between two pupils with active listening and empathy, encouraging the children to think about their actions. Our training helps us to resolve conflicts, without blame, through listening to each other, helping the children to understand the impact of their actions and agreeing together how they can move on from conflict.

The mediation process empowers children with a range of essential social emotional skills, such as empathy, cooperation and problem-solving strategies. Peer Mediators gain important life skills including leadership skills, working in a team, communication skills, such as active listening and reading body language, they gain confidence and become more tolerant towards each other. At St Peters we are so proud of our Peer Mediators who work seamlessly in a team to provide this important service to their peers.

Mrs Phillips and Peer Mediators

## JOSOs

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We are the JOSOs (Junior Online Safety Officers). Our job in school is to work with all of the children and adults to help them understand how to use the internet safely. This term, after our training, we have been busy preparing for Safer Internet Day that will be taking place on Tuesday 7th February (in the last week of term). On this day, we will be presenting to both key stages in special assemblies and helping to celebrate this year's theme of 'Want to talk about it?'. Keep your eyes peeled on Twitter and ParentMail as we will be sharing more information nearer the time.

# SAFEGUARDING



**St. Peter at Gowts Church of England School**  
**CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION**



This is a very important area in which all staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with parents but there may be times when we have to involve other people and agencies. Everybody has a responsibility to safeguard children and to keep them from harm. If you have any worries or concerns about a child's safety, you have a duty to report what you have seen or heard.

**USEFUL CONTACTS—Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)**

If you would like to speak to a member of staff about a safeguarding concern then please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leaders. You can contact them directly in school or by telephone on 01522880071.

 Mrs Hickerton Executive Headteacher DSL	 Mrs Cook EYF5 Leader Deputy DSL	 Mrs Mayer Headteacher Deputy DSL
 Mrs Robinson PSA Deputy DSL	 Mrs Wilson PSA Deputy DSL	 Mrs Hughes Safeguarding Governor

Parents/carers may be aware that we have dedicated and enhanced trained members of staff who manage any safeguarding concerns or incidents, referred to as Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Their role in school is to promote awareness of safeguarding, liaise with supporting agencies and work in partnership with families to ensure the best possible outcomes and safety for the children. If you feel you need any support or would like to discuss any concerns you may have please feel free to approach or ring school to meet with one of the team. We would like to take the opportunity to signpost to our School website and take a look at our

Safeguarding section for more information and the school information tab under policy documents you can find our most recent Child protection and safeguarding policy.

## PTA

The PTA are very excited to announce the next event is a Friendship themed School Disco on the 9th February 2023! The value of friendship is the focus for this term so it is fabulous that the PTA have made this link and we will really see our children putting our Values into Action! There will be friendship bracelets to purchase and friendship flowers to buy and gift to others.

Ticket sales will be after school from Monday 6th February.



## DIARY DATES

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th February 2023 - Yr4 residential to PGL

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February - Mayor of Lincoln Visiting School

Wednesday 8th - Thursday 9th February 2023 - Yr3 residential to Rand

Thursday 9th February 2023 - PTA disco

Friday 10th February - Children finish for half term

Monday 20th February - Children return to school

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March - Photographer in school

Tuesday 21st March & Thursday 23rd March - Parents Evenings

## TERM DATES

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

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