

St. Peter at Gowts CE Primary School

Newsletter 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear all,

Let's hope that the rain stops very soon, it's the last thing we can do with, more flooding at Sincil Bank!

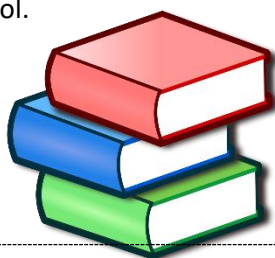
At St. Peter's this week has been full of exciting opportunities for the children as they develop their learning across the curriculum. Years 3 and 4 enjoyed African Dance linked to their Geography topic, Years 5 and 6 all completed a First Aid Certificate and Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 all experienced meeting the Fire Service and exploring the fire engine. Thank you so much to the teachers who organised all these wonderful opportunities.

There are lots of other exciting things on the calendar for the next few weeks. The Lincoln Music and Drama Festival starts next week, where many children will have the opportunity to perform poetry and singing in both small and larger groups. Next Week is 'Book Week'. This focus on reading will be hugely enjoyable for everyone in school. The week involves parent reading sessions, library visits, a 'dress up' day and also our wonderful book swap where children can update their library and find some wonderful books to take home.

This weekend also marks a celebration of some of our school volunteers who give up their time and energy to support our school. These volunteers have been nominated to be 'Sincil Bank Heroes'. They will attend a celebration event this weekend and be recognised for their contribution to our school and community. I would like to personally thank these people, and indeed all our volunteers and governors who give up their time, their skills and energy in order to support our work. We are very lucky to have so many people who are willing to support our school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Charlotte Hickerton



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

Book Week

We have lots of exciting things planned for this year, including library visits, an author meet and greet and reading shows to name but a few things! Lots more information about the special events are detailed below. The theme for our Book Week this year is picture books. Teachers will be carefully selecting a high quality book to base learning on during this week. We will reveal the books chosen for each class at the start of the week.

Library Visits

Every class from Nursery to Year 6 will be visiting the library during the week and will also get the opportunity to visit Waterstones to spend their World Book Day token. If you are able to visit the library with us, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March**, we are looking forward to seeing children dressed up as popular book and story characters. A book themed prize will be awarded to the 'best dressed' in each class.

Daily Reading

Every morning at 8:40am during Book Week, we would love to invite parents into the classrooms to share a book with their children for the first 20 minutes of the day.

Book Swap

We are now taking any book donations (children and adults) for our book swap. The book swap will take place every morning during Book Week from 8:30am. Please do come along and browse the lots different books!

Photo Competition

This year, we would love to continue with our 'extreme reading' photo competition (extreme but safe!). Please do Tweet us with your entries of reading in unusual places. In addition to these photos, we'd love to see your shelfies! We'd also love to see your photos of your favourite books - don't forget to tell us why you love them!

Parent Reading Workshops

On World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), we would love to invite all parents and carers into school to join us in a parent reading workshop from 9-9:30am. During the session, we will be sharing advice and support for reading with your child, as well as looking at recommended reads and other useful resources. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be provided!

Uniform Reminders

Thank you to the majority of parents who make sure that their children are in the correct school uniform. We are really proud of our uniform at St. Peter at Gowts School and expect all children to wear it without exception. We have noticed increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform—mainly this is families forgetting or not being aware of what is and isn't allowed.

We expect all children to wear school uniform as follows:

Clothes:

Sweatshirts/Jumpers/Cardigans

Collared shirts or polo shirts White

Skirts/Trousers/Dresses/shorts Charcoal Grey/Black

Plain Tights Grey/White/Black/Red

Plain Socks Grey/White/Black

In the summer, girls may also wear red and white check summer dresses.

Shoes:

All children should wear black, practical school shoes. Trainers and fashion boots are not suitable for school wear and must not be worn during the day at school.

Thank you for your support in this matter. If you need to purchase anything, please follow the below link to Uniform Direct. https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/St_Peter_at_Gowts_Primary_School_.html



Diary Dates

W/c 2/3/20 - Book Week

4/3/20 - Visiting Author 'Billy Bob Buttons'

5/3/20 - Class Photographs (dress up day)

5/3/20 - Dress up day (favourite book characters)

12/3/20 - Y2 Class Family Worship

13/3/20 - Y5 Witham Academy Panto (am)

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

18/3/20 - Y5/6 Greek Workshops

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

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

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

Library Visits during Book Week are:-

2/3/20 - Year 6 (pm)

3/3/20 - Reception (am) Year 3 (pm)

4/3/20 - Nursery (pm)

5/3/20 - Year 1 (am) Year 2 (pm)

6/3/20 - Year 4 (am) Year 5 (pm)

Attendance

Well done to Year 1 (99.29%) and Year 6 (99.7%) for their great attendance this week.



Family Worship - Year 2

Calling All Year 2 Parents!

Afternoon Tea and Family Worship

On Thursday afternoon, we will be hosting 'Family Worship', where children from different classes will be leading Collective Worship - sharing their thoughts through drama, games, story-telling, prayers and songs. Year 2 will be leading worship on 12th March at 2.45 pm. The focus will be on our new value of 'Happiness'. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US PARENTS!



Sporting News - Ready, Set, GO!

Term 4 is going to be brilliant - in the next few weeks we have the High 5 Netball league starting with an away fixture with St Hugh's Primary School next Thursday. We have the return of the Cross-country league where we are taking a girls squad and a boys squad to compete over 5 gruelling weeks of competition. If that wasn't enough there is also year 3 multi-skills festival and a squad of year 5s taking part in a tag rugby event next Friday. Girls and boys football fixtures are to be confirmed but it all makes for a sporting term ... oh one more thing ... Friday 13th March Sport Relief!

