



7th February 2020

St. Peter at Gowts CE Primary School Newsletter 2020

Notes from the Headteacher



Happy Friday!

This week has been a great one at St. Peter's. We particularly enjoyed a wonderful Collective Worship on 'Self Belief' by Year 3 yesterday, and we are very excited about our first 'Aspirations Week' that is starting next Monday. We really hope this week allows children to think about their futures and to believe that anything is possible, as Corben in Year 3 so eloquently said yesterday "If you can dream it, you can achieve it!"

This week you may have heard in the press that it is Children's Mental Health Week. As a school we've decided to hold events and initiatives over the next term during our value of 'happiness' to reinforce the importance of mental wellbeing for all our pupils.

If you'd like to try to promote your child's mental wellbeing at home, Childline have just launched a fantastic new website that helps children with worries and anxieties. The Calm Zone has lots of ideas, games and activities to help children build skills and resilience for dealing with worries and anxieties. You can access the website via

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>. T

This would be a wonderful chance to boost mental wellbeing and happiness for your child and the whole family!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Charlotte Hickerton

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

Career Aspirations Week

Next week we will be hosting our first ever Career Aspirations Week. During the week, pupils will have the opportunity to participate in lots of different activities and workshops. These workshops will be delivered by professionals from a range of different business and career sectors. Also the children will hear first-hand the career paths these individuals took to get their respective jobs.

We hope this week will provide pupils with a greater sense of purpose to their education and how the knowledge and skills they are learning in their lessons now are important for their future.

Each day will have a different focus :-

Monday - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Tuesday - The Arts and E-Safety

Wednesday - Languages and RE

Thursday - Humanities and Health & Wellbeing

On Thursday 13th February, we are inviting pupils to come to school dressed in clothes that represent the job or career they would like to have when they are older. We can't wait to see how many potential science researchers, plumbers, mechanics, vets, hairdressers and perhaps even teachers etc we may already have in school.



Disco Reminder

School Disco - Tuesday 11th February 2020

Key Stage 1 - 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Key Stage 2 - 4.45pm - 6pm

£2.50 per child which includes entrance, hot-dog, drink and biscuit.

An assortment of glow sticks will be available to purchase. You will be able to book a place at the disco each day from 3.15pm.

KS1 children who would like glow sticks can order these when booking their place at the disco.

KS2 children will be able to purchase glow sticks as they go into the disco or when booking.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS HELD ON THIS NIGHT.



Safer Internet Day 2020

Next Tuesday (11th February) is Safer Internet Day. The day is being celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet. On this day, children across school will be taking part in special themed lessons linked to eSafety and the internet. Please keep an eye on Twitter to see some of the things we will be getting up to across school.

This year, we would like to invite all KS2 parents to join in the special themed lesson with their children in class. Sessions will begin at 8:40am and last about an hour. Parents will also get the opportunity to find out more about National Online Safety and how you can keep up to date with key eSafety messages, as well as support us in becoming a certificated school.

In school, we want to use this day to raise the profile of eSafety and get a clear message over to the children - the internet is a marvellous thing, if you know how to use it safely. We hope to see lots of parents in classes next Tuesday, ready to help us celebrate this day.

Diary Dates

W/c 10/2/22 - Career Aspirations Week

11/2/20 - Mayor of Lincoln visiting

11/2/20 - Safer Internet Day

11/2/20 - Y3 Rand Residential Parents Meeting

11/2/20 School Disco (No Clubs)

13/2/20 - Finish for half term

24/2/20 - Return to school

W/c 2/3/20 - Book Week

5/3/20 - Class Photographs

12/3/20 - Y2 Class Family Worship

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

Attendance

Well done to Year 2 (100%) and Year 6 (98.4%) for their great attendance this week.



Headlice outbreak

Please do be vigilant next week and over half term to check that your child has not picked up any headlice this term as they spread so quickly amongst children. Thank you for your vigilance!



Sporting News

We have had a terrific week of sport at St Peter at Gowts. Starting with last Friday at the Utilia Kids Cup where our school team took 10 points to qualify for the quarter finals. Our children showed terrific teamwork and leadership; setting their own team-sheets and tactics. The quarter final finished 1-0 to St Hugh's. Children from our Year 3 Class represented the school today at the Inclusive Sports Event; competing in Seated Volleyball, New Aged Curling and Boccia. We had lots of fun and the children showed terrific respect to all the grown-ups and children at the event. Next week we will be at a Cricket Festival with members of our Year 4 Class!



Mr S Magee
Sports Lead

Relationships, Sex and Health Education – changes update

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will soon be forming part of the National Curriculum. This change begins as of September 2020. As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, health and personal safety.

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We would love to have some parental input to help us shape and design a curriculum with the right balance of emphasis and delivery model that will benefit all our children.

The subject leader for this area in school is Miss Hayward. She is reviewing the policy at present and would like to form a working party to help look at resources in the next few months so that we are ready to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum by September. If you would like to be involved in this PSHE and RSE working party then please email Miss Hayward via email on megan.hayward@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!