



SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School

5th November 2024



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for your continued support. Your children have returned to school smart and ready to learn. Here is some information and dates for the next half term.

Mrs M Butt

SCHOOL DAY

A polite reminder to all parents and carers.

Our school day begins at 8.45am (school gates open at 8.40am) and finishes at 3.15pm. Thank you to all of those parents and carers who ensure their children arrive in school on time and are collected promptly at 3.15pm. Please ensure that are dropped off and collected at these times.

REMEMBRANCE

During November, we remember those who have died. Y2 Children will be organising the sale of poppies to support the Royal British Legion and will be representing our school at the Cenotaph in the West Park. Your children will bring prayer cards home where you can add the names of friends and family who have died. If your children bring these cards back into school, we will hang them on our Remembrance Tree and take time to remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

PARENTS MEETINGS

Y1 to Y6 parent/ carer meetings will take place during the week beginning 11th November. Face- to- face meetings will take place in school on Wednesday 13th November and phone calls on Monday 11th November. Reception class are holding Stay and Read sessions throughout the week. Please sign up following links on the website and previous email sent. If you are not receiving emails from the school please pop into the school office and we will add you to our parent email address book.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

The week of 11th – 15th November is national Anti-Bullying week. The theme of the week is Choose Respect.

CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday, November 15TH

Our school council and pupil leaders have chosen to support this popular appeal. Children can come to school in their Pyjamas or PE Kits. A voluntary donation of £1 can be paid with all monies going to this very popular and worthy appeal.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Monday 16th December - Nursery & Infant Classes
Tuesday 17th December – Junior



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December. If your child is usually on packed lunch, please email Mrs Lee office@sspeterpaul.co.uk if you would like to pay for a dinner on that day.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

On 1st December we enter the season of Advent. As families start to prepare for Christmas, we know that you can feel under pressure to buy your child's teacher and teaching assistant a gift. As staff we have reflected on the added pressure this may put on our families as the cost of living continues to rise. Whilst gifts are lovely and much appreciated, teaching your children and seeing them smile is enough. We would much prefer that you treat your families and loved ones or show your thanks and kindness whilst developing the children's understanding of social responsibility by donating something to our local 'Key 2 Life Food Bank'. This Advent we are going to create a reverse Advent Calendar. We will collect items for the food bank each day during Advent. There will be a trolley in the yard for you to add in any donations of food or toiletries for the food bank. Any donations will be gratefully received.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 6 th – 8 th November | Y4/Y5 | Youth Village Residential |
| 11 th November | Y1-Y6 | Parent meetings - phone calls |
| 13 th November | Y1-Y6 | Parent meetings- face- to- face |
| 11 th November | Y2 | Assembly 9.00am |
| 11 th November | Y4/Y6 | History workshops in school with Durham University |
| 11 th -15 th November | Whole School | National Anti- Bullying Week |
| 15 th November | Whole School | Children in Need Day |
| 22 nd November | Y2 | Mini Tennis Festival |
| 27 th November | Y6 | Sports Hall Athletics Festival |
| 27 th November | Y4 | Class Celebration of the Word 9.00am |
| 3 rd December | YR | Coordination Challenge |
| 6 th December | Y1 | Multiskills Festival |
| 9 th December | Choir | St. Paul's Jarrow, Carols by Candlelight 6pm |
| 11 th December | Whole School | Christmas Lunch |
| 11 th December Morning | Nursery | Nursery Nativity/Sing-a-long –time to be confirmed |
| 12 th December | Reception, Y1 & Y2 | Nativity in Church – 10am |
| 13 th December | Y4 | Christmas Skipping Festival |
| 16 th December | Nursery, YR, Y1 & Y2 | Christmas Party |
| 17 th December | Y3-Y6 | Christmas Party |
| 18 th December | Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 | 10am Carol service and Candlelight Mass in Church. You are all welcome to join us! |
| 19 th December | Choir | Choir singing at The Word |
| 20 th December | Whole School | School breaks up for Christmas at 1pm. |