

# St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents, June 2016

As we write our newsletter we are hoping that sports day on Friday afternoon will go ahead. The whole school really enjoys the sports days and we are so grateful to the hard work and dedication that Mrs Hyland puts into making these days run like clockwork and enjoyed by all. We hope you are able to join us. The competitive races will be held on the morning of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting.

So we enter the last four weeks of this academic year with so much learning to continue with and fun events to look forward to. We are looking forward to the carnival tomorrow and hope you will be able to join us, the Year 6 production, St Peter's Day, charity afternoon and the school discos. There is much to report this month – see later in the newsletter and a few reminders for you all too.

## Regards Mrs Dunning

#### Attendance chart for 97%

EYFS:		
Caterpillars	96.5%	
EYFS: Tadpoles	96.8%	
IRH	97.2%	3
IJW	99.5%	3
2ED	98.9%	3
2VB	96.4%	
3AB	95.7%	
3CH	97.2%	7
4EA	98%	7
4JE	93.8%	
5PG	94.3%	
5KT	97.9%	7
6VB	92.8	
6WM	96.4%	

## **RE Quality Mark**

Last week, we were assessed for the quality of our teaching and learning in RE. This was a rigorous process which looked at children's books, our planning, marking and assessment as well as displays around the school. A group of 16 children were then interviewed about their learning. The focus was on higher order questioning and cross curriculum links. This is a national award which focuses on the standards on pedagogy and standards in the school. We were very pleased with the assessor's comments and are now waiting to hear which level we are to be awarded. Watch this space!

"The RE Quality Mark has two purposes: it recognises good practice in RE and also provides a powerful tool for development. Schools which have applied for the award have found that it affirms the work they are already doing, raises the profile of the subject and gives them ideas and confidence for developing their practice even further."

## **Orchestra Day**

This week 20 of our musicians attended the orchestra day at Weydon. They were joined by Weydon pupils and pupils from two other local schools. The orchestra was 60 strong and made a wonderful sound. It was such a great experience for our young musicians to learn alongside likeminded and talented children. It also gave them a taste of what's to come at Secondary school. We hope it will be repeated next year.

## Yr 6 Trip to Wintershall

When we got to Wintershall every year 6 student was bubbling with excitement. We were not sure what to expect but in the end we agreed it was realistic, interesting, artistic, accurate and fascinating. Also this trip has given us all a better understanding of the life of Christ. Students and teachers said they loved the involvement of the audience, for example, during the feeding of the five thousand when the actors gave bread to the audience.



#### Y3 Illustrator visit

Christian Birmingham the illustrator came to Visit Y3... excerpts of some of the reports...

He showed us some of the books he had illustrated...they were amazing...He taught us to draw like an illustrator...We were in groups of 4 we could use felt-tips or colouring pencils...we drew pictures of Perseus and Medusa...He also set us an illustrating contest, the prize is a book that he had illustrated... Lili, Amelie, Charlie, Sam T and Alex

#### Piano Tea

The pupils of Rhiain Elliott will be performing a piece each on the piano on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm in the hall. We hope you can come along and support. There will be refreshments to buy and all money will go to charity. If you are able to donate cakes/biscuits for this event we will be very grateful. Please bring them to the school office in the morning. It will be a very relaxed afternoon to celebrate the children's hard work and achievements.

## **Scooters and Electric Scooters**

Please can you ensure that your children do not ride their scooters on school property - anywhere. We have seen some very near misses with small children and adults being knocked into. The main area of problem is in front of the school office for children who enter the lower gate and scoot around. Please can this now stop. Thank you for your help and co-operation.

#### **Facebook**

We must remind you again that we do not expect negative comments about our school to be posted on Facebook. It is a small minority of parents that continue to do this and it makes life very unpleasant for many people. Please come and talk to us if you have a problem.

## **Disabled Bay**

These bays are reserved for blue badge holders. If you are a disabled driver but have an able bodied passenger, who leave the car to collect the children then please do not use the parking bays. These are for the use of drivers who cannot leave their car or who have restricted movement - of which we have many parents who need this facility.

#### **Label reminder**

Please ensure your child's uniform and equipment is labelled. Water bottles and PE kits are the worst culprits for having no names. Please also ensure your child has trainers for PE.

#### No Earrings next year

Every month we remind you that from September earrings will be banned. Thank you for your cooperation.