

Awards and Certificates return next Friday.

St Peter's News



7th January 2022

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

On behalf of all the staff, may I wish you a warm welcome back to school and a special welcome to any new families joining our school. I would also like to express our thanks for the many kind words and good wishes that we received at Christmas, and hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

During our first Inset day, 12 members of staff qualified as Paediatric First Aiders. We are very proud of them all. Congratulations to: Mrs Hussey, Mrs Cardy, Mrs Latham, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Roberts, Miss Nicholls, Mrs Williams, Mrs Hall, Miss Scott, Miss Devlin and Mrs Davies.

Thank you also to Mr Jacek and his team for preparing the site and building so that it was looking spick and span for the children's return on Thursday.

You will have received an email earlier this week with details of the extra curricular activities on offer

this term. Thank you to all the staff who have offered their time to run the clubs - it is much appreciated.

As the closing date for new admissions to school approaches, I would like to remind parents that, as a Catholic school, the Governing Body of St Peter's is responsible for deciding the order of priority for admissions to our school.

To enable the Governing Body to do this, prospective parents are asked to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return it directly to the school office. This form allows the Governors to put all applicants in order of priority for admission in line with the published Admission Policy.

Please note that, while completion of the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is not mandatory, if a completed SIF is not received, the Governing Body will only be able to consider the application based on information provided to Surrey County Council in your online application.

Unless parents are applying under oversubscription criterion 8, 9, 10, or 11, not submitting a completed SIF could result in your child being allocated a lower priority ranking. If you have children already at St Peter's, you must still complete a SIF for any younger siblings.

Copies of the Supplementary Information Form are available from the school office and can be downloaded from our website.

Finally, Happy Birthday to Mrs James (a member of our lunchtime team) who is celebrating a special birthday this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Richard McKenzie

Headteacher

Coming up next week...

10.01.22 - First Gymnastics Club session (YR-2) successful children have been informed via email.

14.01.22 - First Boxercise Club session (YR3-6) successful children have been informed via email.

17.01.22 - All other Teacher led clubs start this week.

From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday we celebrate the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**, which marks the end of the Christmas liturgical season.

In this week's Gospel ([Luke 3:15-16,21-22](#)) we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that he might be the Messiah. John the Baptist says that he has baptised with water, but that someone will come and baptise with the Holy Spirit. At our Baptism we were made children of the heavenly Father. You may wish to pray together that we will each remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Please try to read the Gospel with your child.



Epiphany

We began our new term on Thursday with a liturgy for the feast of Epiphany. The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Wise Men. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. The gifts of the Wise Men have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because, in giving them, the Wise Men acknowledge that Jesus is our Saviour. The children heard the Gospel story of the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus, and were encouraged to think about the gifts that they would offer Him in their lives.



Dates for your diary

10.01.22 Gymnastics Club (YR-2) starts—3.20-4.15pm (successful children have been informed via email)

14.01.22 Boxercise Club (Y3-6) starts—3.20-4.15pm (successful children have been informed via email)

17.01.22 All other Teacher-Led clubs start this week

11.02.22 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

Monday 14th - Friday 18th February Half Term Holiday

21.02.22 All children return to school

01.04.22 School finishes for Easter Holidays at 1pm

Monday 4th April to Monday 19th April 2022—Easter Holiday

19.04.22 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

20.04.22 All children return to school

02.05.22 May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed for children

Monday 30th - Friday 3rd June - Half Term Holiday

21.07.22 School closes for the end of the School Year at 1pm

22.07.22 Additional day holiday due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (rolled over from May Half Term)