



25th February 2022

## House Points

St Philip—742  
St Francis—635  
St Therese—566  
St Margaret—500

## Achievement certificates awarded to:

Maple - Aurora  
Willow - Idris, Luca  
Oliver, Jacob & Laurie  
Oak - Charlie  
Ash - Teddy  
Beech - Helena  
Rowan - Stanley  
Elm - Jacob B  
Birch - Lewis  
Cherry - Vivienne  
Hazel - Eva & Riley  
Hawthorn - Zsanna  
Poplar - Ethan  
Chestnut - Liam  
Sycamore - Isobel

## Coming up next week...

28.02.22 – Book Week in school

28.02.22 – Reading Meeting for parents of children on our Phonic Texts, in the hall at 2.30pm

01.03.22 – Fr Tony visiting Y4 in school

02.03.22 – Ash Wednesday service in school & Pope Francis Day of Prayer for Peace

04.03.22 – World Book Day Celebrations in school.

## This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a good half term break. It has been wonderful to see the children back this week, full of energy and ready to learn.

We sadly had some damage to our KSI outside area canopy and lost a shed in Storm Eunice. I wanted to say a big thank you to Mr Jacek and our Governors, particularly Tom Devany and Ian Page for their work over the weekend in getting everything ready for the new week.

We began this week with an assembly looking at Fairtrade as we are in Fairtrade Fortnight. The theme this year is #choosethewordyouwant and children were encouraged to think about the small choices that they could make which would help to spread fairness and equality around the world. We are using these to create a

'Forest of Promises' in school.

This week saw the return of Inter-School sporting activities. There is a full rundown of the Athletics event inside but for now I would like to thank the children who competed, the parents that helped accompany us and the staff for giving up their time to help organise these events.

The Rotary Club visited our Y6 children today, gifting them all a wonderful illustrated dictionary. These will be very helpful as the children continue to develop study skills and no doubt will be used for years to come. Thank you for your generosity.

This week Miss Singh celebrated a 'Big' birthday and we shared in her special day with some flowers. We hope she had a lovely celebration with her family.

This week we also welcomed two new Teaching Assistants to our

team. Mrs Peart will be working with our EYFS classes and Mrs Rizvi will be working in Year 1. Please do say hello to them if you see them. We hope that their time at St Peter's is a happy one.

Good luck to our Cross-Country runners in their meet this afternoon. We will share the results in next week's newsletter.

We have lots of exciting things coming up this half term, so please do check the dates at the back of the newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

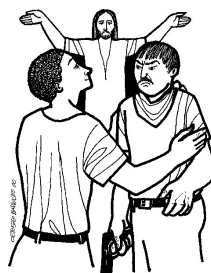
Yours sincerely,

**Richard McKenzie**

Headteacher

## From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday we celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> **Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In this week's Gospel ([Luke 6:27-38](#)), Jesus teaches us that as his disciples, we do good deeds and help others. In order to do good deeds and be of service to others, we must have integrity and a good heart. We are the "blind leading the blind" if we try to help or influence others when we don't understand Jesus' teachings or when we aren't willing to examine our conscience and change our own behaviour. For example, if you notice your group of friends gossips a lot, you should first reflect on your participation in this negative behaviour. Judging them or allowing it to continue will not bring about change. We can influence others in a positive way by first focusing on our own behaviour and setting a good example for others. Please try to read the Gospel with your child.



## Book Fair

We are looking forward to the book fair arriving at school next week. All children will be given the opportunity to visit the Book Fair, with their classes and teachers. If you would like your child to purchase anything, then please send in money, in a clearly named envelope, on:

- **Tuesday 1st March** - Birch, Ash, Poplar, Maple and Willow
- **Wednesday 2nd March** - Cherry, Hawthorn, Rowan
- **Thursday 3rd March** Sycamore, Chestnut
- **Friday 4th March** - Hazel, Oak, Elm, Beech

Parents can also visit the Book Fair from Tuesday to Friday, between 8.30 and 9.00, and 15.20 and 15.50.



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## School Safeguarding Team

If you are worried about something that your own, or another child has told you, or you think that they may be at risk of harm, please contact our Designated Safeguarding team:

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## Supporting Families

We are able to offer support to any families experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact us in confidence and we will do whatever we can to help you.



Hello St Peter's,

Well done to all of this week's certificate winners!

Congratulations to **Luke** (Hazel) for completing all of your Maths today - very impressive. Well done also to **Preston** (Cherry) for the fabulous reading you've carried out on Electricity - it is fantastic to hear how motivated and enthusiastic you are.

Finally, a huge congratulations and thank you to Elm Class for the brilliant work you all did on prepositions. I really enjoyed being involved in your learning!

Love from,  
Winnie

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## Parent's Evening

We are very pleased to be able to have Parent's Evening in person again and are very much looking forward to sharing your children's progress with you.

Our Parent's Evenings will be held on;  
**Monday 7th March from  
3.40pm –6.30pm**  
&  
**Thursday 10th March from  
5.30pm-8.30pm**

Each appointment will be 10 minutes long and parents will also be able to look at a selection of the children's work from this year.

You will be able to book appointments for your class teacher using the ParentMail system. Booking will open at **7am on Monday 28th February**.

## FOSP News

### 22 Challenge

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the 22 Challenge - we have been so impressed with all of your ideas for brilliant challenges. We will update you as soon as possible with the total amount raised.

We have shared lots of your pictures on our social media pages, if you don't already follow us here are the links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fosp.stpeters>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/stpeters\\_fosp](https://www.instagram.com/stpeters_fosp)

### 100+ Club:

Congratulations to Galina Barretto who was the lucky winner of this month's 100+ Club draw. If you would like to join the 100+ Club, complete this form and set up your standing order: <https://forms.gle/EoRpiRLY7Bvy7eq39> The next draw takes place on Friday, 4th March.

## Covid Update

A reminder that as part of the 'Living with Covid' plan:

- All pupils and staff should attend school if they are well enough to do so. They should stay home if they are unwell.
- If a child or staff member has COVID-19 symptoms, they should stay home, book a PCR test and avoid contact with other people if the test proves to be positive
- Individuals who test positive continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- We ask that you continue to use the one-way flow, as this has really helped with congestion at the double gate, especially at peak drop off and collection times.

# Gritter Names

## Competition

We are really pleased to announce that the winners of the name the gritter competition are:

Defrostinator—**Ruben Y2**

Mr Salty—**Emilia Y4**

B.F.G – Big Friendly Gritter—**Edith Y5**

Well done to all the children who entered the competition. The operatives loved them all!



# Super Sports

## Indoor Athletics

For the first time in over 2 years, we were able to compete in inter school sports events and it was fantastic to see so many children representing their school with such enthusiasm. Well done to:

Year 6 Girls - **Daisy, Emma Z, Tara, Emily S, Poppy, Mollie, Francesca, Samara, Isla L**

Year 6 Boys - **Ben N, William, Ben W, Gabriel, Jack, Sultan, Owen, Leo Daniel, Riccardo**

Year 5 Girls - **Kiera, Agnes, Edith, Willow**

Year 5 Boys – **Rafi, Dexter, Rory, Elliot, Nathan**

I was though immensely proud of how everyone pulled together as a team and supported one another. Many thanks also to the parents who kindly volunteered their time to support the event as without them it would not have been able to take place.

Unfortunately, our preparations for the event were severely curtailed due to both the Covid Outbreak in school before half term (which meant that practising the events together was impossible) and because we did not know until shortly before the event that it was definitely going ahead. Thankfully, with the removal of national restrictions, we should not experience this level of disruption again and we are looking forward to taking part in many more sports events this term and beyond.

On that note, I am looking forward to seeing lots of children participate at the cross country event later today - best of luck to everyone involved!

## Internal football tournament

This week marked the start of the inaugural St Peter's internal football tournament. The first match saw the Bayern Birds defeat the Barce Dogs 2-0 due to two sublime strikes from captain Ben Newman. Despite a nervy first half, the second match burst into life with some late goal drama as Cats Utd eventually edged out the Juve Hors-es 2-1 (Daniel Canning's two goals verses the one from Ollie O'Malley being the difference).

The final game was perhaps the closest fought with Chicken City equalising against Gorilla Young Boys through an unfortunate own goal, before some late flourishes from Gabriel Clarke (who ended up with a brace) saw the Gorillas end up 2-1 winners.

Well done to all who participated and especially to the Sports Crew who have worked very hard in order to ensure that this tournament could take place.

### Race for the Golden Boot

Name	Goals
Ben Newman	2
Gabriel Clarke	2
Daniel Canning	2
Ollie O'Malley	1

Position	Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
1	Bayern Birds 🐦	1	0	0	2	0	3
2=	Gorilla Young Boys 🐼	1	0	0	2	1	3
2=	Cats United 🐱	1	0	0	2	1	3
4=	Chicken City 🐔	0	0	1	1	2	0
4=	Juve Hors-es 🐵	0	0	1	1	2	0
6	Barce Dogs 🐶	0	0	1	1	2	0

# Talking to Children about the News

We were all shocked at the news about the Russian invasion of Ukraine this week.

We cannot shield children entirely from what is happening in the world around us. What is important is that we share information at an appropriate level and do not worry them unnecessarily. Many children have had questions or have been talking about the news in school but we have not addressed the conflict directly in classes as yet.

If your child is asking questions about what is happening, we would really recommend using the [BBC Newsround](#) resources. They are written for primary aged children and present the facts in a simple and reassuring way. They also have advice for children and parents on what to do if you find issues in the news upsetting.



If you have loved ones caught up in this conflict, please do let your class teacher know so that we can support your children in school.

Pope Francis has declared Ash Wednesday as a day of prayer for peace. Will we be remembering the people of Ukraine in our prayers especially that day and throughout the coming weeks.

## We are Walking Against Hunger for CAFOD!

This Lent, St Peter's will join thousands of others walking to help stamp out hunger.



We will be joining CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger appeal to help cover 40,000km – the distance around the world - in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk because of malnutrition.

**There are 2 ways to get involved:**

### 1) The BIG Walk – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

On this day will be completing laps of our school field. We have a 0.5km loop and a 1km loop marked out. Our eldest children can complete 2 or more laps of the longer loop and the younger children will complete the shorter loop. We are hoping to cover **600km in total** across the day. We are asking all children to bring in a **suggested donation of £2** on this day for our appeal.

### 2) Walk with Family:

Children and families might like to work together to raise additional funds this Lent by increasing their own walking habits. Maybe you could:

- Go for a family walk instead of paying for another activity and donate the money you saved.
- Not use a delivery service, walk to collect instead and donate the delivery charge.
- Ask other family members to donate a small amount for each km the children walk (double if they walk without moaning!)

Collect your donations at home and children can bring them into school on our BIG Walk day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>



March

Miss Devlin and the St Peter's Pals will be sharing more about the Walk Against Hunger appeal in our assembly on Monday. We are also looking forward to a special Live Assembly with one of the children who CAFOD helps, on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you, in advance for your support, The RE Team

# Dates for your diary

25.02.22	Year 5 and 6 Cross County @ King George V Playing Field (previously Year 3 and 4)	
28.02.22	Parent's Evening booking opens via PARENTMAIL system @7am	<b>NEW</b>
28.02.22	BOOK WEEK—please see Parentmail for more information about book fair etc	<b>NEW</b>
28.02.22	Reading Meeting for children using Phonic Readers (YR&Y1) in the hall @2.30pm	<b>NEW</b>
01.02.22	Fr Tony visiting Y3	<b>NEW</b>
02.03.22	Ash Wednesday in School - day of prayer for peace	<b>NEW</b>
04.03.22	World Book Day Celebrations in school	<b>NEW</b>
07.03.22	Parent's Evening 3.40pm—6.30pm	<b>NEW</b>
08.03.22	Year 6 Mixed KS2 Girls football tournament @ Walton Xcel Leisure Centre, Sports Hub	<b>NEW</b>
10.03.22	Parent's Evening 5.30pm—8.30pm	<b>NEW</b>
11.03.22	Year 5 and 6 Cross County @ King George V Playing Field (previously Year 3 and 4)	<b>NEW</b>
24.03.22	Year 5 and 6 mixed football tournament @ Downsend School	<b>NEW</b>
30.03.22	Year 5 and 6 netball tournament @ Manor House School	<b>NEW</b>
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)