



Flourishing together

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

St. Peter's Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025



Headteacher Message

Good Afternoon,

We are halfway through the Spring 1st Half term this week and school continues to be a busy working environment with so much wonderful learning taking place. Sanderling class had a wonderful trip to Judge's Lodgings, where they experienced what life would have been like for a child living in the Victorian era.



Reading, Reading, Reading

This week we have been exploring how many times a child is reading each week. We understand many of our children have busy after school commitments. However, we really need to promote the importance of reading at home. We have previously explained the importance of reading, not only on ensuring children develop a love for reading but to also improve their language, vocabulary, communication and interaction skills. We still have a high number of children who are not reading at home or out of school. This does impact on their progress through the curriculum. Please make sure you spend 5-10 minutes at least three times per week reading with your child. For our older more fluent readers, please do not take it as a given that they are reading independently and please check up on this at home. (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9q>)

Reading has been highlighted in the news this week and there is a great BBC article about encouraging children to read for pleasure. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cr46nzzgp7po>

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics



The focus of this week's school worship was Peace.

This week we have focussed on 'demonstrating peace' across our school. We had a wonderful group of Y6 children who kindly acted out a short play in Monday Worship and helped us to consider how we can resolve conflict and work together to create a peaceful school.

Sporting Events

The sporting calendar is underway, so please keep a look out for letters coming home with your child/ren.

Football

Our Y5 and 6 children represented the school amazingly this week. They demonstrated resilience, determination and team work. Mrs Biggs reports they played exceptionally well and that yesterday just wasn't quite their day, however, we are extremely proud of the children and their attitudes and thank parents for their continuous support.

Request from Sanderling Class

Thank you to those who have brought resources for junk modelling to Sanderlings class. We are still in need of some more items such as **pringle tubes, kitchen roll tubes, 1lt plastic bottles, 500 ml bottles, tin foil, any card, yogurt pots** for our DT rocket project this half term. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Year 5 Lakeside Information Evening

Mrs Owens will be holding a Lakeside information evening on **Tuesday 11th February from 5pm - 6pm.**

Please feel free to come along to the Y5 classroom if your child will be attending the Lakeside trip - no booking required.

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Star of the Week



We have had another wonderful week in school, full of positive attitudes to learning and resilience, along with excellent representation of our school. Well done to all our stars this week!

Class	For
Skylark - Adonis	Showing exceptional kindness and care towards his friends in class.
Sanderling - Isaac	Being a wonderful representative of school!
Oystercatcher - Flynn	Showing an amazing attitude to all of your learning. Your enthusiasm and hard work is wonderful.
Eider Ducks - Anna	Always having a fantastic attitude to your learning. You are eager to learn and are super helpful in and out class.
Turnstones - Oliver W	Always working to a high standard in everything he does.
Dunlins - Ava E	Showing a resilient attitude to maths. You have developed your knowledge and skills exceptionally well.
Lapwings - Bella	Being Enthusiastic, passionate about learning and giving everything 100% effort.
Curlews - Jasmine	Trying really hard, working independently and being AMAZING!

Caring for Creation – Planet Protectors



As part of our school vision to 'care for creation' and also in line with our developments, we have a group of children who are committed to leading change across our school. Our aim is to be more sustainable and look at ways of protecting our planet.

This week our 'Planet Protector' group have met to discuss improvements for this year. They have suggested we work on the following...

- Planting pollinating plants in spring and summer.
- Looking at ways in which we can make compost from our green waste.
- Creating bug friendly areas around the school grounds.
- Promoting and encouraging a 'walk to school week' to reduce traffic and emissions.
- Reducing the use of single use plastics in school and improving our recycling systems.
- Having 'Eco Monitors' in each class to ensure lights are turned off and that bins are used correctly.



Following on from their meeting, the Planet Protectors went on a walk and collected litter in our local area. They will continue to meet on a monthly basis and encourage other children to share ways in which we can make a difference.

Animal Care – Visit from Maggie



This week we had a visit from Steph and Maggie the Greyhound who is currently residing at Animal Care. As already mentioned, our school vision teaches the children about caring for creation.

Steph led an assembly for the whole school about responsible pet ownership and talked about the work of Animal Care in Lancaster. She then visited Turnstones and Dunlins classes for a further question and answer session.

Following the visit, Steph provided very positive feedback about our school:

"I was overwhelmed with how kind, gentle and respectful the children were and they asked some very perceptive questions. Maggie was certainly so chilled that she lay down to have a nap at the front of Yr 4's classroom!"

If any parents / carers would like to support Animal Care, they are welcoming donations of Harrington's dry dog food. We are happy to collect this in school and arrange delivery. Please bring any donations to the school office. We also share a flyer at the bottom of this newsletter, which provides details of their upcoming '80's Music Quiz and Disco Night'...

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Keeping Safe Online – Accessing Inappropriate Content

In school we use a lot of the materials from The National College for Online Safety:

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/age-inappropriate-content>

This week our focus is 'Inappropriate Content'. "Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's perfectly acceptable for one age group, for example, may be highly unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children to be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content. (National College)

Parking Reminder

Please remember to park responsibly and courteously, to keep our families and neighbours safe. This seems to be an issue around all of our local schools and has now triggered further checks from the Local Policing teams. The schools have been provided with information on how community members can report poor parking. We would prefer people to consider how they are parking and dropping their child(ren) off rather than reporting other parents and family members for parking irresponsibly and putting others at risk.

School Menu

We are continuing to make tweaks to our school meals menu in order to reduce food waste and also ensuring our children have choices that they like. All children in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to take a free school meal. We strongly encourage this. We have listened to the feedback of the children and liaised with the catering team to make some further changes to the menu. We are bound with LCC catering team and the produce they have available.



Next week we are on Week 3:

	Red	Blue	Green
Monday 27th	Big Brunch – sausage, omelette, crispy potatoes and beans	Salmon fillet fingers with crispy potatoes, peas and sweetcorn	Jacket potato with cook's choice of filling and salad
Tuesday 28th (Lego Day)	Pizza margherita with skinny fries, beans or sweetcorn	Tomato and mascarpone pasta with herby bread and salad	
Wednesday 29th	Roast chicken or quorn with gravy, roast potatoes and veg	Sandwich roll, tortilla chips and salad	
Thursday 30th	Pastry cheese whirl with herby wedges and beans	Spaghetti bolognaise with dough balls and salad	Jacket potato with cook's choice of filling and salad
Friday 31st	Fish fingers with chips and peas or beans	Pizza margherita with chips and peas or beans	Filled sandwich roll with tortilla chips and salad

Up and Coming Events

Over the next few weeks there will be further correspondence in relation to...

- Sporting Events
- Parents Evenings - 4th March and 5th March
- World Book Day - Thursday 6th March. The theme will be "Books at Bedtime" and children will be able to attend school in their PJ's.
- Y2 (Children who wish to take part in Lancaster Music Festival) – Event is at The Town Hall 7pm – 8pm (more information to follow)
- Mother's Day - Friday 4th April. We will be celebrating and inviting Mothers or significant people to a stay and play session with your child from 1.30pm onwards. Please put the date in your diary!

Food Bank – Donations

Urgently needed items

Nappies Size 5+

Nappies Size 6

Nappies Size 6+



Thank You to all the parents and families that donated during the Autumn Term. As a school we continue to be committed to support our community and live out our Christian Vision of having a positive impact on the world around us we ask for donations. Please only donate where you can.

Date	Class – Food Bank Friday
Friday 24 th January	Eider Ducks (Y2)
Friday 31 st January	Turnstones (Y3)
Friday 7 th February	Skylarks (YR)
No Donations as we will organise a collection from the Foodbank for this week. School Closes for Half Term on Friday 14 th February	

Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 27th January

Monday 27 th January	*Please ensure Ukulele and Singing Festival slips are returned and Oystercatcher's / Lapwings trip actions are completed on ParentPay, ideally before Wednesday*
Tuesday 28 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Swimming (AM) – please ensure swimming kits are in school • Y2 Art Club (3.15 – 4.15pm). Places have been confirmed via email.
Wednesday 29 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAM Club (3.15 – 4.15pm) • Spanish Club (3.15 – 4.15pm)
Thursday 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oystercatcher's Trip to Judges Lodgings-please complete ParentPay actions • Y1 Lil Beatz Club (3.15 – 4.15pm) • Y4 / 5 Ball Games Club (3.15 – 4.15pm) • Y4 Athletics (4-5.30pm approx) @ Lancaster & Morecambe College – see letter
Friday 31st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 / 6 Athletics (3.30 – 5pm approx) @ Lancaster & Morcambe College – see letter

Dance yourself dizzy & help the animals at our...

80S MUSIC QUIZ & DISCO NIGHT

WITH PREMIUM MC EVENT HOST
DJ DANNY MATTHEWS
IN AID OF ANIMAL CARE

SAT 29TH MARCH
@ 7.30PM

AT THE GREGSON, LANCASTER
ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY £10
BOOK USING QR CODE

QUIZ STARTS @ 8PM!
DANCING A MUST!
FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!

ANIMAL CARE

Tuesday 28th January 2025
INTERNATIONAL LEGO DAY

Lego Pizza Margherita

with Skinny Fries, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn, or Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Dough Balls

~ Warm Waffle with Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee Sauce

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