



## St Peter's Pastoral Newsletter Autumn 2020

Welcome to the Autumn term newsletter for the pastoral life of St Peter's. The Pastoral Team are Mrs Scott (Head teacher) Ms McBride (DHT, Pastoral & RE Leader) Miss Freeman (School Council Lead) Miss Doe (SENCO) Mrs Barnes (Rainbows & School Chaplain) Mr Miles (Healthy Schools & PSHE Leader) John Mudad (Foundation Governor for RE) Father Edward (Parish Priest)

This term is so very different to any other, in so many ways. More now than ever we must support each other and look after each other.

### **PSHE**

We will be using Jigsaw (scheme of work) to promote and support the teaching of PSHE. It covers all the main objectives appropriate to the age of the children.

### **Masses and Services**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions there are no Masses and services planned for this term.

### **Class Assemblies**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Theme</b>
21-09-2020	6A	Hope
05-10-2020	6H	Vocation
19-10-2020	5B	Celebrating Black History
16-11-2020	5M	All Different, All Equal
07-12-2020	4H	Celebrating Christmas

### **Sunbeams & Rainbows Bereavement Support**

At St Peter's we are fortunate to be able to offer Sunbeams & Rainbows Counselling. Rainbows is a well-respected national charity having a proven and positive impact on the lives of children, young people and adults grieving a significant and often devastating loss in their lives. Our vision is quite simply for these children to be understood and supported appropriately. The work of Rainbows is tried, tested and researched, monitored and evaluated. We know the impact of our work is long-lasting and has a tangible impact on people's lives.

### **Behaviour Rewards & Awards**

Our behaviour Policy continues to be a success, and the children appreciate and value the clear expectations, rewards and consequences of their attitude and behaviour. Thank you to the parents for supporting the school.

At St Peter's we aim to reward and praise children for their good efforts. Recognising, sharing and celebrating achievement is an important part of our lives. Such an approach creates a positive environment in which children can develop an understanding of relationships with others and a sense of self-discipline.

This happens in a variety of ways. Teachers are still encouraged to let the HT/DHT know about their children who have worked hard to achieve a particular target for praise and acknowledgement.

It is important that good behaviour is acknowledged and rewarded for all pupils; whether they are consistently cooperative or hard working, or they have succeeded in correcting inappropriate behaviour and/or work patterns.

Most children respond to small rewards and much can be accomplished both in the classroom and around the school by well-placed words, smiles and gestures. Our updated Behaviour Policy is available to view on the website.

### **Pupil Chaplaincy**

We are truly thankful for the work of Our Pupil Chaplains and they truly live out the Gospel Values. Special thanks and appreciation to our outgoing Chaplains, (The class of 2020) who truly were great ambassadors in promoting the Catholic life of the school. God Bless you all in your new schools. You are an inspiration to those that follow you.

### **Our New Chaplains**

This year will bring different challenges for our new chaplains, as they won't have the freedom to fulfil their ministry as they have in the past, by visiting classes, but they will be leading Chaplaincy assemblies and presentations of the Wednesday Word, leading prayers, and setting an example at living out the Gospel values.

To help support with this and grow our Pupil Chaplaincy, there will be Class Chaplains in the younger classes, to help deliver the presentations prepared by our Year 6 Chaplains.

Their role in the school is still as follows:

- To help the school be a community of faith.
- To encourage pupils to live their faith daily.
- To support the liturgy, prayer and the spiritual life of the school.  
To involve pupils in fundraising activities.
- To support the school in its Mission and Vision Statements.

Follow the work of our Chaplains in their monthly newsletter.

Building links in the community and the parish will resume as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

Our new chaplains will be inaugurated and blessed by Father Edward on October 6th. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Chiamanda, Natalia, Gabrielle, Ruth, Ruby, Mona Lisa, Adaora, Ellis, Odiaka, Evergreen, Tobi, Chiemerigo, James & Jim**

#### **Core Values**

**All the Core Values have now been fully embedded into school life. The weekly Core Value Ambassadors are an integral part of Friday assembly, where children and adults are nominated by children and adults for displaying our values.**

Our School Core Values form a focal point for Collective Worship across the school, and the way we nominate 'Core Value Ambassadors' is a positive and important part of the Catholic Life of the school. We are committed as a school to continue to promote Religious Education as a lifelong process and we recognise the best way for our children to be fully engaged and to be living that faith is to make it active and alive.

**PERSEVERANCE, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, COMPASSION, ENTHUSIASM**

#### **The Common Good**

October	Weekly Rosary during October, with recorded presentations
11-11-2020	Remembrance Day Prayers
23-11-2020	Red Wednesday
December	Weekly Angelus during December
04-12-2020	Dagenham Food Bank Collection

<b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>After School Club</b>
Every weekday from 7.30am – 8.45am  Please speak to Mrs Cosburn and/or Mrs Ryan about arrangements.	Every day from 3.15pm - 5.30pm  Please contact the school office a form, or the school mobile on 07932 534751
<b>School Clubs (Beginning after half term)</b>	
Monday	Before school: Year 6 Multisports After school: Year 5 IMTS Football
Tuesday	Before school: Year 3 Multisports Before school: Judo After school: Year 6 IMTS Football
Wednesday	Before school: Year 4 IMTS Gymnastics After school: Year 4 IMTS Football
Thursday	Before school: Year 4 Multisports After school: Year 2 IMTS Football
Friday	Before school: Year 5 Multisports Before school: Judo After school: Year 3 IMTS Football