



## St Peter's Pastoral Newsletter Autumn 2021

Welcome to the Autumn term newsletter for the pastoral life of St Peter's. It has been a while since we have had a newsletter, Covid changed the school landscape a lot in the last 18 months. The Pastoral Team are Mrs Scott (Head teacher) Ms McBride (DHT & RE Leader) Mr Lay (School Council Lead) Miss Doe (SENCO) Mrs Barnes (Rainbows & Chaplaincy Coordinator) Mr Miles (PSHE Lead) John Mudad (Foundation Governor for RE) Father Edward (Parish Priest)

<b>Counselling</b>	<b>PSHE</b>
We are fortunate to have a trained counsellor to work with our children who may be experiencing difficulties. This is provided with parental consent.	We are continuing to use 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**

This term we are reinstating Mass attendance on a Friday for two classes. KS2 will be having a beginning of the year Mass on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, where the new pupil Chaplains will be commended by Fr Edward.

Friday Masses	Friday Mass attendance for two classes each time.
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### **Class Assemblies**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Theme</b>
20-09-2021	6H	Beginnings
04-10-2021	6W	Perseverance
18-10-2021	5M	Celebrating Black History
15-11-2021	5B	Choices
29-11-2021	4L	Advent
13-12-2021	4H	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 encouraged to send children who have worked hard to achieve a particular target to the HT/DHT 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. We continue to review and update our Behaviour Policy and it is available to view on the website.

### **Pupil Chaplaincy**

Our Pupil Chaplaincy continues to be at the centre of the Catholic life of our school. Particularly last year, our Chaplains were faced with many obstacles in trying to promote and lead in their Mission when they were unable to run the groups that we always did previously. However, they made it a success, and they recorded and filmed the Wednesday Word each week and led the Gospel in Friday Zoom assemblies, they continued to lead by example and were exceptional in their ministry in challenging times. We remember them with thanks and we keep them in our prayers as they begin the next chapter in their secondary schools.

**Adoara, Chiamanda, Chimerigo, Chy Chy, Ellis, Evergreen, Gabrielle, James, Jim, Mona Lisa, Natalia, Odiaka, Ruth & Tobi**

**We are truly thankful for the work of Our Pupil Chaplains and they truly live out the Gospel Values. God Bless you all in your new schools. You are an inspiration to those that follow you.**

Their role in the school is as follows:

- To help the school be a community of faith.
- To encourage pupils to live their faith daily.
- To develop good relationships within and beyond the school community.  
To support the liturgy, prayer and the spiritual life of the school.  
To involve pupils in fundraising activities.
- To continue to develop strong links with the Parish.  
To support the school in its Mission and Vision Statements.  
Follow the work of our Chaplains in their monthly newsletter.

Our new chaplains will be inaugurated and blessed by Father Edward on September 18th. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Aimua, Andi, Angel Jada, Anthony, Chiagoziem, Chi Chi, Demi, Elijah, Emmalee, Joshua, Julia, Kamil, Osasere, Sherise, Treasure, Uchechi & Xavier**

#### Core Values

**Our Core Values continue to be a central feature of St Peter's school life and remind us of some of the qualities we cherish and bring us closer to Jesus. 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.**

'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. St Peter's core values, which we can celebrate and live like we do our Gospel values.

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

#### The Common Good

**Last term we held an 'orange day' fundraiser for St Francis Hospice, and we raised a huge £406.43 for a very worthy cause. It has been so difficult to try and fundraise in the last 18 months but your generosity shone through as always.**

#### Breakfast Club

Every weekday from 7.30am – 8.45am

Please speak to Mrs Cosburn and/or Mrs Ryan about arrangements.

#### After School Club

We are happy now to be offering After School Club.

Every day from 3,15pm -5.30pm  
Please contact the school office a form, or the school mobile on 07932 534751

School Clubs (first half term)	
Monday	Before school: Year 5 Multisports After school: Year 4 Football
Tuesday	Before school: Year 1/2/3 Judo After school: Year 3 Multisports
Wednesday	Before school: Year 6 football
Thursday	Before school: Year 4/5/6 Acro Gymnastics After school: Year 2 football
Friday	Before school: Year 4/5/6 Judo After school: Year 1/2/3 Acro Gymnastics