



SS Peter and Paul October Newsletter



To all of our pupils and families,

As the half term finishes we wish to thank you for your support. Much to celebrate this half term and we can all look forward to a well-earned rest!

Blessed Carlo Acutis – Feast day 12th October

We have been blessed with a half term full of special celebrations and opportunities to participate in collective worship. This year's Feast for our Parish Saint Blessed Carlo Acutis was very special indeed. Children led a vigil involving their own poems, prayers and art. Our pupils also represented the school at Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Longley to receive an image to have in school. Mass was celebrated in our school hall on his Feast Day and Year 6 taught us all about this inspirational Saint in their assembly. Well done to all our pupils involved in these liturgical events.

St Francis Day – 4th October

We used the Feast day of St Francis to bring together all our work across the school about creation and care of our common home. All of the schools in our company (St Francis & St Clare) were given a gift of an olive tree in honour of St Francis and we look forward to planting this tree in the spring in our prayer garden for all to enjoy.

Rosary

Throughout October daily Rosary prayer group has taken place in the prayer garden with pupils leading a decade of the Rosary daily to mark this month when we honour Mary. To support your child saying the Rosary at home, you will find a support booklet on our website in the 'Catholic Life' section.



Year 4 Holy Communion – Saturday 16th October



Congratulations to the ten children in Year 4 receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend at Church. They were beautifully prepared and participated in the Mass prayerfully. We hope their experience encourages families to receive regularly to grow closer to God.

Art Competition Winner – Peter and Paul

Congratulations to Ella for designing our mascots Peter & Paul – an extra special prize awaits but, in the meantime, we are delighted to acknowledge your special gift. Watch out for the final designs, coming soon.



Anti-Bullying Award

We are celebrating news that we have been awarded the Antibullying Award for a second time! It is pleasing to see our commitment to tackling all forms of bullying is recognised as a strength of the school. Children representing SSPP will collect the award next month at a special ceremony.



Black History Month

Across the school we began the year learning about significant people who have made a difference, many of the role models' children have been learning about are inspirational models we have continued to learn more about in Black History Month. We have opportunities for children to take part in two competitions within the City to further celebrate cultural diversity, one in a creative way in artistic designs called 'Proud to Be' for a competition run by the Wolves Foundation and another involving writing entries across the City. Full details will be sent separately, please encourage your child you take an interest and enter. Our Early Years classes have a Black History Month event on Thursday in school, look out for pictures on the website to share their experience. You can also find out about Marcus Rashford's book club ☺



Poppy Appeal & Recycling Project



Pupils in Year 6 will be selling poppy's, wristbands, keyrings in school to support the British Legion. Children wanting to support this can bring 50p or £1 as a donation after half term.

We are also creating an art project to mark 100 years of the poppy appeal. We are collecting clear plastic bottles with a flower shaped base. If you have any, please rinse, dry them and send them in with your child. Thank you! All will be revealed for Remembrance Day

House of Lords – Live Question & Answer Session

Members of our School Council have been able to get to know Lord Russell of Liverpool, asking him their own questions about his role in Parliament and what motivates him as a politician. This is part of our lead up to National Parliament Week next half term and follows recent school visits from two local Memebers of Parliament. We were lucky to be able to have a Lords Online session and hope these opportunities might inspire our pupils to go on to roles that support community and policy making.



Summer Challenge Success!



Congratulations to Jake & Mia on being awarded the top prize for the challenges you completed over the summer holidays. It was superb to showcase your projects in Praise Assembly. Enjoy spending your vouchers.

If you are working towards a challenge of your own, bring in certificates, trophies, medals so we can congratulate you in school!



Well-being Award – Can you help?

We are hoping to submit our application for the Wellbeing Award for Schools very soon – it would help us to receive parent feedback. If you have an interest and time to complete an online form, please text WELLBEING to School Comms or send us an email and we will arrange for a survey to be sent to you directly from WAS. Thank you very much ☺

Coming up:

Date:	Event:
Tuesday 19 th October	Reception parents reading meeting 9am in the school hall
Wednesday 20 th October	School Photographs – individual portraits (siblings at 8:40am by booking in advance see email 13.10.21) School uniform on this day.
Thursday 21 st October	Year 1 parents reading meeting 9am in the school hall
Friday 22 nd October	Year 4 – First Holy Communion celebration, the whole class can wear their own clothes for a celebration in school.
Friday 22 nd October	Year 5 Class Assembly 9:10am in the hall – parents welcome
Mon 26 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term
Monday 1 st November	Back to school
Friday 6 th November	Year 5 swimming starts
Monday 8 th November	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 th November	Nursery & Reception Parents Evening – separate correspondence to book
Monday 15 th – Wednesday 17 th November	Year 5 & 6 Residential

Message from our Chair of Governors

We hope you are all managing to cope during the ongoing pandemic with all its various restrictions.

We want to assure you that Mrs Byrne together with all her staff are continuing to do their utmost to ensure the health of your children while they are in our care as well as providing the best of educational opportunities for them. Thank you for all your cooperation with the measures that we have in place.

We have a vacancy on the Local Governing Body for a Parent Governor so please think about joining us. If you are interested please contact me or Mrs Byrne for an initial discussion. My contact details are: 07544969402 or dspinks@sfscmac.co.uk

We hope you and your children will enjoy the October break.