

Newsletter

13th November 2020

A Great Start to Term!

Thank you to everyone who has followed all our guidelines and systems over the last couple of weeks. Despite going into another lockdown, everyone is running smoothly at school and children are happy and learning well.

Although being in lockdown presents many challenges, it also provides us with an opportunity to look at things through fresh eyes and think about how we can show 'Excellence in who we are – Excellence in all we do – Excellence in our service with others' in many different ways. Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen many examples of excellence throughout our school community and are delighted to be able to share some of our happy news with you!

Excellence in Our Service with Others

Remembrance

On Wednesday 11th November, the children and staff 'remembered' in a really different, but memorable, way. Our year 6 children put together a very professional and moving service which was shared with all classes across the school. A shared act of Remembrance was led - over our tannoy system - by Kofi, Evie and Niamh. 'For The Fallen' was read beautifully and 'The Last Post' was played. Then, the whole school fell silent as we took part in a minute's silence to the sound of the St Peter's church bells marking the eleventh hour. We were very proud of all our children who marked Remembrance day with such respect and gratitude.



Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. We are absolutely delighted to announce that St Peter's School raised a massive:

£476-13

Jenny came to collect the money and wants to pass on her thanks on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

A Learning Legacy

Last term, year 5 learned about slums in geography. Natasha, in Golden Eagle class, was so concerned about people living in poverty that she decided to give a large proportion of her birthday money to help children who were struggling. She gave £30 to Oxfam to help children abroad, and also gave £20 to the food bank to help kids who are struggling in this country.



We are so proud of her kind, considerate and generous donation. Thank you and well done, Natasha.

Children in Need

It was wonderful to see an array of colourful onesies and dressing gowns parading around the one-way systems on the playground this morning! Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our Children in Need event today. We will be out collecting again at the end of the day and will announce the grand total next week.



Anti-Bullying Week 16th - 20th November

Next week is Anti Bullying Week and the theme this year is 'United Against Bullying'. We will be holding **Odd Socks Day on Wednesday 18th November** and we are asking all members of our school community to wear their brightest and oddest socks! This shows that we are united against bullying and celebrate difference because everyone is unique.



During the week, we will be doing lots of activities in class using our 'Jigsaw' programme and having a focus on Celebrating Difference. We will also be sharing an anti-bullying assembly with all the children.

If your child would like to join in with the anti-bullying song at home – please click on the link below and you will find Andy and the Odd Socks!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6hR6rTHFSk>

Thinking Ahead to Christmas....

As you are all aware, Christmas is going to look rather different from usual this year. We have lots of plans in the pipeline to ensure that everyone has a happy and memorable festive season and look forward to sharing these with you very soon. **However, one thing that we know that the children WON'T be able to do this year is bring in and exchange Christmas cards.** We just wanted to flag this up early before anyone buys and spends time writing out lots of cards for peers and teachers. I am sure that we will all come up with new and creative ways of celebrating the season with friends and family this year and it will be a memorable year!

Youth Sports Trust Online After School Club

Every weekday at 5pm until the end of term (18 December), YST are running a 30-minute online club for all children and young people to do some sport, develop skills and, most importantly, have fun!

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

Many children and young people across the UK will be missing out on their usual sport clubs. YST are here to help all young people feel part of a club that helps them develop skills and learn something new. The Youth Sport Trust's After School Sport Club is about much more than physical fitness. It will help children develop physical literacy and confidence to try lots of new sports, helping all children find a sport for them.

The After School Sport Club will be led by Athlete Mentors from different backgrounds, abilities and sports. The first session will take place on Thursday 12 November at 5pm, with the world's number one female inline skater and ten times British Champion, [Jenna Downing](#).

Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Wilmott as our new KS1 leader. She is a very experienced and much valued and respected member of our team and we know that children, and parents alike, will be glad to see her in this role. As always, we ask that, if you have any queries or concerns about your child, you should contact your child's teacher in the first instance as they are best placed to help address these. However, should you need to contact her, you can email her on Year12phaseleader@spps.school.uk

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