



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Y3 CLASS LETTER Summer 2017

Welcome back! We very much hope that you've had a peaceful Easter break and have been enjoying the sunshine.

Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

Over the next half term, we are going to be reading 'Firebird', a Russian folk story retold by Saviour Pirotta. Our writing focuses will be recounts and diary entries in role as the character of Prince Ivan. As the story inspired a ballet, we will be listening to some of the music composed by Stravinsky alongside reading the story and will be using this music in our dance lessons.

In Maths, our main focuses this term include spotting patterns and becoming increasingly fluent in our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will also be looking at measuring and recording weight and volume.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We hope to organise an Ancient Greek day towards the end of the half term where we can dress up and take part in a 'mini Olympics'. Further details about this will be sent out to you nearer the time.

In RE, we will be continuing to learn about Easter. We will be learning about Pentecost and what qualities the Holy Spirit brings into our lives. We will be linking this into our new Computing topic of creating PowerPoint presentations and will be presenting our RE work to the rest of the class. In addition, we are very much looking forward to our trip to Walsingham on the 19th May. In preparation for this trip we will be considering why Walsingham is such a special place and what is meant by the term 'pilgrimage'.

Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

Takeaway homework – Takeaway homework for this half term will be sent home next week. We hope your child continues to enjoy choosing their homework activities and sharing their learning with you. Please continue to send homework back for our Homework Gallery display area.

Maths: Times tables – We have introduced a new star chart on our Maths display board. Each week the children in Year 3 can earn stars for their fluency in the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and their related division facts.

Reading and library – Ideally your child should be reading at least three times a week at home. This does not always have to be their school issued reading book, although these books are designed to practice any Phonics your child may be struggling with. We have recently replaced Show and Tell sessions with Book Club, so the children can share stories and other books which they have enjoyed reading at home and recommend them to their friends. Please record any additional reading your child does in their contact book, regardless of whether it is a school book or not.

Our library will be undergoing some very exciting changes over this half term, which means that we will need to keep our library books in school, temporarily, so your child will not be taking a library book home in the coming weeks. If you currently have any library books at home, we would ask that you return these by the 28th April or as soon as possible.

Things happening in school that you can get involved with	<p>Our Masses this term are on the following dates and will start at 10:00:</p> <p>28/04/17 (Whole school Mass with the Bishop)</p> <p>19/05/17 (Mass at Walsingham church – parents are unfortunately unable to attend this)</p> <p>16/06/17 (Whole school Mass)</p> <p>29/06/17 (Whole school Mass)</p> <p>07/07/17 (Y3 and 4 Mass – TBC)</p> <p>21/07/17 (Whole school Mass)</p>
Please take note of these points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PE kit needs to come in to school on Monday mornings. It will stay at school all week and then go home with your child on Friday.</i> This is because we don't always have PE lessons on the same day or time each week and try to do as much physical learning as we can. • Children will be doing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...).
How you can get in contact with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please write a note in your child's school diary in the first instance. We will respond back either in the school diary or through a phone call to update you. Appointments to meet with teachers need to be made in this way. • The start and end of each school day are always very busy and it is not usually possible for teachers to meet with parents at these times without making an appointment. • If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office. • Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone (<i>details below</i>).
<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.</p>	
<p>Many thanks for your support</p>	
<p>Miss A Nobes</p>	<p>Y3 Class Teacher</p>