St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School



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Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.



The Blessing of the Harvest

Almighty Lord God, You keep on giving abundance to men in the dew of heaven, and food out of the richness of the soil. We give thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the fruits of the field which we have gathered. We beg of You, in Your mercy, to bless our harvest, which we have received from Your generosity. Preserve it, and keep it from all harm. Grant, too, that all those whose desires You have filled with these good things may be happy in Your protection. May they praise Your mercies forever, and make use of the good things that do not last in such a way that they may not lose those goods that are everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Harvest

The children in Year 1-6 attended harvest mass at the church this morning. Thank you to all the families who donated food. Below is only a small representation of what was given. Representatives from the food bank delivered an assembly to the children in the afternoon to explain why food banks are so important to the community and how their donations will be used.



Geography Field Trips

Last week, Year 3 hit the high street to ask members of the local community how they thought the town could be improved. The consensus was that the area needed more litter pickers to keep the area tidy.

Yesterday, Year 6 headed out onto the Norfolk Broads, taking the Belle of the Broads boat from Wroxham to find out more about the local environment.



School Values

Believe, Love, Respect and Trust.

With Christ at the centre of all we do we Believe and Trust in Him to help us to show Love and Respect to



OFSTED

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, OFSTED visited the school. We would like to thank all the parents who completed the OFSTED questionnaire and those who spoke to the Inspector on Wednesday morning outside school. Throughout the 2-day inspection, the team observed lessons and met with staff, subject leaders and the leadership team. They listened to children read and spoke with children about their learning and what the school was like. They also met representatives from the Junior Leadership Team and the Mini Vinnies. We now have to wait for the report to finalised and a copy will be sent out to all parents later in the Autumn Term once it has been received.

Pantosaurus

In our upcoming PSHE lessons, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term, 'sexual abuse'. In the lesson, children will learn about the PANTS acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that is fully age appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guidecan be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule.

Friends of SMSP

There is a meeting on Tuesday 11th October at 8:50am for members of the Friends of SMSP. We will be discussing a number of items including the November and Christmas discos and the Christmas Fair.

School Vision

We believe that even with God's love we can sometimes experience challenges. Just like our patron saints, Mary and Peter, they experienced difficult times in their life that took strength and perseverance to overcome. At our school, we value this challenge and encourage children to experience it, knowing that together with our support and love, they will experience a successful outcome be it in an academic subject or through social experiences. We are all exploring our own talents and each day we 'Set Sail for Success'

Birthdays

It is lovely that some families choose to share their children's birthday celebrations with the rest of the class by sending in sweets. However, we are a nut free school and there are nuts in sweets such as Celebrations and Heroes. We also request that no cakes are brought in. Small bags of Haribo are suggested which staff can hand out at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

On-line Safety

Tips to help children stay safe on social media

Review the location settings - Remind them, and explain why, they
shouldn't share location on posts, or public forums and chats, videos
or with people they don't know. Review the location settings on
their favourite app or game and talk to them about what they're
sharing online.

Sometimes it might be appropriate for your child to share their location with a trusted adult or friend. For example, if they're travelling home alone or arranging to meet a group of friends outside school, then it can be a good way to help keep them safe.

Remember: If children share their location publicly, it could be seen by someone they don't know.

This can increase the risk of cyberbullying, stalking or unwanted contact (from friends or others) or becoming a target.

Get to know the safety and privacy settings - Explore the safety and
privacy settings on any app, to decide which are right to use for your
child. Each app has slightly different ways to set up an account, but
most have the option to set an account to private, to not allow friend
requests, and to hide the user's location. Explain these settings to
your child and the reasons for having them in place.

 Age ratings and features - Get to know the age ratings of the apps that your child uses. Many have a minimum age of 13 years old to be able to sign up, but you should check the age rating of individual apps to make sure. Don't forget that you know your child best, and you might decide
that they need to be a little bit older before it's suitable for them.