PANCRAS St Pancras Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term Newsletter - 18th December 2020

In St Pancras, we are loving and kind, we pray and we play, we learn and explore through our faith everyday.



Our Gospel Values

Courage

Creativity Forgiveness

Generosity

Humility

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Perseverance

Stewardship

Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sandvig

Head of School

Mrs Martin

SENCO

Mrs Silke-Cooper

Our Classes

Miss Aldous

Mrs Iannelli

Mrs Abbott

Mrs Jones & Mrs Smith Mrs Tella

Mrs Rafferty

Mrs Dowsing

Ms Hughes

Mrs Tooke

Ms Borley

Mr McGill

Mr Grimwood

Mrs Catalanotto

Mrs Thackeray Mrs Durston

Rainbows

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

Class 5

Class 6

Attendance: 96.5%

Attendance target: 97%

From Mrs Martin...

We are bursting with pride for our wonderful children following our appearance on BBC Look East. What a lovely way to finish the term!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

Firstly, I would like to thank the children for the resilience and determination they have shown throughout this year. I pray that they will never know a year like it again, but I am so proud of the way they have overcome this difficult situation and continued to learn and thrive at school.

Secondly, I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff at St Pancras. Every adult in this building prioritises the happiness and wellbeing of our children. They are a staff that continually put others before themselves and I could not be prouder of our St Pancras team and the way we have worked together through the difficulties of this incredibly unpredictable year.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support you have given our school. We have all pulled together to keep our community as safe as possible and we should all be proud of our efforts.

And I will finish by saying may God's blessing be on all of you and your family this Christmas. Stay safe and have a very Merry Christmas!



Lucille Martin

House Points

St Oscar -1089

St Jean Paul - 1112

St Josephine - 786

St Teresa - 1032

Congratulations to St Jean Paul, we will organise your nonuniform day next term. Well done! A special thank you to Simply Wedding movies for their videography of our nativity play and to Jacobs Ladder Productions for the Makaton nativity musical - 'Born

A special thank you



TERM DATES

Autumn Term Last day 18th December 2020 Christmas Holiday 19th December to 3rd January 2021

Spring Term 4th January to 26th March 2021

Half Term 15th February to 19th February 2021 Please note 4th January is a non pupil day—school re-opens on

5th January 2021

Business Manager Mrs Pettit

Caretaker Mi Mr Scopes M

<mark>Midday Supervisor</mark> Mrs Mikus

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|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Mrs | Cork | | | |

Administrative Assistant Mrs Ransome

News from Year 6...

We have had an incredibly busy term in Year 6 so far, with an amazing amount of progress made! In English lessons, we have read two brilliant texts: *Journey to The River Sea* and *Stay Where you are and then Leave*, linked to our Geography and History topics of Brazil and World War One. The writing produced from our work with these texts has been fantastic and the children have enjoyed reading them, as well as some other suggested texts.

We have conducted a lot of science investigations, as we caught up with our Properties and Materials learning from Year 5, as well as investigating and learning about light. Exploring refraction, testing solubility, creating periscopes to demonstrate reflection are among several of these—I have been impressed with their scientific engagement this year!

In Maths, we have successfully combined any missed learning from Year 5, with new learning from Year 6, as we completed our number and place value units, before consolidating our four operations and then spending the vast majority of this half-term learning about fractions.

Due to COVID, obviously competing in sport against other schools has changed slightly and therefore Year 6 have entered a few virtual competitions this year. Key skills from football, basketball and cricket have been adapted into competitive scenarios and each child has then entered the competition by simply working on that key skill.

I have been thoroughly impressed with the start to Year 6 so far and the children definitely have earnt a well-deserved rest over the Christmas holidays.



Covid reporting update - IMPORTANT

- If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms (dry, persistent cough; high temperature or loss of taste / smell) you should keep them at home and arrange a test. Please remember that you need to inform the school immediately should a member of your household test positive for Covid-19.
- As part of the track and trace system we are required to track 48 hours back from the onset of symptoms or the test date (where the pupil was asymptomatic). Therefore, please be aware that if we receive a positive case for a pupil and that pupil has not been in school for 48 hours or more prior to the onset of symptoms, we will not inform the school community.
- Please also note that the isolation period has now been reduced from 14 days to 10 days in accordance with Government guidance.

WHY IS IT MPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

| How do YOU measure up? | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Attendance | Days Absent | WeeKs Absent | Lessons Missed | | |
| 95% | 9 Days | 2 Weeks | 50 Lessons | | |
| 90% | 19 Days | 4 Weeks | 100 Lessons | | |
| 85% | 29 Days | 6 Weeks | 150 Lessons | | |
| 80% | 38 Days | 8 Weeks | 200 Lessons | | |
| 75% | 48 Days | 10 Weeks | 250 Lessons | | |
| 70% | 57 Days | 11.5 Weeks | 290 Lessons | | |
| 65% | 67 Days | 13.5 Weeks | 340 Lessons | | |

89% & Below Drastic effect on academic achievement

> 95%-90% Cause for concern

100%-96% Excellent