

# St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



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## Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of St Peter's,

As this challenging half term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents and staff for all their support over these last eight weeks. Our priority is always to keep everyone safe. Sunday's gospel is perfectly timed as Jesus tells the Pharisees that, "You must love your neighbour as yourself." Pupils have done just that as the vast majority kept to their bubbles, socially distanced from their teachers and wore face coverings inside the school building. I also extend my thanks and admiration for my staff who have gone the extra mile on a daily basis. I told them I would be very grateful if they would 'chip in' back on the first day back in September and 'chip in' they have, numerous times.

It has been another busy week at St Peter's. Year 7 have had their new sets finalised, Year 11 have been busily preparing for and starting their mocks and of course, as I am sure you all saw, our Year 9 football team were victorious as they won the National Cup on Tuesday after a thrilling 5-4 win over Emerson Park. I had no nails by the end of the game! It rounded off the half term perfectly.

Please enjoy a well earned break and we look forward to welcoming back Years 7-12 on Monday 2nd November. Year 13 will follow the day after. God bless.

*Maria Murphy*

## COVID

Whilst we hope you all have a restful break. We must stress the importance that if any pupil receives a positive COVID test over the half term break, you must notify school. To do so, we have dedicated mailbox which will be monitored at all times [covid@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:covid@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk). Please include your child's name, along with a contact number for a member of to call you for more information.

## Video message from Mrs Murphy

Please take time to view a message for our pupils from Mrs Murphy.  
[Here is the link.](#)



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## Year of the Word



"In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1

## Flu Vaccine

The NHS Immunisation Team have planned to immunise Year 7 pupils within school in December 2020. Consent forms will be sent out to pupils once the Immunisation Team have organised this.

If you have any further questions, then please contact the NHS Immunisation Team on 0121 466 3410. Further details can be found [here](#).

## Year 11 GCSE Drama

Earlier in the month, Year 11 Drama students watched a recording of *Jane Eyre*, based on the book by Charlotte Bronte, devised by The Company, and directed by Sally Cookson. Usually, we would take a trip to see a performance of live theatre, but with being in a global pandemic, we did the next best thing and settled down in our very own school hall. The production was fantastic, the staging in particular was amazing, and the acting thoroughly transporting. The essays that the students have handed in about it are also very good! *Jane Eyre* is being shown over Christmas on Sky Arts, and is available on freeview, so Mrs Rai thoroughly recommends you watch out for it and settle down with the family to watch some theatre, on your sofa!



## PE arrangements

After half term, PE lessons will continue to be outside and with winter approaching, we ask all pupils to bring football boots for all their lessons.

## Are you interested in becoming a teacher?

Then apply to train with St Peter's Solihull Teaching School Alliance. Working with Newman University and The University of Warwick, we have School Direct places available in primary and secondary schools across Solihull and Birmingham and we offer a wide range of subjects. Apply now on UCAS to start in September 2021. Please don't hesitate to contact us for more information by emailing [teachingschool@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:teachingschool@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk)



## Anawim

St Peter's have supported the charity Anawim for many years at Christmas and Easter. During this time of crisis, many of their families need extra support so this year, we became involved in their Foodbank Appeal. Lauren from Anawim collected our contributions today and expressed her gratitude. Many thanks to Mrs Ibrahim-Vijaya, Mrs Kenny and Mrs Simmons for coordinating this charity event and to all staff for being so generous and kind-hearted - it really does make a huge difference!

## Schools Broadband

The schools' broadband connection is undergoing maintenance over half term so during the following periods, access to the gateway and parent/student portals will be unavailable:

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October between 9am and 12pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 2pm

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Mass times in our Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)

[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)

[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church](#)

[Olton Friary](#)

[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church](#)

## Year 9 National Champions

A massive congratulations to our wonderful Year 9's who are the National Football Champions after a very exciting and tense game against Emerson Park School from Essex. The boys started off extremely well with Mason scoring two goals inside the opening 15 minutes after wonderful wing play by Matthew. The boys continued to be in control and went 3-0 up with Luke on the end of a wonderful team move. Emerson Park managed to get a goal back before half time to leave it 3-1 at the break. The boys started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half on fire and scored another two goals with Charlie and Luke scoring wonderful goals, that were again assisted by Matthew. Emerson showed terrific character and never gave up and got the game back to 5-4. There were some very anxious moments in the last five minutes but the boys held on to be crowned the best Year 9 school team in England!

To celebrate their success, an interview with Luke and Shayne will be broadcast on Free Radio Birmingham from 7am on Sunday, on the hour, every hour.



*The Victorious Year 9s*



*Matthew M who was voted as Man of the Match by the public on a twitter poll.*

## Year 13 Parents' Evening

All Year 13 parents should now have received the details to book appointments for Parents' Evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. As explained in the letter, your child will be able to confirm with their teachers when they return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, who they should book the appointments with. Any queries, please contact the school office.

## News from across the Diocese

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