

# St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022



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## Year of the Word



"The word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us" John 1:14

## 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](#)

## Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear parents, carers, pupils and friends of St Peter's,

Despite the wind and the rain, we have enjoyed a lovely week at St Peter's. As well as the sporting success which you can read about in this issue, we have had visits from Urban Heard and also linked up with a partner school in India. I visited a variety of lessons throughout the week and was impressed with the focus and determination I saw from all the pupils.

Year 11s will have their mocks after half term. Mr Chesterman has emailed pupils and parents with their timetable, which begins with Biology and English Literature on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. They will be in our prayers as they prepare for these important assessments. I would urge them to make use of the wealth of online resources on the portal that their teachers have spent time preparing for them.

We also be celebrating Ash Wednesday in the first week back. Mr Williams has arranged a series of services, starting with Year 11 before their examination and culminating with Year 9 at 10:40am. Again, we are so grateful for our local clergy who are so supportive of our school.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our pupils a restful half term. I hope all will return to school refreshed and ready for the exciting lead up to Easter.

*Alaine Murphy*

## COVID-19 Testing

Please continue to test your child using the lateral flow testing kits twice a week. Then report the result to the [HES](#) and [school](#), using the links provided. If your child shows any symptoms, please take them for a PCR test.



Faith is our Foundation

## **Sporting achievement**

Football - A big congratulations to our Year 8 & 9 football team who won the Catholic Partnership Cup last week. The girls played 7 games in total and finished the day top of the league after remaining undefeated. They played some wonderful football and scored plenty of goals reaching the Final against Cardinal Wiseman. The girls started the final on the front foot and applied pressure from the onset which resulted in them taking an early lead and eventually running out 3-0 winners. Well done girls. We are very proud of you all.



Netball - St Peter's has had a fantastic start to the netball season. Our highlight being the Year 9 and 10 teams, both currently at top of the leader board. Both teams played a home game last night against Lode Heath. The girls have not lost their winning streak as Year 9's won 18 - 6, following onto our Year 10 team with a 31 - 1 win. Well done girls.



## **Commonwealth Games – Message from Imogen K**

I was delighted to hear the news that I was accepted to be a baton bearer for this summer's commonwealth games. It is an honour to represent St Peters Catholic School. Unfortunately, in 2021 I suffered a severe injury whilst playing netball which has restricted my ability to participate in any sport. My life has completely changed, not being able to participate in something I love. Therefore having this opportunity has made me realise that despite injury I am able to be a role model to others and share my passion for sport.



## **History Department**

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, the History Department worked in partnership with Foundation Stone. This involved some Year 7 and 8 students decorating stones in remembrance of the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered in the Holocaust and all other victims of Nazi persecution as well as those murdered in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The stones, which the students beautifully decorated, will be sent to London and will be part of



the new National Holocaust Memorial in Westminster. There were around 300 stones decorated by the students, and the students were very excited to be part of such an important event.

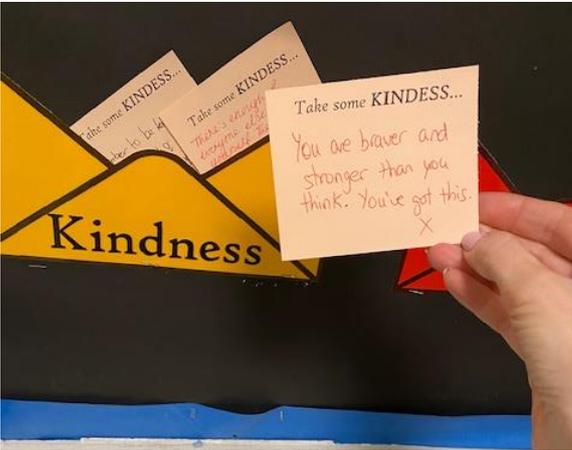
## **Allergies**

Reminder to parents of pupils with allergies: parents must ensure that their child carries 2 autoinjectors on their person at all times.

Also, it is parents' responsibility to replenish allergy medication in school. Please contact the School Nurse to arrange replacement of this medication.

## **Mental Health week**

Pupils and staff in school celebrated Children's Mental Health Week from 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> February in conjunction with the charity Place2Be. The theme for this year was 'Growing Together' and saw pupils take part in a series of form time activities across the week to deepen their understanding of mental health and wellbeing alongside considering how we continue to grow. Pupils from year 7 to 13 enjoyed the opportunity to experience Chocolate Mindfulness, Talking to my 'Younger Self', practising Self



Actualisation based on Maslow's hierarchy of needs and ended the week with a celebration of how we can all use self-care to strengthen our mental health and emotional wellbeing. Further information about practising self-care was shared with all pupils and there is now an updated notice board in school to promote this.



## **World of Prayer for the Sick**

Thank you to Mrs Martin, Mr McLiddy, Miss Heslop, Miss Kaval and Mrs Patrick for delivering assemblies this week on the importance of looking after the sick and focusing on those that care for them. All the teachers delivering emotive and inspiring assemblies on the importance of kindness and promoted the value of compassion from our Catholic Pupil Profile.

## **Urban Heard workshop**

We were delighted to welcome Kem and Hira from Urban Heard to St Peter's today. They are Youth Engagement Organisation that specialises in working with secondary aged children to boost confidence, self-esteem and self-efficacy through peer-led interventions and workshops. A group of Year 9 and 10s pupils had to the pleasure of attending these informative and thought provoking workshops. The feedback from the pupils was excellent and their enjoyment is evident in the photograph below. If you child is looking for things to do this half term, we would urge them to visit their website at [www.urbanheard.co.uk](http://www.urbanheard.co.uk) as they have a variety of activities planned and excellent facilities including a recording studio. Thank you to the pupils who being so positive and open and thank to Charly from Urban Heard for organising and for Mrs Wilkinson Flynn for supervising.



## **16-19 Bursary Fund**

For pupils in Sixth Form, please follow this link for information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund. [Pupil Finance - St Peter's Catholic School In Solihull \(st-peters.solihull.sch.uk\)](http://Pupil Finance - St Peter's Catholic School In Solihull (st-peters.solihull.sch.uk))