

# St Peter Catholic Academy Trust



## St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

*'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'*  
Diocese of Northampton  
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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

### Friday News from Mrs Maynard



#### #WeAreScientists

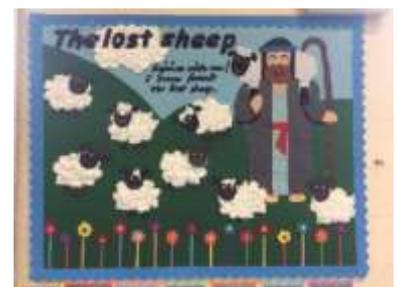
This half term's Enrichment Week has focused on Science, starting with an assembly where three of our pupils investigated whether it is possible to remove the M from an M&M sweet! I reminded the children about the amazing world that God has created for us and how science helps us to understand about the world and how it works. We had visits from the Dogs' Trust to talk about animal senses and a very special experience for some Year 5 pupils; dissecting a heart. All the classes carried out different experiments and investigations such as exploring senses, making bath bombs, and finding out about the effects of exercise on the body. It has been a very productive and interesting week, perhaps some of our pupils will be inspired to follow careers in science in the future.



#### Parables Assembly

Our whole school assembly today focused on the parables. Each class studied a different parable and have created beautiful hall displays which parents will be able to see when the class assemblies start. Pupils from each class from Nursery to Year 6 shared a parable and what we can learn from these stories that Jesus told.

It was a lovely way for Jo French, our new Chaplain, to see how wonderfully the St Ethelbert's Primary community works together to reflect, pray and celebrate.



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## Khalsa Visit

The children of Khalsa school nursery visited our Nursery children this week. They all visited Holy Redeemer church together. It is very important that all our children grow up tolerant and accepting of other faiths and welcoming to our neighbours in Slough. Our pupils will pay a return visit to Khalsa School later this term.

## Well Done!

### Writers of the Week

Well done to all our pupils who have been awarded Writer of the Week certificates this **week**.



1P Kevin Paczek	4F Rachel Fernandes
1Y Mengezi Tshuma	4E Nicola Szuba
2K Sumbul Chaudhary	5O Natalia Bednarczyk
2M Emilia Malczewska	5K Hannah Kolawole
3KP Bradley Chakadoza	6C Anastasia Barrocas
3LP Oskar Hatowski	6G Zuzanna Slomczewska

## Mathletics

Well done to Natalia Bednarczyk from 5O for gaining her **gold** certificate this week.



## Housepoints

This week's housepoint scores were as follows:

Matthew	220	Luke	231
Mark	170	John	246

Well done to all the children in **John** for their hard work last week.

## Clubs next week

The clubs running next week:

<b>Monday</b>	Martial Arts Dance
<b>Tuesday</b>	Team Building Cookery
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gymnastics
<b>Thursday</b>	Yoga and dance Knitting Football

***All clubs start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm, pick up is from the main office door***

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## General Election

St Ethelbert's will be holding a mock election to mirror the General Election on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Teachers will be preparing for this by talking about the different political parties and their election promises to help the children understand concepts such as democracy, rule of law, voting and ballots. All the children from Reception to Year 6 will take part in the school election. Newsround on CBBC is a very informative programme for primary age pupils that helps explain news stories in language appropriate for children. There is a very good website where children can find out more about the election. [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround)

## Reception Rockets

The Reception classes were set homework to make rockets last week to support the work they had been doing in class and the results are amazing! I have been in to Reception to see all their fabulous work displayed, thank you to the Reception parents who have all taken so much time and effort to work with the children to produce work they were very proud to show me and tell me all about.



## Retirement

Today we said a fond farewell to Margaret Yorke who has been our Assistant Caretaker for the past 16 years. Margaret has worked tirelessly to keep our site clean, tidy and safe as well as manning the front gate every morning, always with a ready smile and a song to share! I would like to thank Margaret for her dedication to St Ethelbert's and to wish her a very happy retirement, although I am sure she will keep herself very busy with her family. The children made a lovely booklet for Margaret and we presented her with gifts and flowers in our assembly today. We wish you all the very best Margaret.



## Reminders for next week

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - football match against Khalsa
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 1P class assembly
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – School Council trip to visit Mayor of Slough

God Bless

**St Ethelbert, pray for us**

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**Headteacher**

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