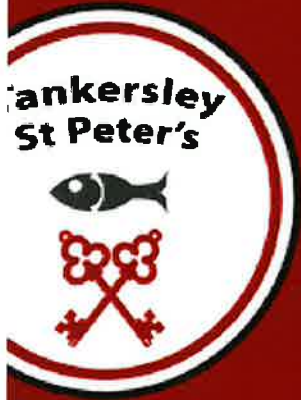


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Tankersley St. Peter's Primary School

Dear Tankersley Community



*Guide me in your
truth and teach me,
for you are God, my
saviour and my hope
in you all day long.*

What a week it has been at Tankersley St Peter's! I have just returned from a residential trip with Year 6, and I can honestly say it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my time as Head Teacher. The children were simply outstanding. Not once did I need to use my "cross voice," and there were moments when I laughed so hard I could barely breathe. They were a real credit to you all – tidy (ish), polite, and genuinely kind to one another. They did not squabble (much) and, most importantly, they tried every single thing that was asked of them with enthusiasm and good grace. I have so many highlights that it is difficult to choose just one favourite moment. However, I did tell the children that this was my favourite residential ever, and that accolade is entirely due to their fabulous behaviour. They rose to every challenge with maturity and spirit, and they made the experience truly memorable for all of us.

Mrs Kay really enjoyed the residential too and was thrilled to scoot around the park at high speeds with us all. I did think at one point, if I fall off this scooter it is going to be an ambulance job!



I must extend my personal thanks to my hairdresser, who plaited my hair every day—goodness knows what I will do without her! I must also confess that I faced some unexpected adventures. There were two rather VERY VERY scary rides that I had to go on, not once but twice, as the children were unable to access them without an adult due to height restrictions. I did not go on these rides for my own children—I held the coats instead—so I have awarded myself a Head Teacher wristband for bravery!



The water ride proved to be great fun too, though Miss Campbell and I had to go on it five times to ensure all the children got through, with Mr Flanagan taking the final group. We all emerged with very soggy bottoms, and I can confirm that my trainers are still drying out.



I would like to thank the staff who helped organise and all of the staff that gave up their time to make this such a memorable event. Your dedication and commitment made all the difference.



Dates for your diary

JUNE

24th June - Brass concert Y5

25-26th June Y5 residential

29th Y5 trip

30th June KS1 sports day

1st July

FS1 and FS2 sports day - 9:20

2nd July TT rockstar day

7th July SATS results

9th July Transition day

10th July Science day

10th July School summer disco

13th July Y2 trip

16th Y3 trip and FS1 trip

17th KS2 sports day

20th July Y6 panto p.m

21st FS2 trip

21st Y6 panto p.m

22nd Y6 leavers service 9:30 a.m.

Beyond Year 6, our Year 1 pupils were equally amazing on their recent trip to Hoyland Library. Although I understand they were quite noisy on the bus, they transformed into quiet little mice once inside the library itself. We are so fortunate to have access to such a brilliant resource, and these trips are invaluable in fostering a love of reading and learning in our younger pupils.



I am also tremendously proud to celebrate Class 3, who have won the borough-wide competition "Barnsley is a Welcoming Place" to mark Refugee Week. This is a wonderful achievement that reflects the values we hold dear at Tankersley St Peter's and the thoughtfulness of our pupils.



Some children in Year 5 attended a children's university graduation for all the hard work that they do out of school and Miss J and I were very proud of them. The children's university is a great thing to be part of and we will be rolling it out to Y5 and Y6 next year. I'm looking forward to the Y5 residential next week! It is moments like these that remind me why I love working in our school community.



This weekend, I am going to a silent disco - I am looking forward to the silence as the Y6 talk a lot :)

Then I hope to get some time in my garden, which I love. The sun is meant to shine!

