

## Harvest Giving – a Big Thank You



A message from Kate Grant, Operations Manager at the Gap Project at Queens Rd Baptist Church; "Thank you so much for inviting me to the Harvest Festival yesterday. I had a great time and it was lovely to be part of it. Many thanks for all the generous donations from the St. Peter's families."

## Welcome Mr. Bewick

We would like to welcome Mr. Bewick our new Extended Services Manager. He joins us from Ursuline College to manage our Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and Extended Day. Please join us in welcoming him to our St. Peter's Family.

## Well Done Lilia!

We would like to share the exciting news that Lilia, in Year 6, has been selected for the Kent County Cricket squad. This is a phenomenal achievement and comes after five weeks of intensive trials which saw 200 established, strong female cricketers from across the county compete for 15 places on the team.

Kent has the largest number of young female cricketers in the country and places on the squad are highly competitive. Lilia will begin an intensive training schedule which will see her touring the country competing with other county squads. A true honour and a reflection of her hours of training, commitment and skill in the game. We are very proud of her achievements and wish her every success in the coming year.

## Dates for the Diary

### Term 2

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent meeting about Music for Schools 6pm in the school studio – all welcome.

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov- Children in Need Day

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open Day for Year 2 Parents and Children (9.30am and 6.30pm) No need to book.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov and Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec- Year 6 visits to Turner Centre – see letter today**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec- Year 5 and 6 trip to Pantomime (AM)

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec- Triple Threat drama performance for parents 4pm

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec- 3H Nativity 9.30am

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec- 3W Nativity 1.30pm

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec- 3T Nativity 1.30pm

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec- Years 3 and 4 trip to Pantomime (AM)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec- Year 6 To the Baptist Church- Christmas Unwrapped (PM)

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec- Years 3 and 4 Christmas Service- St. Andrews Church 1.30pm

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec- Years 5 and 6 Christmas Service- St. Peters Church 1.30pm

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of term 1.30pm Finish

**Christmas events and activities to be announced soon.**

**All school events can be found on our website under 'events' – please check back weekly for additions and changes to our events – we are a busy school!**

## **Letters home this week –**

- Yr 6 Turner Contemporary Trip
- Musical for schools flyer
- Rock Chorus / Chorale Christmas Letter

### **Cake Sale for cancer Research**

This week Grace W in 5S and friends sold cakes and various other items and raised a fantastic £161.60 for Cancer Research UK!

A huge well done to Grace and all her team in 5S.

### **Pom-pom Sale for the RSPCA**

Also this week Alfie D in 5B has raised a massive £70 for the RSPCA by making and selling pom-poms.

Well done Alfie.

We are very proud of what you have all achieved.

### **Mrs Newport Trip to Shanghai**

At St Peter's we all know how good Mrs Newport is at Maths – but did you know that they know it in lots of other places too?

Mrs Newport is what is called a 'Mastery Specialist Teacher' and she works with Kent and Medway Maths Hub as well as supporting different schools across Kent as they develop their own maths teaching. It's not just Kent though!

For the next two weeks Mrs Newport will be among around 100 expert mathematics teachers from schools across England visiting Shanghai in China to see at first-hand how they teach maths so successfully there. This exciting visit will help us to further develop our understanding and implementation of mastery approaches to maths at St Peter's as well as in the other schools that Mrs Newport is working with this year.

This is one part of the Teaching for Mastery Programme, run by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) together with the Maths Hubs Programme, and it is fully funded by the DfE.

In the Spring there will be a return visit, and two expert Maths teachers from Shanghai will visit St Peter's, allowing all of our teachers plus teachers from schools across Kent to watch these specialist teachers in action.

During the next two weeks Mrs Baker – the B half of 4NB! – will be stepping up and will be teaching the class while Mrs Newport is in China.

I know that you will all join me in hoping that Mrs Newport has a fantastically interesting trip and we look forward to her coming back full of exciting tales of her visit to Shanghai.

### **Star of the Week**

3W: Lottie S – for being more engaged in lessons and excellent talk partner work.

3H: Celeste S – for her wonderful performing skills in drama.

3T: Maddison W – for always coming into school with a smile and positive attitude.

4NB: Oliver Q – for a focused attitude to learning and for consistently wanting to improve.

4S: Rhys H – for excellent engagement and passion in maths always willing to challenge himself.

4E: Katherine L – for an enthusiastic and positive approach in everything she does.

5S: Grace W – for her charitable efforts in organising sales this week.

5W: Lily D – for excellent accuracy in mathematics leading to outstanding learning.

5B: Frankie H – for showing excellent effort and perseverance this week.

6W: Evie V-J – for a great piece of writing and for a generally great attitude!

6S: Kim J – for a super effort in her narrative writing this week.

6I: Maya G-G – for her positive, hard-working attitude in all she does.

6G: Marlie McG – for her super effort in all she does and a great piece of writing.

### **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**



### Just Joshing

Last week Year's 4, 5 and 6 had a one-hour performance from the Fire Horse Theatre Company called 'Just Joshing', which delivers thoughtful anti-bullying messages through a fun and interactive performance.

The children thoroughly enjoyed it, and took away some new thoughts. George in Year 4 said, 'I thought the acting was really realistic, even though there were only 3 of them they did really well. It was so interesting to see how they showed damage through an apple being dropped, I'd never thought of bullying that way before.'



### **Reminders –**

Pupil can wear their beavers / brownies (and other club) uniforms into school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November as a mark of remembrance.

School photo order forms must be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the latest – thank you.

Children in Need – reminder on activities sent home with this newsletter.

### **Year 4 Swimming**

Please remember that under no circumstances must any jewellery be worn in Upton Swimming Pool, including earrings. These can potentially break the pool. Please also be aware that teachers are not able to take earrings out of ears or put back in.

If children have a verruca, a verruca sock must be worn in order to be able to swim.

Thank you.

### Kent Junior Schools Cross Country Championships 2019

Are you interested in taking part in a county-wide cross country running competition? The Kent Cross Country Championship is fast approaching and you can enter.

**Saturday 23 November 2019**

**Brands Hatch, Fawkham Rd, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8NG**

This year all entries are required to be made online and payment of £4.50 per child must be received before schools' entries are confirmed. Deadline for entries is 11th November. To enter please visit <https://entry4sports.com/school-entry> or e-mail [support@entry4sports.com](mailto:support@entry4sports.com) for assistance with entering.

**The flyer for this event is attached to the newsletter email this week.**



### **KENT JUNIOR SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**

Ashford Leisure Trust would like to invite your school to compete in the 2019 Kent Junior Schools Cross Country Championships which will be held at Brands Hatch, Kent

#### **Event Information**

**Date:** Saturday 23rd November 2019  
First event starts at 10.00am

**Venue:** Brands Hatch, Fawkham Road  
Longfield, Kent DA3 8NG



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