



Newsletter

14th February 2020

Number 20

Are you up for a challenge?

BBC Radio 2 – 500-word story competition 2020 is now open for business!

Entry will be in two categories: ages 5-9 years and ages 10 to 13 years.

THE TASK:

You must write a fictional story (on any subject or theme of no more than 500 words in length) then submit online and send a copy to charlotte.seeney@stpetersthanet.co.uk for our display the arts leaders are creating!

There are lots of fantastic prizes to be won for both age groups, including books for our school! So the more entries we have the more chance we have of winning a brand new library!

Deadline for entry: Thursday 27th Feb 2020

See www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1 for more details. The website contains rules, ideas, videos, and a chance to view the winners of previous years for inspiration.



Cake sale from 5S – 28th February

A group of children from 5S will be fundraising for orangutans following group leader Logan watching a programme about their suffering.

Fundraising will include a cake sale the first Friday back after half term at break time, 50p per cake – look out for the posters in school, made by the 5S team!

World Book Day Thurs 5th March 2020

St. Peter's will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and **we would like children to dress as their favourite book character!** There is no theme, any character you would like. We will be posting photos of the best dress ups on our social media so look out for these!

We will be doing more in school during World Book Week so please see the next newsletter (after half term) for these details!

Dates for the Diary - Term 3

Fri 14th Feb – End of term 3

Fri 14th Feb – School Discos

Mon 17th Feb – Half Term

Mon 24th Feb - Start of term 4

Fri 28th Feb – Year 4 Trek to Broadstairs

Mon 2nd March - Secondary School offer day

Thurs 5th March - World Book Day

Thurs 12th March- Year 6 Safety in Action

Tues 24th March – Festival of song

Wed 25th March – Yrs. 5&6 Easter church service at St. Peters church 1.45pm (all welcome)

Thurs 26th March – Yrs. 3&4 Easter church service at St. Andrews church 1.45pm (all welcome)

Wed 1st April – End of term 4

Inset Days for School Year 20/21

Tues 1st September 2020

Wed 2nd September 2020

Fri 23rd October 2020

Mon 4th January 2021

Mon 7th June 2021

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!



Year 3 WOW Day on Monday 24th February – come dressed as a Roman!

On our first day back after half term, Year 3 will be starting their new topic 'Gods and Mortals'. We would like all children to come in dressed as Ancient Romans.

We know that children in togas and sandals in the winter isn't great for all, so would request that the children come in with at least a wreath and then togas if they wish.

There is nothing unusual about the day - normal school start and finish, and nothing to pay; it will all be in school.

Cross Country at Quex Park

The next Cross Country takes place on Saturday 7th March.

Entry forms are available from outside the office.

The deadline for entry is February 27th. Entries are £3 per child. The timetable on the morning will be:

10:00	Year 3 Girls	1km	10:20	Year 3 Boys
10:40	Year 4 Girls	1km	11:00	Year 4 Boys
11:20	Year 5 Girls	1.5km	11:40	Year 5 Boys
12:00	Year 6 Girls	1.5km	12:20	Year 6 Boys



Les Riggs Cup Finalists

We are so so proud of this team! Well done to the Les Riggs football finalists yesterday, you played a great game. Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way but it was a fantastic match to watch.

A big congratulation to Ramsgate Holy Trinity Primary team for their win, enjoy your victory Mr Tift we'll see you next year!

Star of the Week

3W: Harrison L – for having an excellent, focused week. Keep it up!

3H: Noah S – for a really positive end to term.

3T: Georgia G – for improved focus on her handwriting this week – keep it up.

4NB: Joshua B – for improved focus and attention in literacy, excellent work – keep it up ☺

4S: Theo B – for an improvement in his literacy writing this week – well done!

4E: The whole of 4E – for being the most amazing class, from Mrs Eales!

5S: Poppy H – for a surprisingly confident effort in her storytelling poetry performance.

5W: Lucy C – for finding her voice and making great progress in her learning.

5B: Robert C-N – for improved attitude to learning and effort.

6W: Izzy H – for working hard in all areas and for her kindness.

6S: Hattie K – for trying hard in her writing this week.

6I: Faryl M – for working hard in all areas of the curriculum.

6G: Coby R-P – for his effort and improvement – especially in English.



Well Done to Laila!

Laila W in Year 4 has completed an amazing achievement; she has swum half a mile in under 25 minutes in her swimming lesson this week!

Well done to Laila, this is fantastic!

Update on Policy - Dogs on the School Site

There have been some questions from parents recently about whether we allow dogs on the school site and apologies if this has not been communicated clearly in the past.

We have checked with Mr. Hunter-Whitehouse on this issue and his response is this:

Technically, we are a no-dog school, as are the majority of primary schools.

However, many of us love dogs at St. Peter's, myself included, and when our friends feel nervous about dogs, we want to help them get a bit more used to dogs and help them overcome their nerves.

My dog, Charlie, comes in from time to time, and children who are confident do come to see Charlie when I am there.

The issue we have is when I, or a member of St. Peter's staff, are not around to watch dogs on site, particularly around children who are nervous of them.

So, I would ask our parents and carers not to bring their dogs onto the school playground at all, or wait outside classrooms at the end of the day with them.

I understand that parents may wish to walk their dog to the school for pick up time. If you do this, please either leave your dog securely at the school gates, or carry your dog down our driveway and arrange to meet your children near the front entrance by the playground gates. Do not bring them through.

I hope that dog walkers and people who are less fond of dogs will be happy with this arrangement. If we do see dogs on the playground, we may have to ban them from the site altogether – which we really don't want to do.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Building work happening on the School Site

Over the half term break, building work will begin to the area where the art mobile / log cabin is, which will continue over the next three terms.

This is so that by the start of next academic year, we will have a lovely new art and meeting space for the children to use.

When you come back, you will see that some trees have been cut right back and the area will not look as nice as it normally does.

However, the trees are being cut back now so that our local wildlife do not nest there before building work starts.

Please bear with us over the next 3 terms – it will definitely be worth it!

Year 3 iPads

If there are any issues or queries regarding your direct debit, you may receive an email from ALBION. If a link is provided, please action accordingly.

If you wish to contact them, please use their payment portal support email, pps@albion.co.uk

Thank you.

Reminders

- Cross country entries in by Feb 27th
- Get your costumes ready for World Book Day – Thursday 5th March!

Letters home this week

- Year 3 – University Science Study
- Year 4 Times Tables Check
- Festival of Song (Rock Chorus)

Have a good break everyone!



**February
Half Term**