



Newsletter

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Hello everyone,

I know that nothing feels normal anymore, but we hope that getting the St Peter's Newsletter in your mailbox on a Friday brings just a little bit of welcome normality to you!

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and are finding things to do to keep body and brain active. From talking to friends and family I think that we will be a nation with the tidiest cupboards, best kept gardens and with houses having no more odd jobs left to do!

As you know, there is no clear plan for how long we will be living like this, but I am certain that schools will not be open for the rest of this term at least. This makes it really important that all the children keep up with the home learning activities we are posting on the school website every Monday. The activities are fun and engaging and will really help minimise the educational impact through this time. I am very pleased with how many of the children have been logging on to do their lessons each day – and yes, we do know who has been doing their lessons and who hasn't!! Don't forget parents, if anyone has any trouble with the activities the teachers all have a blog page and are happy to help in any way – whether it's you asking the question or the children! And children – the teachers are very jealous that some have had a lot more messages from you than others – don't let your class teacher feel left out: message them today!

If you are having trouble accessing the work, please do email the school office, we will help you sort things out.

I know that some children are already coming close to finishing the exercise books we sent home as school closed. Well done you fantastic writers! From Monday I will pop some extra books in the school entrance lobby so please do come down as part of your daily exercise regime if you need to pick up a new one – the front door will be open between 8 and 12 o'clock each week day.

Can I finish with a really big thank you to all of you who have kept us smiling with your messages, emails, photos and comments – we really miss you and hearing from you really does help it all feel better!!

Stay safe,

Tim Hunter-Whitehouse



Mr Hunter-Whitehouse and Charlie reading to key worker children at Palm Bay Primary School.

Lockdown photographs

We have had some lovely photos from some of our pupils showing us what they have been doing during lockdown. If you have any photos you would like to share with us, email them to office@stpetersthanet.co.uk We'd love to see what exciting things you've been up to!

Daisy and Frank are ready for their home learning. Well done!



Benjamin and his brother painted a rainbow for the NHS. Fabulous work boys!



Important - Free School Meals Information

If, during the Coronavirus, your financial circumstances have changed and you think your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals please follow our website link below for more information.

<https://www.stpetersthanet.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners%2C+Free+School+Meals+and+Menu&pid=110>

National Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

For those of you whose children normally receive free school meals, here is a quick guide into how the scheme is now working. **Free school meal vouchers** are being issued during the partial closure of schools. These can be redeemed at supermarkets listed below and **Aldi**, this week, have now been added to the list of supermarkets that will accept the vouchers.

There is also a frequently asked Questions and Answers section on the Edenred website if you are unsure.

Edenred Free School Meals Vouchers: Help and information for parents and carers

The government have commissioned a scheme through Edenred UK to help supply families with meal vouchers that you can use in the larger supermarkets.

Which supermarkets are part of the scheme?

- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- M&S food
- Aldi (just added this week)

We have sent e-codes to all parents currently entitled to free school meals through Edenred. The vouchers will cover a period from now until up to the week beginning the 18th May 2020. Please check your junk mail boxes if you have not received the email. If you are not currently entitled to free school meals but believe you have the required eligibility, please visit: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

The e-code can be used to purchase a store voucher that works in the same way as a gift card. This scheme also allows us to combine funding where a family has more than one child eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals. So if you have 3 children in your family, all the money for all 3 children will go on the one e-card.

For more information about how the Edenred vouchers work, please click here: <https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>



