



Newsletter

27th November 2020

Number 12

Dear Parents,

As Kent goes in to Tier 3 of the latest lockdown restrictions and Thanet is sadly placed as the third highest area in the entire country, I think it is safe to say that we are all feeling the strain.

I know the pressures that this second wave is placing on our families, as friends or relatives test positive or have to self-isolate, as jobs and businesses grind to a halt and of course recognising that there have been real personal sadness's within our very own community.

As a school, St Peter's is continuing to provide the very best for our children, even if this is for an ever-increasing number of them learning from home.

It is difficult, but I want you to know that your support has been fantastic – your messages of encouragement and good wishes for the school through the office, through a quick word to teachers at the classroom door or school gate, by email or by phone have all really helped keep us going – so thank you!

Tim Hunter-Whitehouse

Headteacher

Reminder

Please can we politely remind parents to wear masks on the school site at all times. This includes the alley at the back of the site, linking our school and Callis Grange.

This is for the safety of our whole school community.

IMPORTANT

Please make sure you call the office on **01843 861430** first thing in the morning, to inform us if your child is going to be absent that day.

Thank you

Homework on Purple Mash

Due to current circumstances, homework for all year groups will be shared on PurpleMash rather than in a book that comes home.

Weekly spellings will also be shared this way.

All children will be shown where to find it on PurpleMash and their work will still be monitored.

The Maths tasks will be set on a Monday and will ask children to complete a 2Do on PurpleMash or use Times Tables RockStars or a similar activity linked to times tables or number facts.

The English task will be set on a Wednesday and will use Serial Mash - the children will have a text to read and a 2Do to complete linked to this.

Thank you for your continued support with homework.

Dates for the Diary - Term 2

Fri 11th Dec – Christmas jumper day (or wear something decorated for Christmas)

Fri 11th Dec – Outside Christmas services (pupils in year groups only)

W/b 14th Dec – Christmas parties in class – Dates to follow on newsletter

Fri 18th Dec - School Christmas dinner. Last day of term 1.30pm finish.

Mon 21st Dec – Tues 5th Jan 2021 Christmas holidays

Mon 4th Jan 2021 Inset Day

Inset Days for School Year 20/21

Mon 4th January 2021

Mon 7th June 2021

All school events can be found on our website under 'events'.

After School Club Changes

Our aim at St Peter's Junior School is to continue to run our 3.15-4.30pm after school clubs. The reason being that we understand how important these clubs are for childcare for some parents.

However, we must stress that in the current situation, with bubbles being sent home as a precautionary measure, it may be that clubs will run slightly differently to how they were originally intended to.

Clubs will continue to run through the rest of the term but it may be that your child does something slightly different or is involved in a different club than their originally intended one.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to try and staff our after school provision.

Kind regards

Mr Bewick

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory

Why not pop along to the bird observatory for a fabulous winter walk and some Christmas activities. A fun day out for all the family!

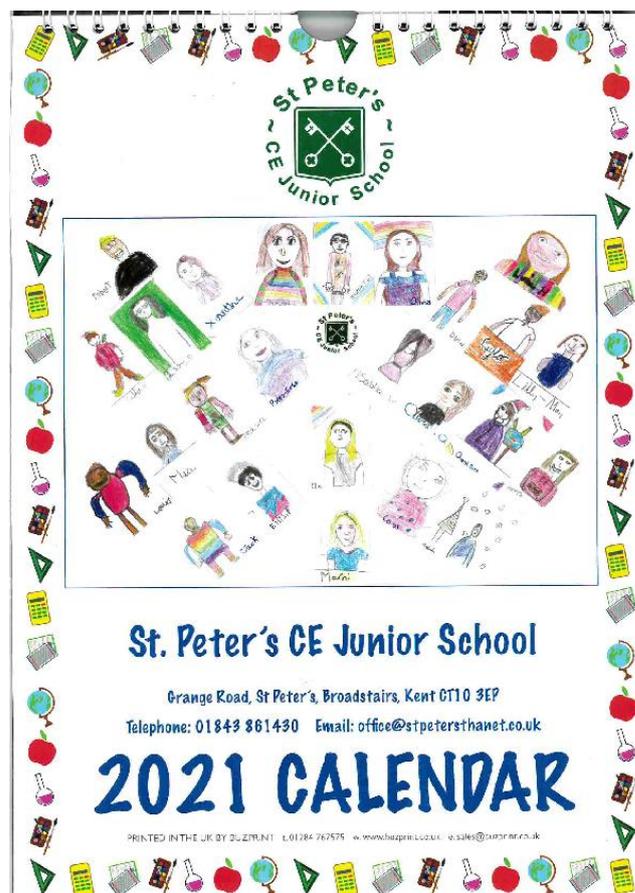


Christmas calendars and cards

Our wonderful PTFA have had an amazing idea for this Christmas!

During November, each pupil drew a picture of themselves to feature on our first ever St. Peter's calendar! This is a 2021 calendar and a perfect Christmas gift.

If you would like to purchase one at the bargain price of £5, please pay online. See attached letter for more details.



Christmas cards

All of the Christmas cards designed by the children were amazing!

Mr. Hunter-Whitehouse has had a good look at them all, and has chosen five designs that will be used to send to all of the St. Peter's friends and colleagues this year.

Congratulations to:

Emily P - 3T

Poppy S - 4S

Georgia G - 4NB

Oliver N - 5B

Nancy D - 6G

Music for schools

Is your child interested in learning an instrument?

Why not look on the **Music for Schools** website to see what is available.



LEARN TO PLAY
Clarinet - Flute - Saxophone
Recorder - Cornet - Trumpet

ENROL NOW

SPACES AVAILABLE AT YOUR SCHOOL*

- Fun, small group lessons
- Experienced and friendly tutors
- Lessons starting from £3.75
- No long-term commitment
- Lessons designed to suit and develop pupils' abilities
- Flexible and accessible instrument hire and purchase options

ANY LESSONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS COMPLETELY FREE!
*taught online using Zoom where lessons in school are not possible.

As a charity, the Music for Schools Foundation have provided brass and woodwind lessons in Primary Schools for over 20 years, giving children an opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

www.mfsf.org.uk/welcome

Free Webinar

Headstart – Resilience webinar for parents and carers

As part of the Draw Your Own Solution campaign, which aims to increase awareness and understanding of resilience, HeadStart Kent have released a free pre-recorded webinar for parents and carers.



The webinar will enable parents and carers to learn what resilience is how to support their child to build resilience and how to become a resilient parent/carer. Broken down into eight short videos, the webinar covers a range of topics related to resilience. You can watch the webinar on the Draw Your Own Solution website: <https://bit.ly/33KVoWO>. For questions related to the webinar email: HeadStart@kent.gov.uk

Star of the week

3W: Lewis C - for his fantastic metamorphic rock poster!

3BW: Jake S – for sharing excellent explanations in maths 😊

3T: Sebella P – for always being a polite and helpful member of this class!

4NB: Harley M – for his thoughtful, caring nature towards others.

4S: Jamie M – for being so engaged and focused in maths lessons this week – well done!

4L: All of 4L are stars this week, as they have all got straight on and stuck in with their home learning with Miss Lance on Purple Mash. Miss Lance and Miss Hubbard are extremely proud of you all!

5SA: Prudence M – for working really hard to achieve her pen licence.

5W: Riley B – for demonstrating super resilience and carrying on learning.

5B: Riley B – for his fantastic presentation on The Egyptians.

6Se: Amelia S – for her super engagement on Purple Mash with home learning.

6S: Jayden S – for his super engagement on Purple Mash with home learning

6I: Joseph T – for his super engagement on Purple Mash with home learning.

6G: Rosie R – for her fabulous descriptive writing.

Well done everyone!

