



# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Number 14

## Attendance for last week of term

Following on from the Head's letter last week, if you decide not to send your child to school, the absence will be un-authorised but the school will not be contacting you, and will not be fining you on absences.

Next week, if your child is **unwell and you expect them to return later in the week**, please ensure you contact the school office first thing, as the school will not be telephoning individual students.

## Track and Trace into the Christmas Holiday

This only applies to children in school in the last week.

As per new DfE guidance released on Wednesday, the Government have asked schools to continue to perform track and trace for the first part of the Christmas break.

**Therefore, if your child develops Covid symptoms on the Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December and they consequently receive a positive test result, the school MUST be informed so we can inform the class bubble and self-isolation rules will apply.**

Obviously, we really hope this does not have to happen, but we need to ensure that we keep individuals safe through this early Christmas period.

If your child falls unwell with Covid symptoms from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, the school **does not need to be informed** and the usual test / self-isolation rules then apply.

**To inform us of a positive test result with symptoms that start on the Friday or Saturday, please email [headteacher@stpetersthanet.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@stpetersthanet.co.uk).**

We really do hope that you will not hear from us!

## Attendance from January Onwards

Throughout this period, we have tried to be understanding of the needs of the whole school community however, education is fundamentally important and children need to be in school to take part in the rich and broad curriculum St. Peter's offers.

Please be aware that as per government guidelines, children **MUST** be back in every day after the Christmas break, unless we send bubbles home to isolate or children are isolating in families. If they are isolating, they **MUST** complete the home learning via Purple Mash and teachers will be following-up with parents if they are not.

We will be following up on all absences. Unfortunately, this will include serving penalty notices if required from January onwards.

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office in the usual way, on 01843 861430.

## Christmas Party Reminders

**Reminder:** Christmas parties will be held next week (week beg 14<sup>th</sup> Dec). **Please provide party snacks only for your child to eat.**

**Children may come to school in non-school uniform on the day of their party.**

## Party dates

Year 3 – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 4 – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 5 – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 6 – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Thank you.

**There will also be a panto to watch!** Children in school will watch with their classmates. Those learning at home will also have access to this via Purple Mash!

### Staff Leaving Us this Term

We must say a very fond farewell to two staff members this term:

**Mrs Prosser** has been Art Teacher at St. Peter's for many years and has been so supportive of our push for the Arts at St. Peter's. She has worked with the Turner Contemporary, some local artists, and run many art clubs for pupils during this time. We will all miss her inspiration and creativity in the St. Peter's team.

She is leaving to enjoy a well-deserved retirement and spend more time with her family, and even though we will miss her, we can't blame her! Enjoy this time to create more of your own artwork too!

**Miss Turner** has been with us for three years as a valued TA in the Year 3 team. The children and staff will miss her enormously, but no one more than Miss Thomas!

We would like to thank her for her hard work during her time with us and wish her all the best in her exciting new role!

### New Staff

We will welcome two new staff members in the New Year – Mrs Tong will be Art Teacher, teaching art in the new Annex building on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A warm welcome to Mrs Tong.

We are currently recruiting for a TA to support Miss Thomas in Year 3.

### Dates for the Diary - Term 2 UPDATED

W/b 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas parties in class

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas dinner.

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term, 3.15pm finish (clubs on as normal)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 Christmas holidays**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 Inset Day**

### Star of the week

3W: Nevaeh T – for making excellent progress with her reading!

3BW: Clara P – for producing an explosive piece of writing about Pompeii ☺

3T: Mille H – for being resilient and having a positive attitude towards her learning.

4NB: Caitlyn D – for fantastic efforts with her home learning and for sharing it with us!

4S: Clara F – for a great attitude to learning this week and trying so hard in all lessons.

4L: Felicity G – for always putting in 110% effort in all she does – keep it up super star!

5SA: Catherine P – for her fantastic biography writing using Purple Mash.

5W: Oliver Q – for excellent explanations of his maths learning and rising to the challenge.

5B: Boo G – for her excellent biography of Tutankhamun

6Se: Lily D – for excellent work in maths this week.

6S: Logan C – for super efforts in all she does.

6I: Poppy H – for her engagement in Purple Mash and writing a great postcard.

6G: Grace W – for her winning engineer design for the South East – CONGRATULATIONS!

