



# Newsletter

5th March 2021

Number 22

## Back to School!

We are thrilled to be welcoming back all of our pupils this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The school day set up will be very similar to the September 2020 start. All the information on the school day was sent to parents and carers on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, please refer to this letter, attached again to this newsletter, if you have any questions.

## The first week back

Of course we understand that many children will feel anxious about returning to school after such a long time, and may feel nervous being around so many people again.

The teaching team have planned a series of wellbeing activities across the week, to facilitate a slow and smooth transition back to the usual school working day.

There will be opportunities to talk about their experiences of lockdown, the feelings they experienced over lockdown and how they are feeling being back in school.

All teachers understand these initial nerves, and there are plenty of staff to support those feeling particularly anxious at this time. **Please DO NOT come onto the playground on Monday morning, the Senior Leaders will be on hand to support children into school.**

We do hope that there are also feelings of excitement – the children will be able to talk to and play with their friends again, which we know has been much missed and is so important for them.

I look forward to seeing all of our families back to school on Monday!

Mr Whitehouse

## Reminder

Please can we remind all parents and carers that the office **CANNOT** take packed lunches / PE kits / coats round to children throughout the day – they must not enter the classrooms bubbles. If a packed lunch is forgotten, your child will not go hungry they will be given a school meal at a cost of £2.25 payable via School Gateway.

## Return of devices

If you borrowed a device from school, for your child's home learning, during the lockdown, please return it to the school office on Monday.

If you borrowed an iPad, please make sure the charging lead and plug, are returned with the device, along with the case provided (if applicable).

If you borrowed a laptop, please return in the original case with the power cable.

Thank you.

## Red Nose Day 2021

This years Red Nose Day is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Children are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> or **wear something red** if they have it!

If you would like to make a donation please do it online at [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com) as we do not want to collect any cash donations in school.

**SORRY, NO RED NOSES IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR!**

Thank you.



## Dates for the Diary Terms 4 & 5

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day (non-school uniform)

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last day of term 4 (1.30pm Finish)

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Term 5

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank holiday**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May – End of Term 5

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May – Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June – Half Term**

## Inset Days for School Year 20/21

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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



## **World Book Day Read-a-thon**

We hope you have all been enjoying the St. Peter's Read-a-thon challenge!

There is still time to record your 'reads' over the weekend, to try to help your class become champions!

Here is a poem written by Ms. Websper that may encourage you to read just a little bit more!

### **An Ode to Reading**

There's Tigger, Eeyore and Winnie the Pooh  
Peter Pan and Wendy, the lost boys too  
Then Perfect Peter, Horrid Henry  
These characters get stuck in memory

We like Roald Dahl's revolting rhymes  
And the brothers Grimm for storytime  
Jacqueline Wilson and Anne Fine  
Who are lady authors of current times  
William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens  
Wrote classic books and still worth picking  
There are funny books by Jeremy Strong  
And that Tom Gates can do no wrong

Mr Stink and The Boy in the Dress  
David Walliams is one of the best  
Then Shadow Forest, The Windvale Sprites  
and Mary Poppins flying kites  
The cheese touch game with our friend Greg,  
And Fortunately the Milks' Professor Steg  
Harry Potter the boy with the scar  
And his friend Ron in a flying car  
Doctor Who and his travelling police box  
The Faraway Tree and Fantastic Mr Fox

Michael Morpurgo is one of the greats  
And Phillip Pullman's a heavyweight  
Enid Blyton told the tales of my youth  
Then there's Sherlock the Victorian sleuth

A Hungry Caterpillar, The Paper Dolls  
The Billy Goats Gruff and An Angry Troll  
There is Terry Pratchett for sci fi fun  
Guess How Much I Love You says the bunny to his  
mum  
The Highway Man and black eyed Bess  
The brilliant books of Patrick Ness

Katniss the Mockingjay in Hunger Games  
goes up in flames  
The Grufalo, StickMan, a Squash and a Squeeze  
Julia Donaldson rhymes with ease  
These authors, characters and storylines  
Are the things that make these books - just fine  
So grab a book and start to read  
On its story you can feed  
There is something magic in the pages of a book  
So go on I dare you - open up and have a look.

**Ms. Websper**

**[See World Book Day pictures attached to this newsletter!](#)**

## **Lateral Flow Testing**

**Lateral flow tests are recommended for children of secondary age, and for their families, although not mandatory. Primary aged children DO NOT need to take a test.**

The tests should be taken every 3-4 days, if you are asymptomatic, to try to stop the spread of COVID19.

**St Peter's does not provide test kits for home testing to these families** - these can be collected from the following local testing sites:

**Manston Airport Test Site, Manston**

**Dreamland car Park Test Site, Margate**

You can collect two packs of home test kits at either collection point. Each pack contains seven tests.

Most collection points are open from **1.30pm to 7pm**, but you can check online if the location is open or busy before you go.

**You do not need to make an appointment.**

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

### **Order home test kits online**

If you **cannot** be tested at your test site or are unable to go to a test site to collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

## **Lost Property**

Unclaimed lost property from September will be in a bag outside the school office from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March when it will be disposed of.

Please take time to check next week. Thank you.

## **Mediterranean Day in Year 5**

As part of our topic, The Mediterranean, Year 5 will be having a Mediterranean Day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please refer to the email being sent for more details.

Children may come to school dressed in brightly coloured "**summery**" looking clothes if they wish but with layers underneath to combat the March chill!

# Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

*As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.*

## Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



## Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – "it's completely fine to feel like that at the moment" or "I can really understand why you would feel like that"



## Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



## Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



## Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



## Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your 'goodbye' routine and create a 'hello' greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



[www.traumainformedschools.co.uk](http://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk)

**TRAUMA  
INFORMED  
SCHOOLS**