



Newsletter

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15th October 2021

Parent Consultations

I've had a couple of parents asking why we are holding the parent consultations by phone rather than face to face in the classrooms, so I thought it would be good to share my thinking with you.

We are all very hopeful that this year will be far closer to normal than the past two years have been – but I think we are all very aware that we are actually still a long way from being able to behave as if the pandemic is over.

We know that the number of new cases each day is still very high, and we know that despite the fantastic vaccination programme, there are still a worrying number of Covid related deaths each day.

At school it is all about balancing making life feel as normal as possible for the children while doing all we can to reduce the risks to children, parents and staff.

So we are washing and sanitizing hands and equipment, keeping our doors and windows open to keep the classrooms well ventilated and minimizing the number of visitors to the school.

I am relieved that what we have done to protect our school community through this time has helped keep the number of positive cases at St Peter's low, which has helped to minimize additional disruption to the children's education and of course has helped to keep our families healthy.

I completely understand that parents would love to come into the children's classrooms and see teachers face to face. We would too! But while for you as a parent the Parent Consultation is meeting just one extra person, for the teacher with a class over 30 children that could easily mean sitting in a classroom and meeting with 60 different people - and across the whole school it would mean five or six hundred people coming in to the building. As a Headteacher, I need to do all I can to make sure that I minimize the risks and make sure staff are as safe as possible and there is as little potential disruption to the children's education as possible.

So I hope you understand why your parent consultation will be by phone next week.

However, I'd also like to make it very clear that our teachers will always meet you if you have any concerns or worries about how your child is doing in school. They are also always at the classroom door at home time and will always have a quick chat with you or arrange a time for you to talk more privately.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

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Online Appointment Booking - telephone consultations

REMINDER: Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th October are Parent Telephone Consultations from 3.30-6.00pm. The school has an easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

When booking your appointment when you can 'Add Message For Teacher' please make sure you include the phone number you wish to take the call on. Please be mindful of the day that when the teacher calls the call will come as number 'withheld' or similar message.

Should you wish to make any changes after this date, or you have any trouble booking via this system, please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://stpetersthanet.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments by 10am on Tues 19th October.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Yr 6 Secondary School Admissions 2022

For Year 6 Secondary School admissions please see the at letter and leaflet sent by email which includes all the key dates and deadlines for the process, as well as links to the website where you can make an application. The secondary admissions guide is also available online at https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/12545/6/secondary-admissions-book-2022.pdf.pdf.

If you are unable to access the online application process, then please contact admissions on kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk and they will be able to help you.

Chatham and Clarendon Open Nights

Tues 19th and Wed 20th Oct 5.15pm til 7.30pm

Open Day (by appointment only) Tues 19th, Thurs 21st and Fri 22nd Oct. Book by calling **591075**

Year 5 WOW Day

On Monday 1st November Year 5 are having a **wow day** to start the Egyptians topic. We would like the children to dress up in Egyptian costumes on this day. There is no expectation to buy anything new a simple white sheet can be made into a fantastic costume.

FIND US ON:



Year 6 visit to Dover Museum

Next term Year 6 will be starting a new topic on 'The Vikings'. As part of this topic, they will be visiting the Dover Museum on Friday 5th November.

For further information, please see the letter that will come home with your child tonight. Please pay on the school gateway from tomorrow morning.

Thank you

Tickets for the disco

Tickets for the end of term discos will be on sale for £2.50 outside the school office between 8:30-9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings next week, plus Tuesday after clubs 4:15 - 4:45pm.

The Disco is on Thursday 21st October - Lower school (Years 3 & 4) 6:15-7:30pm. Upper school (Years 5 & 6) 7:45-9:00pm.

The PTFA will be very busy to start with, there are enough tickets for all pupils so don't worry.

PTFA are organising this and therefore tickets are not available from the school office.

Kind regards
PTFA

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box before the end of term, for any item you are missing. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Firework Night

Our firework night will be held on Thursday 4th November. Don't forget to hand your slip and ticket money into the office, as tickets are selling fast!

All pre-ordered tickets already received will be coming home tonight. Please check your child's bag, and keep safely as entry is by ticket only.

We look forward to seeing you.

REMINDER:

School will be closed on Friday 22nd October for an Inset Day. Children will return to school after half term on Monday 1st November.

Year 6 Samba Workshop

Last week Year 6 had a fabulous time taking part in a Samba workshop. As you can see from the photos, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Cross Country Success

On Tuesday we took 18 pupils to St George's Primary School to compete in a cross country event. Everyone had fun and worked really hard to complete the course and I'm proud to say we came away with 3 first place finishes, not to mention a few 2nd, 3rd and 4th places too. As always, I commend the efforts of every child involved for giving 100% for the school. Well done!



Dates for the Diary - Term 1 & 2

Mon 18th Oct – Individual School photographs in school

Tues 19th Oct – Year 4 Celebration Afternoon 2 - 3 pm

Thurs 21st Oct – School Disco.

Years 3 & 4 6.15pm - 7.30pm

Years 5 & 6 7.45pm – 9pm

Thurs 21st Oct – End of term 1

Fri 22nd Oct – Inset Day

Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct – Half term

Mon 1st Nov – Start of term 2

Thurs 4th Nov – Firework Night at School

Fri 5th Nov – Year 6 Trip to Dover Museum

Tues 23rd Nov – Flu Vaccinations in School

Fri 17th Dec – End of term 2

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!

Flu Vaccinations

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation team will be visiting the school on **Tues 23rd Nov 2021**.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, and painless spray up the nose.

Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended they have it again this year or they will not be protected.

Please read the attached form and complete the online consent form <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft> before **18th November**

If you have a query relating to the booking of a vaccination session, please contact the Immunisation Hub by calling 0300 123 5205 or emailing kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net

Free School Meals for Half Term

KCC will be issuing Free School Meal Vouchers again for the October Half Term. These will be issued on Wed 20th October through **WONDE**.

Follow the process as you have done before. If you have not been eligible before, or need any help, then please contact the school office then we can help you.

Star of the week

3W – Harrison F – for excellent focus and attention in class.

3BH – Isla D – for a huge improvement in her maths learning. Keep it up!

3S – Nieve C – for being such a kind and supportive partner this week. Well done!

4B – Sophia P – for consistently trying her best in all she does. ☺

4L – Jasmine G – for showing a fantastic attitude to everything she does and for great perseverance when things are a little bit challenging.

4S – William L – for being a hard working member of the class who always tries his best ☺

5SB – Jennifer G – for fantastic descriptive writing. Well done ☺

5W – Rae-Ann C – for producing some great independent work. Well done and keep it up ☺

5NB – Max P – for a great attitude to learning and always getting involved in class discussions.

6AW – Ava R – for an exceptional piece of creative writing. Well done!

6M – Olivia H – for having a positive attitude to writing her Macbeth narrative.

6G – Grace M – for her fantastic Macbeth writing and brilliant attitude.

6I – Mia B-P – for her fantastic effort in writing this week – in her work on Macbeth.

