



Newsletter

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5th November 2021

There's a Chill in the Air

November really has brought the cold winter weather with it!

Our classroom doors and windows are still open as this is the best way to improve ventilation and reduce the risk of Covid as much as possible. Positive cases are rising nationally and in our community and we want to do all we can to keep our St Peter's community safe.

So, just like last winter, I want you to make sure that the children come to school dressed warmly. Please do make sure that there are layers underneath uniform and layers that can be put on over the uniform.

The children still get hot when they run around at playtime so please do write names on the labels of anything they might take off and lose!

Please do make sure that nothing inappropriate is on hoodies or sweatshirts, but we do really want to make sure that everyone stays warm while they are learning!

Thank you

Mr. Whitehouse

Fireworks!

We hope you all had a fabulous time last night at our firework event. We would like to say a massive 'Thank you' to our wonderful PTFA for organizing such a great evening and to Viking Fireworks Ltd for the super display!

If your family had to self-isolate and you missed the fireworks please return all tickets in an envelope marked with your child's name and class to the school office for a refund. Please note no other refunds are possible.

Spelling at St Peter's

At St Peter's we are passionate about vocabulary! We would like to deepen children's understanding about words through investigating the **morphology** (the structure and meaning of words) and **etymology** (history and origin of words). In order to look at vocabulary in greater depth, we are now going to send home a maximum of **10 words** to learn for a spelling test each week. Word lists will be sent home on **Monday** for a test on **Friday**.

Please encourage your children to further investigate and practise using their words in different contexts! Spelling bands will still be rewarded to children earning full marks.

Application for Year 3 pupils Sept 2022

Do you currently have a child in Year 2 that would be due to start at St. Peter's in Sept 2022?

The applications for junior school places opens today, **Friday 5th Nov, and the closing date is 17th Jan 2022.**

You must apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Even if your Year 2 child has a sibling already attending St. Peter's you still have to make a new application for them.

Please see attached leaflet for more details.

St Peter's Open Day for current Yr 2 pupils

We are pleased that this year we will be able to hold our Open Day in real life and not just virtually!

However, we still want to do all we can to keep parents, children and staff safe.

So we are limiting the number of parents that can attend each session and we will keep the amount of time we are all gathered in one place to a minimum.

This year our Open Day will be on **Thursday 25th November.**

We will be running 3 tours during the day at **9.30am, 11am and 1.30pm.**

You will need to book a place on a tour, as places are limited. Please call the school office on **01843 861430.**

If you are worried about being part of a group or are unable to make these times we are happy to arrange a tour of the school at different times. Ideally, we would like this to be during the school day to see our lovely children in action but could also arrange this after school if a parent is unable to take time off work through the day.

Please do share this with friends and family who might be looking for a Year 3 place for September.

Please call the office if you need any further information.

Thank you

School photographs

School photo proofs will be coming home tonight with your child. **Wherever possible please use the online ordering service.**

All other orders sent into school **MUST** be received by the end of the day on **Friday 12th November.**

Thank you

Children in Need Friday 19th November

This year we will be running different events for Children in Need during the week beginning Mon 15th Nov.

A raffle - will be running all week; tickets will be available at £1 a strip. These will be on sale at lunchtimes, along with Pudsey merchandise.

Pudsey Pilot Game - £1 a go to try to place a flag in the correct point on the map where you think Pudsey is hiding. A prize will be given!

Pudsey pennies – Each class has a money pot to fill with loose change. The class that collects the most will receive a prize.

Cake sale – Wed 17th Nov. The cakes will be on sale during morning break for 50p each. We would like any donations of **shop bought** cakes only please, due to covid and allergies.

Mad Hair Day – Fri 19th Nov. Children can come to school in uniform but with mad hair for a donation of £1.



Free Goldfish!

We have a number of goldfish from our school pond. If anyone is interested in giving a Goldfish a new home, please see Mr. Williams (3W). They are approximately 5-15cm long.

Dates for the Diary - Term 1 & 2

Fri 19th Nov – Children in Need

Tues 23rd Nov – Flu Vaccinations in School

Thurs 25th Nov – Open Day for year 2

Fri 10th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 16th Dec – Christmas church service (pupils only)

Years 5 & 6 am, Year 3 & 4 pm

Thurs 16th Dec – Christmas dinner (pupils only)

Fri 17th Dec – End of term 2. School finishes at 1.30pm

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!

Star of the week

3W – Jacob K – for a fantastic start to the new term ☺

3BH – Isabella P – for being a focused and positive talk partner ☺

3S – Nell H – for working so hard in maths when learning about calculation strategies – well done!

4B – Isaac W – for his enthusiasm and fantastic effort in maths.

4L – Mia H – for being her best self and showing great attitude towards learning and towards others.

4S – Maddison S – for a super piece of artwork this week.

5SB – Harrison L – for a fantastic attitude to learning this week keep it up ☺

5W – Lacey M - for using her impressive iPad skills to competently record her group's well conducted science investigation.

5NB – Lucia G – for a fantastic attitude to learning this week. Keep it up ☺

6AW – Lola H – for being an excellent partner during in work maths.

6M – Hadley D – for having a positive attitude to his learning.

6G – Lily-Mai R – for her super effort in all subjects – especially maths.

6I – Oliver Q – for his enthusiasm and hard work especially in maths.

Well done!

Wildlife at St. Peter's

At St Peter's, we are continuing to develop our wildlife areas by planting 312 trees. These will arrive next Tuesday and will be planted by the children over the next two weeks. To help this run smoothly, we would be grateful if children could bring in a change of footwear and a spade (if they have one) on the designated day.

Wednesday 10th November - Year 3

Thursday 11th - Year 4

Friday 12th November - Year 5

Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th - Year 6

Thank you - Mr Williams