



Newsletter

Newsletter 1

8th September 2023

A Great Start!

What a wonderful first week back it has been! Even the sunshine and hot weather decided to come back for the start of the new term!

It is lovely to welcome our new Year 3 children to St Peter's. I am really proud of just how well they have settled into their new classes and new school - they are going to have a great year! New mums and dads, I'd like you to start leaving them at the gates in the mornings. They all know where they are going and it is part of them becoming more independent and grown up. Class teachers are always happy to chat with you at the classroom door at the end of the day and if there is anything you want to pass on to the teacher in the morning you can always leave a message with the person on the gate or at the office - we will always make sure it gets through.

It's been a great start for Years 4, 5 and 6 too, with some lovely new faces amongst our familiar old-timers! Everyone has settled in to their new routines brilliantly and it is fantastic to be able to walk around the school and see the great work going on in every classroom. A special mention has to go to those Year 6 children whose welcome back was to sit the Kent Test in sweltering conditions on Thursday - well done one and all!

Tim Whitehouse

Attendance

Welcome back everyone.

Should your child be absent, please contact the school **each** day via telephone, text or email to attendance@stpetersthanet.co.uk

We will be acknowledging 100% attendance this year now we are post pandemic.

Thank you.

Mrs Hart

Usual reminders!

Dogs - Dogs are not allowed on the school premises. Please tie your dog up outside the school grounds without obstructing the entrances.

Labelling – Please ensure all of your child's clothes are clearly labelled. This helps us to return lost items swiftly back to their owner. We highly recommend the Stikins labels which can be ordered online at www.stikins.co.uk and please quote 21726 to raise funds for the school.

Parking – Remember the drop off zone in the morning is for a 1-minute turn around and should not be used for parking or to wait until your child is in school.

At the end of the day, please use the Thanet Wanderers car park if Grange Road is busy. Do not double park or park on the double yellow lines. Please respect the local residents.

Pencil cases – children do not need to bring in their own pencils and stationery as we provide everything they need. This stops any loved items being lost!

Walk home letters – If your child is in Year 5, please complete a 'walk home letter' if you give permission for them to leave school alone. Year 6 pupils will continue to have permission if their form was completed last year. If you have any changes you would like to make to your child's arrangements, please fill out a blue form in the foyer and hand it into the office.

Scooters/Bikes – Due to a Health and Safety risk, please support the school by NOT ALLOWING scooters and bikes to be used on either Callis or our school grounds, including the pathways, before or after school.

Home time – Please do not allow your children to play on the outdoor play equipment when they are leaving school.

Thank you for your co-operation on these important issues.

St. Peter's

School Payments and Messages – the School Gateway System

A reminder to pay for clubs and school dinners via our School Gateway system. A handy guide to set this up is available along with this newsletter, and further information is available on our website.

If you experience problems, please contact the school office. Please make sure you have notifications activated as we often message via this app.

School Meals

The cost for school dinners has now increased to **£2.70** per meal. Please note, any debt over **£10** will result in your child not being able to have any further meals until the debt is paid.

The menu is available on our website or from the office.

We all know that there is a real cost of living crisis right now and that some of our families' circumstances may have changed over the summer. If you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to **Free School Meals**.

Not only does it provide a good meal for your child every day but it also means the school can access additional money to help with trips, visits and resources.

If you believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please go to www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals or call the team on 03000 415123. You will get an almost instant decision.

You can also pop into the office any morning and speak to Mrs. Hart and she will be able to help you.

Guitar Lessons

We are able to offer pupils guitar lessons from Mrs. Julia Todd, a qualified music teacher.

Lessons will take place during lunchtime, PPA or afternoon lessons every Thursday from 22nd September.

If your child would be interested in having lessons, please fill out the pink letter available from the foyer, or contact Mrs Todd directly on Julia_guitar@hotmail.com

Pupils already having lessons will be contacted by Mrs Todd directly.

Year 3 Parents – Drop-in session

We would like to invite you to a parent drop-in session on Tuesday 26th September between 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

This is an opportunity to ask your child's teacher any questions. It is not compulsory to attend, there will be plenty of opportunities to speak to the class teacher at a later date. Formal parent's evenings will be arranged in the near future.

We do have an open door policy at St. Peter's, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher at the door, at the end of the school day, at any point during the year.

Breakfast and morning clubs

Our breakfast club is now open from 7.45am every morning and pupils can arrive up until 8.15am when the gate will then be shut.

If your child attends a morning sports club, they should not arrive until 8pm and parents should stay with their child until Mr Allen arrives to register them.

Dates for the Diary

Fri 22nd Sept – Individual school photos

Fri 20th Oct – Last day of term 1

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct Half term

Mon 30th Oct – Start 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

Star of the Week

This week Star of the Week goes to all of the children for settling in so well to the new school year and a fantastic start to the new term.

Well done all! ☺

**WELCOME
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