



Newsletter

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20th October 2023

End of term message from Mr. Whitehouse

What an amazing end to another fantastic term at St Peter's! Our children's voices literally being heard in space! It was an incredible event, something that I know the children (and the staff!) will always remember. There was an incredible atmosphere in the school all week as we built towards our contact with the International Space Station and the relief and excitement when we made contact really was one of those 'goose-bumps' moments that just don't occur very often. I know lots of you were watching from home or work - but for those of you who weren't able to see it live, here is a link to a recording of what went out across the world as a live stream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnPIIHGV-YE>

We also had the press in school with us and below are the links to the BBC and ITV Meridian news programmes from Wednesday evening - with the key times being about 22 minutes in to the BBC and 16 minutes into the ITV programmes:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001rm43/south-east-today-evening-news-18102023?fbclid=IwAR3e4NhsOregZCmY3omweeG81IpoVcWo7Wa9-AjwvfnZRog4D-kJIYcLNHE>

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2022-11-03/catch-up-itv-news-meridian-east?fbclid=IwAR1W7onhoFYHJqefKmEzLgdOy0CXmsxl2l8TfN8T15imR6gtTZ2zcYPeq-4>

I think after that we all need a little rest - so I wish you all a fantastic half term holiday and look forward to coming back rested and refreshed for Term 2!

Tim Whitehouse

Free School Meal vouchers

The holiday food vouchers were sent out yesterday, **Thursday 19th October**, through WONDE as before on behalf of KCC. This will be a one off £10 voucher per eligible child.

If you feel your circumstances have changed and your child may be entitled to free school meals, please follow the link below. Even if your child does not want to have school meals, you could be entitled to other benefits.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Parent consultations

Whole School Parents' Evening will take place on **Tues 14th Nov and Thurs 16th Nov** from 3.30-6.30pm.

Years 3 and 4 will be in their classrooms and Years 5 and 6 will be in the school hall.

Appointments can be booked online from Wednesday 18th October at 6pm. Please follow the link below to book your appointment.

<https://stpeterinthanet.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Attendance

If your child is unwell, please contact the office on attendance@stpeters.co.uk or 861430, every day that they are absent from school.

This is due to safeguarding and is very important so that we can account for every child that is missing from school.

Thank you.

Congratulations to Hattie

Hattie Mc in 5L has been accepted into Premier Scholars Dance Associates. She auditioned for a place in the Junior Jazz Class, and she will be taught by choreographers who teach dances on Strictly Come Dancing and Britain's Got Talent.

What a great experience for you Hattie.

St. Peter's Junior School's Unforgettable Space Odyssey!

We are still buzzing with excitement after our once-in-a-lifetime experience! Our children had the incredible opportunity to chat with American astronaut Jasmine Moghbeli on the International Space Station and even met UK's very own reserve astronaut Meganne Christian. It was truly a day of cosmic wonders!

This awe-inspiring event was made possible thanks to the unwavering support of [Amateur Radio on the International Space Station \(ARISS\)](#), [Radio Society of Great Britain](#), Matt Payne, John Hislop from [Hilderstone Radio Society G0HRS](#), UK Space Agency and one very special individual who deserves a galaxy-sized thank you - our own teacher, Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams, your dedication and passion for nurturing young minds knows no bounds. Your hard work made this interstellar connection possible, and we're eternally grateful for your tireless efforts in making this dream a reality!

To Jasmine Moghbeli and Meganne Christian, your stories and insights have left an indelible mark on our students, inspiring them to reach for the stars. Your words will echo through their dreams for years to come!

As we move forward, we carry the spirit of exploration and curiosity with us.

Stay tuned for more cosmic discoveries as we continue to explore the wonders of the universe, together.



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Much Ado About Nothing Shakespeare for Schools Workshop

Last week, the Years 5 and 6 St Peter's Performers took part in a Shakespeare workshop with a visiting theatre director.

The workshop was part of the Coram Shakespeare for Schools Festival, and it was an amazing opportunity for the cast members to work with a professional theatre maker.

The workshop included fun drama games, rehearsal techniques for developing characters and top tips for performance skills. All the children were so professional and took part with great enthusiasm and confidence.

We are really looking forward to the upcoming production of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Gulbenkian Arts Centre in Canterbury on Monday 20th November.



Calling all budding writers!

In November we will be holding our Open Days for Year 2 children and their parents and we would like you to help show them just how great St Peter's is!

We would like you to create a poster advertising our school or an information leaflet explaining all about life at St Peter's.

You could write about the curriculum and your favourite subjects, after school clubs, special events and activities, playtimes and friendships.

Please hand in your poster or leaflet to Mrs Ward in 6AW or Mrs Bruna in 3SB by Friday 3rd November.

Thank you

REMINDERS:

School Photos

A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 22nd October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2024 will close at midnight on **Tuesday 31st October 2023**.

If you have any queries, the KCC team can be emailed on kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Or click on the link below to make your application.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

Poppies

Remembrance Day poppies will still be on sale during the school day from Monday 30th Oct – Friday 3rd Nov.

A suggested price for the Poppies is 50p each and Keyrings, slap bands etc. £1 each.

Open Day for Year 2 pupils

This year's Open Days are on **Wed 8th Nov, Thursday 16th Nov, Wed 22nd Nov and Thurs 23rd Nov**.

If you have a child in Year 2 please come along and have a look around.

Please book your appointment via the link below or call the office on 861430.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peter-in-thanet-ce-junior-school

Flu vaccinations

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation team will be visiting the school on **Wed 15th Nov**.

Please complete the online form before **Thurs 9th Nov** to either consent or decline the vaccination at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

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

Dates for the Diary

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October - Half Term

Mon 30th Oct – Start of Term 2

Mon 30th Oct – Fri 3rd Nov – Year 6 PGL Residential trip

Mon 30th Oct – Fri 3rd Nov – Year 6 Activity Week

Tues 31st Oct – Yr 4 Trip to Richborough Roman Fort.

Tues 31st Oct – Deadline for Secondary School applications

Wed 8th Nov – Open Day for Year 2 pupils

Tues 14th Nov – Parent Consultation Eve

Wed 15th Nov – Flu vaccinations

Thurs 16th Nov - Open Day for Year 2 pupils

Thurs 16th Nov – Parents Consultation Eve

Fri 17th Nov – Children in Need Day (More information to follow after Half Term)

Thurs 23rd Nov - Open Day for Year 2 pupils

Tues 28th Nov – Year 3 Parent Coffee Morning

Fri 15th Dec – Last day 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

Year 3 Parent coffee morning

Come along and meet the NHS Wellbeing Team on **Tuesday 28th November** at 9am in our Art Annex.

This is an opportunity for our Year 3 parents to have an open discussion with the team on the topics they would like for future coffee mornings.

Topics covered by the team include; emotional wellbeing, autism, anxiety, ADHD and supporting challenging behaviour.

Online workshop

Please see the attached poster with information from the Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety team.

Star of the Week

3L: Kelsey F – for a fantastic non-fiction report about Wolves – well done on all your hard work!



3SB: Penny W – for putting a huge amount of effort into her writing and creating a fantastic report on Wolves! 😊

3S: Areesa A – for always showing the 3 R's and being an excellent role model to others – well done.



4B: Oscar A – for his fantastic attitude to learning and always showing the 3 R's.

4W: Codie-May D - for her enthusiastic approach to her learning. 😊

4S: Mason P – for a super piece of writing this week. Well done.

5S: Oliver S – for being a wonderful member of the class and always showing the 3 R's. 😊

5L: Chester G – for his amazing enthusiasm and effort in all lessons! 😊

5NB: Isla D – for improved focus and confidence in maths this week – keep it up Isla. 😊

6AW: Riley S – for excellent newspaper writing this week. Well done Riley. 😊

6M: Finley C - For having a fantastic term and being a helpful and enthusiastic member of the class.

6G: Olive C – for being an amazing member of 6G, helpful, kind and hard working.

6I: Leo B – for his excellent focus and for being a great support to his peers. 😊



Half Term events

TSC Holiday Club

This will be running during Half Term at St. Peter's from Mon 23rd – Thurs 26th October. Please see the attachment for more information.

Margate Football Club

Please see the attached flyer for information on Margate's match during Half Term.