



## Newsletter – October 2018

Term 1

### Dear Parents

We have had an action packed half term, where our learners have experienced an engaging and challenging curriculum. I would like to say thank you to all the parents who attended the parent meetings this term - there was a great turn out. Thanks also to our Governors who were in attendance to answer any questions you may have had.

Our priorities for school improvement this year are included in our Newsletter - these highlight areas we need to work on to continue to make St. Peter's a high quality learning community.

You will have noticed that all staff are monitoring closely the homework/reading records/uniforms - I myself have spoken with a number of parents about this. PLEASE read with your children/help with their homework - put great importance on this. To the majority of parents who do this - 'Well done to you and thank you' - you are giving your child the best possible start to their school life. Your children will also be doing home learning on their topic this half term, so do support them in this.

Can you please remind your children of our school motto 'It's Nice to be Nice', and to make the most of every opportunity given to them. We are also reflecting on 'having an attitude of gratitude'.

We have had lots of prospective parents visiting our school this term - it always makes me very proud to see how polite and articulate our pupils are about our school. If you know you will be moving from St.Peter's, do let us know as soon as possible, so that we can fill the place immediately, as we have many applicants on our ever increasing Waiting List.

We remember in our prayers, all those who are hungry and all members of our community who are sick, under emotional or mental strain and all those recently deceased.

We ask God our Father to continue to guide us and help us in all we do. As we are in the month of October, we remember to say the Rosary as a family

**Mrs M O'Regan**  
**Headteacher**

### Dates For Your Diary:

- 29<sup>th</sup> October - Start Term 2
- 29<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations
- 1<sup>st</sup> November - Year 4 to Mass
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 to Mass
- 12<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 to Mass
- 20<sup>th</sup> November - Years 3 and 4 to Athletics Tournament at St.Paul's
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Class Photos
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Year 5 to Mass
- 27<sup>th</sup> November - Years 5 and 6 to Athletics Tournament at St.Paul's
- 29<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 to Mass
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Infant Christmas Play
- 5<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 to The Christmas Journey
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 to Mass
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 to Mass
- 17<sup>th</sup> December - Junior Christmas Concert
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 to Mass
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last Day of Term (No Toys/School Uniform to be worn)

**School finishes at 1.00pm**

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7<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Term 3

### Reception Intake 2019/2020

Just a quick reminder that parents applying for places for Reception Class 2019/2020 can collect the St. Peter's Supplementary Form from the School Office. The closing date for applicants is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. (This is for children born 1.9.14 - 31.8.15)

### Charities

#### CAFOD/Greenwich Food Bank

Thank you to all those parents who contributed to our Harvest Festival collection this year and also made donations for CAFOD. Our Harvest assembly was led by CAFOD who spoke to the children about the valuable work they do. All food collected will be distributed via Greenwich Food Bank, to help people in the local community.



## School Visits/Activities:



Our Years 4, 5 and 6 classes visited Woolwich library for a Victorian Workshop linking to both their curriculum work and Black History month.

Soundsteps Keyboard visited the school during assembly time. They presented interactive keyboard sessions with demonstrations for all the children, who enjoyed this activity very much.

Fr Michael celebrated Whole School Mass and continues to support the work of the school. Junior classes continue to regularly attend Mass.

FS2 and Year 1 visited Greenwich Park as part of their environmental studies. The children had a wonderful day, and noted all the seasonal changes, looking at Autumn leaves and feeding the ducks.

We held Harvest Festival assemblies for all our children. During the assemblies we were visited by CAFOD, who explained the importance of their work and gave thanks for all the donations received. All food that had kindly been donated would go to Greenwich Food Bank, who would distribute it to our local parishioners.

Meet the Teacher week was very successful, it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. Parents commented on how very useful it was to receive clear and concise information with regards to work in the classroom and ways in which parents can help their child with studies.

Our Girls and Boys Junior Football teams attended a football tournament organised by St.Paul's school. Our

## Parent Conduct on School Premises

Angry and aggressive behaviour, either physical or verbal, towards members of staff, parents or children will not be tolerated at St.Peter's School, and is totally unacceptable. You must **never** approach a child. Please speak to school staff if you need to.

This form of behaviour is both upsetting for all our staff, children and parents to witness, and sets a very bad example. In the event of any incident of aggressive behaviour on the school grounds, an immediate ban can be put in place and the aggressor will not be permitted to enter the school premises.

We can all work together as a whole school community and my door is always open if you need to see me.

## Before and After School Arrangements



Infant children must not be left unaccompanied before 8.55am. The adult or elder sibling must stay with the Infant child until the class teacher collects them from the playground. We also need to know your child's 'hometime' arrangements, ie who is collecting your child at hometime, and with regards to Juniors, if have they parental permission to go home alone. The office must be informed of any changes, particularly if you have arranged for somebody other than the person known to the Class Teacher/Teaching Assistant to collect your child. Please note the Royal Greenwich Attendance Service monitor children who are continually late in school, or who are collected late, and will contact you direct if they have any concerns.

## Adult and Child Use of

### Mobiles in School



As you are aware, safeguarding of our school community is a priority for us all. As is the practice in many other schools, we ask that parents/carers **do not use their mobile phones** on the school grounds, when bringing or collecting their children. Similarly, please could you remind your child, that if it is absolutely necessary for them to bring their mobile phones to school, and you have given written permission, that they switch their phones off immediately on entering the school grounds, and do not switch them on again until they leave the school grounds. This helps to prevent pictures of children being taken inadvertently, or, for adults, inappropriate language being used without thought for those who might be standing close by. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Dinner Money



Dinner Money for next term (up to 21/12/18) totals £104.00 per child, payable for all Junior children. If paying by cheque, please make payable to 'St. Peter's School RBG'.

**Please ensure you keep a personal tally of how much dinner money you have paid - we are not always available to do this for you.**

PLEASE NOTE: In the exceptional circumstance that your child may need to change from Packed Lunch to School Dinners or vice versa, **please let the office know first.** Children are required to remain EITHER School Meals or Packed Lunch for the whole term.

## Purchases Made in School



The school office receive a wide range of payments on a daily basis, ie for dinner money, school trips, after school clubs, music lessons, uniform, governors fund, school journey, charity and fundraising, photo payments etc... As I am sure you can appreciate it is very important that the correct monies be paid to the correct accounts and payments are accredited to the correct child. Please could you ensure the right monies are paid with the accompanying permission slip and the envelope is clearly marked with the child's name and reason for payment.

The office **DO NOT CARRY CHANGE** please make the correct payment.

We also ask that if you wish to purchase uniform, you accompany your child so you can check for sizing and provide the correct payment. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## Child Protection

Thank you to all those parents who returned the Hometime Arrangements and Emergency Contact forms.

As you are aware from the news, some children die from neglect and abuse by their parents/carers. As Governors, Headteacher and staff of St. Peter's School, through the implementation of the Child Protection Policy (held in the School Office and on the Website), we endeavour to ensure that all child protection issues, or where there are reasonable grounds to suspect an issue, for example a child stating they have had no breakfast that morning or they had been hit by an adult etc..., will be dealt with appropriately including reporting to the duty social services officer, who must involve the Police, who will act on the concern. Let the school know if your child has had an accident/fall at home resulting in bumps, marks or bruises or if your child has been upset for a particular reason. Schools have a statutory responsibility under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children both in and out of school, and are legally bound, in our duty of care, to make referrals to Social Care, particularly as physical chastisement may be illegal in certain circumstances. We have to, as professionals, 'Think the Unthinkable' to safeguard our children.

The Greenwich Safeguarding Children Board have a very informative website, with lots of information and further links, that parents can access

[www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk) The website covers areas such as domestic violence, parental mental ill health, prevention and early help, safeguarding in education and recognising and addressing abuse.

## School Governors

The Governors play a vital role in the running of the school and the implementing and overseeing of all the work of the school. Governors are the largest volunteer force in the country, and we thank all our Governors for their hard work and continued support at St. Peter's School. A number of Governors have already visited St. Peter's this school year, as well as attending meetings.

## Attendance



Our attendance this term has been very good, being 98.5% overall. Please help us to maintain this high level of attendance by arranging non-urgent appointments out of school time or during the holidays - your child's education will ALWAYS benefit from consistently good attendance. The attendance figures for the classes are as follows:

FS2	87%	Year 1	73%	Year 2	77%		
Year 3	87%	Year 4	73%	Year 5	61%	Year 6	83%

78% of our pupils achieved 100% attendance this term, which is a great achievement. At the end of next term, all those children who have maintained 100% attendance will receive a certificate to celebrate this great accomplishment.

We also monitor punctuality, both when a child arrives in the morning, and if a child is collected late. Please ensure your child is in school ready for a prompt start at 8.55am. Similarly please ensure your child is collected promptly at 3.15pm

## Getting Ready for Christmas



We are soon starting Advent, where we prepare for the Birth of Jesus. During Advent, we ask you to think about the little things we can do to help each other. A little effort goes a long way.

Also, remember each other and those in need, in your prayers.

Fr Michael is always looking for altar servers - this is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to serve. Contact Fr Michael on 0208 854 0359.

Remember the 'Wednesday Word' - this is your chance as a family to prepare for the Gospel reading. There is a great website [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org) - Fr Michael also reminds us of this.

Fr Michael asks that if you know of any family or friends who have recently moved into the Parish, please could you ask them to register at St. Peter's Church.

## School Council



We are delighted to announce our new School Council. They are:

Year 2 - Gabriella and Jayden N.

Year 3 - Chelsea and Daniel K

Year 4 - Chima and Atiajie

Year 5 - Lota and Joshua

Year 6 - Moses, Lucia and Powlo

Each Councillor, prior to election, made a supporting statement as to why they should be chosen, and what they would do as a Councillor. They have had their first meeting and are already working hard with ideas and suggestions.

To date the School Council have had many successes, which is to the benefit of our whole school community.

Our House Captains are:

St.Paul's - Rocky and Hannah

St.Luke's - Jonathan N and Ayeyie

St.Teresa - Jonathan O and Doubra

Martin Luther King - Simon and Kiana

## Parents' Evenings



Parents' Evening Week begins when we return to school after half-term, the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> October. Your child's Class Teacher has given you a time and date to attend. As we have many appointments to keep, please could you try to keep to the time and date allocated. However, if you absolutely need to rearrange the date/time, please contact the Class Teacher immediately.

## School/Parent Information Sharing



So that our whole school community is aware of what is happening in school, we have a number of ways of sharing information.

**We send letters and newsletters home on a regular basis - please, please ensure you remind your child to give you any letters received and please read it carefully,** as a number of letters, ie after school clubs or trips have a deadline date or important dates for your diary.

We use Parentmail for emergency information and date reminders. Please keep the office up to date with regard to any changes to your mobile phone number, so that you do not miss any Parentmail messages that are sent.

Please be sure to check our website regularly [www.stpeters.greenwich.sch.uk](http://www.stpeters.greenwich.sch.uk). We have lots of useful information about the school on the website, ranging from the latest SATs results to the dates for Extra Curricular Activities. We also publish many of our school policies, including the Respect and Behaviour Policy, Child Protection Policy, E-Safety Policy and Positive Handling Policy.

The Community Board in the entrance way is also updated with local events and news, for example half term activities. Please check it on a regular basis.

## School Uniform



It is always lovely to see our children looking smart in their school uniforms. At the back of this newsletter is current School Uniform list.

**After half-term, ie Term 2, Summer uniform is not permitted, and children should wear white shirts and ties.** Also if jumpers have been stretched and do not fit correctly anymore, you must buy a new one. We also have many 'lost property' jumpers which have been in the Lost Property box for a long time. These can be purchased in return for a small donation to the school.

## Priorities for School Improvement

1. To celebrate that we are each made in the image and likeness of God. To foster prayer and to shine our light as Jesus does.
2. To raise standards of learning and teaching to be consistently good or better in the teaching of all subjects. To develop the new leadership team.
3. To raise standards and ensure further progression by regularly analysing data and acting upon assessment data to provide focused intervention where needed.
4. To raise standards and expectations by improving the quality of teaching and learning further and enabling children to take ownership of their learning
5. To follow the National Curriculum and to use the Creative Curriculum to further develop children's independent skills.
6. To further improve the provision, assessments and independence of all learners in the Foundation Stage.

## Meet The Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended these meetings - it shows how much you want to support your children with all aspects of their school work. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Please continue to work with us, as when school, parents and children work together, it makes a great difference.

## School Trips

All of our arranged school trips are linked to the class curriculum, and play a vital part in your child's learning. We encourage all parents to ensure their child is able to attend. However, if for any reason your child cannot attend, ie financial, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs O'Regan to discuss the matter further.

## Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder to all parents, that the closing date for applications to Secondary Schools is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. If you are applying to a Church school you will also need to return their supplementary form by this date.

The Secondary school destinations for our Year 6 class of 2017/2018 were as follows:

St.Paul's Academy	-	6
St.Columba's	-	3
St.Catherine's	-	4
St.Ursula's	-	2
St.Olave's	-	1
Bexley Grammar	-	2
Greenwich Free School	-	3
Mayfield Grammar School	-	1
Harris Academy Falconwood	-	1
Chatham Grammar School	-	1
Rochester Grammar School	-	2
Townley Grammar School	-	1
Wilmington Boys Grammar School	-	1

We wish all our pupils the very best for their futures.

## Parking Outside School

Please do not park illegally outside St.Peter's school. Traffic Wardens are now patrolling Crescent Road and surrounding roads. For example, it is illegal to park on or across someone's drive or to park on zig-zag lines or yellow lines (check restriction times) - if you do, the Traffic Warden will issue you with a ticket - they are doing their job helping to keep all our children and community safe.

St.Peter's School received accreditation for the STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible and Safe) programme. This programme recognises the schools' success in promoting active, safer and responsible travel. Well done everyone!



# We wish you all a Happy and Safe Half-Term Holiday