



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another productive term at St.Peter's school, with children focussed on learning and enjoying their varied curriculum. We continue to let our lights shine and this year we are focussing on caring for each other more.

I would like to say thank you for all the work you do with your children and ensuring your child(ren) are ready to learn every day. Your support of home learning and the school is showing your child how much you value education. Your child will also have this value.

As we prepare for Easter, we remember the great sacrifice of Jesus dying on the cross to save us. Let us, this Lent, offer our welcome and support to all our community, and show to the world that our faith is strong, alive and well.

*Mrs M O'Regan
Headteacher*

Parish News



Fr Michael visits the school regularly and is always warmly received by all the children, staff and parents. Our children continue to attend Mass weekly and our altar servers are a credit to you and the school.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will take place on 22nd May at 6pm at St.Peter's Church. Fr. Michael has set the date for Holy Communion as Saturday 8th June at 2.00pm. We look forward to this wonderful occasion.

Parents' Evening Week



Parents' Evening appointments will take place during the week beginning 25th February. Your child's Class Teacher will send you a letter giving you a date and time. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Admissions

All applications received for Reception class starting in September 2019 will now be ranked and submitted to Greenwich Council. The Council will contact parents direct on 16th April to let you know which school your child has been allocated.

If you know that your child will be leaving St.Peter's school, please inform the school office as soon as possible, as we have many applicants on our Waiting List. Please note you will need to provide the office with a letter confirming that your child(ren) is leaving, the address of the new school they will be attending and new home address if applicable.

Our School Council



Our School Council met again this term, and shared thoughts and feelings about their school. The roles and responsibilities of School Councillors was discussed, particularly the importance of being positive ambassadors for St.Peter's. A wide range of other subjects was discussed, including book week arrangements and possibly more 'walk to school' activities.

Dates For Your Diary:



- 25th February - Term 4 starts - children back to school
- 25th February - Parents' Evening Week
- 28th February - Handwash Hygiene Workshop for KS1
- 28th February - Year 6 to Mass
- 1st March - Year 5 start Swimming
- 5th March - Individual Photos
- 5th March - Parent Workshop
- 6th, 7th & 8th March - Year 6 to Arethusa School Journey
- 7th March - Year 5 to Mass
- 11th March - Book Fair Week
- 14th March - Year 4 to Mass
- 18th March - Greenwich Music Festival
- 21st March - Year 3 to Mass
- 28th March - Year 6 to Mass
- 1st April - London Fire Brigade to Years 2 and 5
- 2nd April - Yrs 5/6 Mixed Handball
- 4th April - Year 5 to Mass
- 5th April - Last Day of Term 4
(No toys/uniform must be worn)

School Finishes at 1.00pm

Tuesday 23rd April - First Day of Term 5 - children return to school

Remaining INSET Days (children do not come into school):

Monday 24th June

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Events Over Term 3

- ☺ Fr Michael celebrated Mass at the school
- ☺ After school Multi-Sports sessions for Year 2
- ☺ CAHMS led a 'Parenting Skills' Workshop for all parents. The Workshop was very well attended, and useful and practical Parenting Skills were discussed.
- ☺ After school Cheerleading sessions for Years 4 and 5
- ☺ All classes visited Woolwich Library, making use of a valuable local resource
- ☺ After school Choir practice for Years 4, 5 and 6
- ☺ KS2 classes continued to attend Mass at St.Peter's Church
- ☺ After school Art Club for all budding artists in Years 5 and 6
- ☺ Our boys Basketball team attended a Basketball tournament at St.Paul's Academy, successfully reaching the semi-final
- ☺ After school Rock Club sessions for Year 5
- ☺ All the children enjoyed the New Year discos, raising a fantastic £347, enabling the school to buy essential equipment
- ☺ After school Hip Hop Dance continued for Years 1 and 2
- ☺ Prayer Group continued for KS2
- ☺ After school Musical Theatre sessions for Years 4 and 5
- ☺ Team Training continued for Years 5 and 6
- ☺ After school Football sessions for Years 3 and 4
- ☺ Year 5 continued to attend Swimming lessons

Dinner Money

£££

Dinner Money for next term (up to 5th April 2019) totals £78.00 per child. Please ensure dinners are paid for in advance, and NOT in arrears. If paying by cheque, please make payable to 'St.Peter's School - RBG'. We have received a number of envelopes without a name or class on them. Please put your child's name and class on an envelope when making a payment into the school with the correct amount enclosed - **the school cannot provide envelopes for you**. Thank you.

School Uniform - Names



Please, please ensure your child's name is clearly written in their school uniform, as it can easily get mixed up in the classroom, for example when children are changing for PE, or similarly when having to change for an After School activity.

If your child brings home another child's uniform in error, ie a jumper, please can you ensure you return it to the Class Teacher the next day so it can be returned to the correct child.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

St.Peter's School Governors News

The Governors at St.Peter's play a vital role in the running of the school and the implementing and overseeing of all the work of the school. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Franklin, our Vice-Chair of Governors, Mrs Heywood and all other Governors attend school regularly, for example, for this term Governors have attended training, meetings and an RE visit from the Diocese. School Governors are the largest volunteer force in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards through their three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and monitoring and evaluating school performance. Our School Governors generously give their time to St.Peter's School, to ensure all the children, parents and staff gain the best possible experience of being part of St.Peter's school community, and for this we are all very grateful.

The School Governors are as follows:

Ms Santa Aciro

Mrs Phyll Wilkinson

Mr Sean Small

Mr Piotr Sawczuk

Mrs Sarah Heywood (Vice Chair)

Mr Gerry Franklin (Chair)

Mrs Mary O'Regan

Dr Irene Yi

Rev Fr Michael Branch

Miss Marna Du Bruyn

Child Protection

The Governors, Headteacher and staff of St. Peter's School, through the implementation of the Child Protection Policy (held in the School Office), endeavour to ensure that all child protection issues, or where there are reasonable grounds to suspect an issue, are investigated and reported when necessary. Examples are a child stating they have had no breakfast that morning or that they had been slapped/hit by an adult. Please note the use of physical force in disciplining children may be illegal in certain circumstances. This includes where an implement has been used or where the use of that force has resulted in injury and also the use of prolonged physical stress positions (this is where children are placed in a position of discomfort for a long period of time). In these circumstances the school has a statutory duty to report such incidents to the duty social services officer, who must involve the Police, who will act on the concern. It is extremely important that you 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. We are legally bound, in our duty of care, to make referrals.

As part of child protection, we have to monitor children who continually arrive late in the morning and are collected late at hometime. We need to know your child's 'hometime' arrangements, ie who is collecting your child at hometime, and with regards to Juniors, 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.

The School Car Park

The School Car Park is strictly for the use of staff and visitors to the school only. Parents must not, **under any circumstances**, use the Car Park, even if it is outside of school core hours, and you are dropping off or collecting your child from the After School Club. As I am sure you can understand, this is for the safety of all our school community.

Road Safety



St.Peter's school is situated on a busy road, which is also a main bus route. When parking your car, please be mindful of the safety of children and adults, who need to access the school, ie do not park on the zig-zag lines, yellow lines or double park when dropping off your child. Also please be respectful to residents in the road, and do not park across their driveways, or indeed on their driveways. Please leave yourself enough time to park further away from the school, or walk to school if you can.

Reminders:



Medical Conditions:

Please could you ensure you inform the School Office of any allergies/medical conditions that your child may have, in order for appropriate plans to be put in place, and inform all necessary staff, ie teacher, teaching assistant, kitchen staff. Also if your child has prescribed medication that is left in school, please ensure that you provide us with new/up to date medication when necessary. Please do not ask staff to give your child medication which you have bought over the counter. The school is not obliged to administer any medication, but we will endeavour to assist in the administration of prescribed medication only.

Sick Children:

Please ensure you call the office before 10.00am, if your child is going to be absent, with a reason we can enter into the register. Please note, if your child is physically sick in school, they are **NOT** allowed to return within 24 hours, ie the next day.

We, as carers of children, have strict guidelines to follow in relation to health and safety of all our school community. We cannot put at risk any of our families. When we contact parents re sickness/accidents, it is with the understanding that parents will act appropriately. We do appreciate how difficult it is for parents during working hours and as such do not call unless absolutely necessary. **The office must be informed immediately of any changes to contact phone numbers.**

We do appreciate your full co-operation in these matters.

