



Newsletter December 2019

Term 2

Dear Parents

We have had another action packed term, and our children are a credit to you. Our new children and staff are well settled and part of the St.Peter's family.

All our staff continue to work tirelessly every day, and on behalf of everyone, we say 'thank you'.

Our Infant play 'Mary's Knitting' and Junior Carol Service were very well attended, and the simple message of Christmas is alive and living in our community. Your children have done us all proud by using their gifts and talents to praise the Lord. They reminded us to be humble this Christmas, as we remember the birth of Jesus. Thank you for your donations, helping to raise valuable funds for the school.

Do attend your Church over Christmas to show to the world that our faith is strong, alive and well. On behalf of all at St.Peter's, the children, the staff, the Governors, we wish you a happy and holy Christmas.

*Miss Du Bryn
Acting Headteacher*

St.Peter's Church Christmas Calendar



Fr Michael, Fr Matthew, Fr Anthony, Fr Tomasz, Fr Jim and Deacon Piotz are very busy preparing for Christmas (dates for St.Peter's Church below). We hope you will join in at St.Peter's to celebrate Christmas as a community together.

24 th December	Masses	9.30am and 12.30pm
	Christmas Children's Nativity Mass	6.00pm
	Carol Service	11.30pm (Doors open 11.00pm)
	Midnight Mass	12.00 Midnight
25 th December	Masses	8.30am, 10.00am and 11.45am
		NO EVENING MASS
26 th December	Mass	10.00am
31 st December	Masses	9.30am and 12,30pm
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00pm - 11.45pm
	Midnight Mass	12.00 Midnight
1 st January	Mass	10.00am
3 rd January	First Friday Service	11.00am

Dates For Your Diary: 1

- 6th January - Term 3 starts, children back to school
- 8th January - Yr 5 start Swimming
- 13th January - After School Netball Club starts
- 13th January - After School Choir Club starts
- 13th January - After School Football Club starts
- 14th January - After School Multisport Club starts
- 14th January - After School Gymnastics Club starts
- 15th January - **LAST day to return Greenwich and St.Peter's admission forms for Reception 20/21**
- 16th January - After School Football Club starts
- 16th January - After School Gymnastics Club starts
- 17th January - Team Training starts
- 21st January - Yr 1 to Prince Phillip Maritime Collections Centre
- 21st January - Yr 1 to Prince Phillip Maritime Collections Centre
- 27th January - Prince Phillip Maritime Collections Centre to Yr 5
- 30th January - Critical Thinking Workshops for Years 5 & 6
- 3rd February - Prince Phillip Maritime Collections Centre to Yr 3
- 5th February - KS1 Disco
- 7th February - KS2 Disco
- 14th February - End of Term 3

- 24th February- Term 4 starts, children back to school

Purchases Made in School

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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.

Events over Term 2



We have had a very busy term. Here are just some of the key events:

- Classes continued to attend Thursday Mass at church.
- Year 6 visited both the National Maritime Museum and Royal Observatory, to study the stars, and attend the Moon Exhibition as part of their curriculum studies.
- Everyone enjoyed the 'Christmas Jumper' day helping to raise funds for 'Save the Children'.
- Our Years 5/6 Athletics teams participated in a mini Athletics tournament at Our Lady of Grace, competing against other local schools. Our boy's team came third overall, and our girl's team performed brilliantly and won the tournament, bringing the Champions cup to St.Peter's school - Well done!
- The Christmas concerts were both very enjoyable - we thank all the staff and children for their hard work, and thanks to all those parents who attended. The concerts were outstanding!
- St.Peter's Pre-School made use of our playground.
- Year 3 visited the Museum of Docklands as part of their 'Trading' studies.
- All children enjoyed preparing for the birth of Jesus.
- FS2 and Year 1 went to the Library to attend a 'Little Prince' workshop.

Governors

All the Governors at St.Peter's School work very hard, voluntarily, to ensure St.Peter's school continues to serve the whole school community, at a consistently high level.

We thank the Governors for all their continued hard work and support for the school. During Term 2 our Governors have visited the school on a regular basis, for a wide range of reasons, including, Data Analysis, Safeguarding and the Christmas Productions.

Dinner Money/Free School Meals



Dinner Money for next term (up to 14.2.20) totals £78.00 per child. If paying by cheque, please make payable to 'St.Peter's School - RBG'.

NB: Please ensure dinners are paid for in advance, NOT in arrears and that monies are **paid on Monday**. As the office does not carry a 'money float', please ensure the correct money is given.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Medicines in School



Staff at St.Peter's school are not obliged to administer general medicines (eg antibiotics, cough mixture etc) during the normal school day on a parent's behalf. There are many health and safety implications when medicines are kept in school, primarily with regards to the storage of, the administration of and the accessibility of the medicines. If your child needs antibiotics we suggest one dose just before school, one dose as soon as your child arrives home (given by the parent/carer) and the final dose before bedtime. If your child requires four doses of antibiotics a day, you may come into school to administer the medicine to your child.

This does not apply to those children who may need medication in an emergency, ie an Epipen, asthma pumps etc... In these circumstances the school will be in contact with the medical service and a care plan will be drafted.

Child Protection

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 slapped/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. We are legally bound, in our duty of care, to make referrals to Social Services. 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 The website covers areas such as domestic violence, parental mental ill health, prevention and early help, safeguarding in education and recognising and addressing abuse.

Communication



Communication ensures our whole school community can work well together. We have a number of different communication tools that we use so that you are always informed and kept up-to-date with school events and issues. Please **check our website** on a regular basis, and always **check your child's school bag for letters** and information that may have been sent home. We always send **texts to parents** with reminders or important updates, so please ensure the school office is notified of any mobile phone no. changes. We also have a **parent board near the front entrance** that is regularly updated.

Allergies in School

A number of our children have allergies to certain foods, including nuts, eggs, fish and dairy, and in order to be able to manage this safely and effectively, we ask that children do not bring in party bags or cakes when it is their birthday.

Similarly, in order to be able to manage this during lunchtime, we also ask that those children who bring in Packed Lunch do not have nuts or nut products included, ie Nutella, Peanut Butter etc...

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Together we can all keep our children safe.

Attendance



Our Attendance for the whole of the Autumn Term was 97.3%, staying above the national average of 95%. Congratulations to the 87 children who attained 100% attendance this Autumn Term and have received their 100% Attendance Certificates - they are as follows:

FS2: Daniel A., Adeoluwa, Adriel, Chisimdi, Keziah, Chizaram, Ezra, Aden, Deborah, Joshua, Sapphire, Emmanuel, Racheal, Daniel U.

Year 1: Damilola, Kenechukwu, Emmanuel, Colin, Mickaella, Prince, George, Georgina, Best, Osazeenomwan, Michelle, Joy

Year 2: Jesutomipe, Mercy, Afolasade, Oluwademilade, Annalisa, Makayla, Kamorie, Amani, Joel, Mary, Michelle, Renee, Morgan, Franciszek

Year 3: Chidiogo, Oyindamola, Esther, Olaoluwa, Chizarah, Jasmine, Gabriel, Seyilope, Jayden, Theeson

Year 4: Seun, Harry, Chiderah, Mary, Daniel, Emmanuel, Jessica, Obinna, Leonard, Ethan

Year 5: Andrea, Erik, Chiadika, Veronica, Angelo, Tobenna, Keisha, Aitujjie, Semion, Chinonye, Matthewos, Martha, Semilore, Alexia, Raphael, Joanne, Victory, Lena P, Jayden, Divine

Year 6: Chiemezuo, Dorothy, Osagie, Mara, Michelle, Nadine, Alan

Extra Curricular Activities



After School Football will start on Thursday 16th January for Years 3 and 4.

Booster Classes will start for Year 6 starting Tuesday 14th January.

Swimming will start for Year 5 on Wednesday 15th January. School Team Training (am) for Years 5 and 6 starts Friday 17th January.

After School Multisports for Years 1 and 2 will start on Tuesday 14th January.

After School Choir will start on Monday 13th January for Years 4, 5 and 6.

After School Gymnastics will start on Tuesday 14th January for Years 3 and 4.

After School Gymnastics will start on Thursday 16th January for Years 1 and 2.

After School Netball will start for Years 5 and 6 on Monday 13th January.

After School Football will start on Monday 13th January for Years 5 and 6.

Parish News



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will take place in May 2020 (date to be confirmed). The First Holy Communion has been arranged for June 2020 (date to be confirmed). We look forward to this wonderful occasion.

Our Class Assemblies on Wednesdays reflect the gospel readings which will be used at Mass the following Sunday. Remember the 'Wednesday Word' - this is your chance as a family to prepare for the Gospel reading. It is a great website www.wednesdayword.org.

Our children are attending mass weekly and our altar servers are a credit to you and the school.

St.Peter's Church are always looking for altar servers - this is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to serve. Please could any new worshippers to the parish ensure that they register at St.Peter's Church on 0208 854 0359.

Charities/Fundraising

We have had a number of charity/fundraising events in school this term, here are a few:

- ♥ We sold poppies for the British Legion, to remember all those that have and are serving in our British Forces.
- ♥ Children and staff wore Christmas themed jumpers as part of a fundraising event for Save the Children, raising valuable funds for this very worthy cause. Well done!

Thank you for all your kind donations.

Emergency Closure Procedures



Please note, if the school is closed at short notice, ie due to adverse weather conditions - a text message and e-mail will be sent through Parentmail. Therefore please ensure you keep the office up-to-date with any changes to your e-mail address or mobile phone no.

A notice will also be posted on our website - www.stpeters.greenwich.sch.uk - under the 'Home' and 'Latest News' tabs. Greenwich Council will also list all schools that are closed - www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk.

Questionnaires



Thank you for completing the recent Parent (Christmas) Questionnaires. We always appreciate and value your evaluations and comments, which enable us to further develop our practice. We will evaluate the questionnaires, and let you know the results shortly.



We wish you all a Happy, Holy Christmas

