



Newsletter December 2020

Term 2

Dear Parents

May I start the last newsletter of this calendar year by thanking you for all your continued support, patience and understanding during this very challenging time.

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, especially in the very challenging circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, and on behalf of everyone, we say "thank you".

Our school community is a strong, vibrant one where children are well supported by a dedicated strong team of teachers, teaching assistants, parents, Governors, our local Parish and the surrounding community.

Your children have done us all proud by using their gifts and talents to praise the Lord with their recorded Christmas productions and performances this year. They reminded us to be humble this Christmas, as we remember the birth of Jesus. We remember in our prayers all those who are sick and 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. Please let me know if I can help with anything and please look after yourselves.

On behalf of all at St.Peter's, the children, the staff, the Governors, we wish you a happy and holy Christmas.

*Miss Du Bruyn
Headteacher*

Dates For Your Diary:



- 4th January - Term 3 starts, children back to school
 - 15th January - **LAST day to return Greenwich and St.Peter's admission forms for Reception 21/22**
 - 11th February - FS2 Road Safety Workshop
 - 12th February - End of Term 3
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- 22nd February- Term 4 starts, children back to school

St.Peter's Church Christmas Calendar



Fr Michael, Fr Matthew, Fr Anthony, Fr Tomasz, Fr Jim and Deacon Piotez 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, 12.30pm, 4.00pm, 6.00pm and 9.00pm
	Midnight Mass	12.00 Midnight
25 th December	Masses	8.30am, 10.00am and 11.45am
26 th December	Masses	10.00am and 6.00pm (Vigil)
27 th December	Masses	8.30am, 10.00am, 11.45am, 3.00pm and 6.00pm
28 th December	Mass	10.00am
29 th December	Mass	10.00am
30 th December	Mass	10.00am
31 st December	Masses	10.00am and 6.00pm
1 st January	Masses	8.30am, 10.00am and 11.45am
2 nd January	Masses	12.30pm and 6.00pm (Vigil)

Purchases Made in School

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The school office receives a wide range of payments on a daily basis, and therefore 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 your child's name and reason for payment. The office DOES NOT GIVE CHANGE please make the correct payment.

The PlusPay system, that was introduced last term, is proving very successful. Thank you to all of you for signing up.

When ordering uniform, please ensure you order the correct size, as we are currently unable to exchange.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Dinner Money/Free School Meals



Dinner Money for next term (up to 12.2.21) 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**. 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

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.

Communication



Communication ensures our whole school community can work well together, particularly in the current pandemic. 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.

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.

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, particularly during the current pandemic.

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.

Emergency Closure Procedures ❄️❄️❄️

Please note, if the school is closed at short notice, ie due to adverse weather conditions or other emergency 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.

Events over Term 2: 🎵★

Due to the current pandemic we have been unable to arrange school visits, school events or visitors to school. However we have continued with our yearly Christmas celebrations, including:

- 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. '
- Christmas Lunch offered for all children.
- The individual Class Christmas Productions - we thank all the staff and children for their hard work. All the productions were outstanding! I am sure all parents enjoyed watching the performances via our website
- All children enjoyed preparing for the birth of Jesus.

Attendance 😊😊

Our Attendance for the whole of the Autumn Term was 98%, staying above the national average of 95%. Congratulations to the 130 children who attained 100% attendance this Autumn Term and have received their 100% Attendance Certificates - they are as follows:

FS2: Oluwadamilare, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Destiny, Emmanuel, Emmanuella, Aden, Chloe, Olivia N, Amarachi, Timon, Ramiah, Olivia O, Oluwatimilehin, Tahlia, Chedera, Kendrick, Osarodion, Oluwabusayo, Zarae Rose

Year 1: Jason, Sophie, Adriel, Chisimdi, Chimereze, Kalina, Chizaram, Matthew, Olivia, Deborah, Joshua, Giovanni, Emmanuel, Precious, Jayden, Jessey, Racheal, Kayla-Rose, Gracie-Mae

Year 2: Damilola, Oluwatobi, Colin, Daniel, Chizitere, Isobel, Tanitoluwa, Prince, Crystabel, George, Georgina, Best, Jessica, Ozazeenomwan, Samuel, Johanna, Oluwatise, Abraham

Year 3: Jesutomipe, Tiana-Hilda, Bryan, Afolasade, Chinechelum, Annalisa, Karmorie, Chisom, Joshua, Cecilia, Jessica, Joel, Jeffrey, Mary, Michelle, Renee, Raheem, Ethan, Chioma, Morgan, Franciszek

Year 4: Charlene, Subomi, Chidiogo, Esther, Olaoluwa, Chizarah, Fiona, Jasmine, Manuela, Gabriel, Elijah, Seyilope, Daria, Ewuresi, Gabriella, Jayden, James, Mary, Clara

Year 5: Seun, Chelsea, David, Chiderah, Mary, Chidinma, Joshua, Emmanuel, Mara, Dominik, Daniel

Year 6: Danika-Taryn, Chiadika, Daniel, Angelo, Chibuikem, Promise, Tobenna, Keisha, Aituajie, Chinonye, Matthewos, Martha, Semilore, Alexia, Raphael, Joanne, Victory, David, Lena P, Lena S, Jayden



We wish you all a Happy, Holy Christmas

