



Newsletter February 2021

Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another very challenging term for families at school and in the country. I want to start the newsletter by thanking all of you for your continued support and patience during another very uncertain and stressful time during the National Lockdown. We acknowledge that each family has their own challenges and that it is very difficult to support your children at home with online learning. As an outstanding school, we value the education of our children and I want to thank all parents, children and staff for working endlessly and incredibly hard to continue to maintain a very high standard of work in the school and also at home. The very dedicated staff at St Peter's RC Primary School have been staying in contact with families on a regular basis, which has ensured that we are still one big St Peter's family. Staff continued to be in school every day and also supporting children with their online learning and well-being at home. We are truly blessed with wonderful staff, parents, children, governors and our Parish Priests.

As we are awaiting the announcement from the Prime Minister as to when and in which way children will return to school, we can reassure parents and carers that we review our risk assessment on a regular basis and that safety and well-being for all children and staff continues to be our priority. We will continue to communicate with you through parentmail, the school website and telephone calls. Please contact the school if there is a change in your contact details.

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday on 17th February 2021, let us offer our prayers and thoughts to all in our community and show to the world that our faith is strong, alive and well.

I hope you all enjoy the one week half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Please let me know if I can help with anything and please look after yourself.

*Miss Du Bruyn
Headteacher*

Dates For Your Diary:

22nd February - Term 4 starts for online learning and provision in school for Key Worker and Vulnerable children. The Prime Minister will review when the school will re-open for all children. Please note that more diary dates will follow as soon as we have more information regarding the National Lockdown.

31st March - Last Day of Term 4 (No toys/uniform must be worn)

School Finishes at 1.00pm

Monday 19th April - First Day of Term 5 - children return to school

Dinner Money £££

Dinner Money for next term (up to 31st March 2021) totals £70.20 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.

Admissions

All applications received for Reception class starting in September 2021 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.

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.

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, and our Chair of Governors, Mr Franklin, our Vice-Chair of Governors, Mrs Heywood and all other Governors attend school regularly, and during this pandemic have kept in constant contact with the school, offering support. 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	Mrs Carolyn Long	Mr Ryan Huggett
Mrs Sarah Heywood (Vice Chair)	Mr Gerry Franklin (Chair)	Mrs Hirpeet Kaur Birdi	
Rev Fr Michael Branch	Miss Marna Du Bruyn	Mr Piotr Sawzucuk	