



Newsletter March 2021

Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a very challenging Spring term, we are very grateful that all the children and families are well and that we are back in school as a St Peter's family. I would like to thank all parents, children, staff, Father Michael and Father Matthew and Governors for all your continued support, patience and understanding during the National Lockdown. All school staff worked tirelessly every day to support the online learning at home and also support the Keyworker children in school. I also acknowledge that the pandemic caused huge challenges and uncertainties for you as parents. Therefore, on behalf of everyone, I say "thank you".

All our Year 6 children now know their secondary school offer - it's never too early to think about this for your child, please check the Greenwich website for details of all secondary schools. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children in September. If you know or think you are leaving please let us know as soon as possible, as we do have many children on our Waiting list.

And so, as another busy term comes to a close, we get ready for Holy Week before celebrating Jesus' resurrection and ascension on Easter Sunday.

Our whole school Easter celebration reminds us of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us. We say thank you Jesus, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

I wish you all the blessings of Easter.

*Miss Du Bruyn
Headteacher*

Homework



Please continue to ensure your child is working hard, and check their homework is completed to a high standard. Listen to them read, ask questions about it or join a library. The more time and value you put into this, the better your children will achieve in the future. Now is also a good time to start ensuring that children are in bed at a reasonable time so that they can achieve their best.

Staff News



We welcome back our Reception Class Teacher, Mrs Bonnah, following her maternity leave.

Dates For Your Diary: 1

19th April - Term 5 starts

22nd April - Book Day

3rd May - May Bank Holiday -
School Closed

12th May - Individual Pupil
Photos

28th May - End of Term 5

7th June - Term 6 starts

Holy Communion

The First Confession
(Sacrament of
Reconciliation) will take place
on **Thursday 17th June** in
school.

The First Holy Communion
has also been arranged to
take place in school on
Saturday 19th June.

Fr Michael and Fr Matthew
will attend both occasions,
and a letter detailing times
for the First Holy
Communion will be sent to all
parents involved.

We look forward to this
wonderful occasion.

Easter Message

In his message for Lent this
year (17 February 2021),
Pope Francis reminds us this
is a time for renewing faith,
hope and love, and explains
what is meant "to experience
Lent with love" in our
difficult times.

Collecting sick children

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. Please ensure you have an alternative adult you can send to collect your child if you are not able. Please note, during school hours (8.45am - 3.20pm) only an adult (over 18 years) may collect your child from school, and your child most definitely may not leave school alone during these hours.

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.

Dinner Money

Dinner Money for next term (up to 28th May 2021) totals £75.40 per child (£2.60 per day, £13.00 per week). 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, 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.

Child Protection in School

In school, as part of our Child Protection duty and commitment, we try to make children aware of the many ways they could endanger themselves. We discuss mobile phone/e-safety issues, road safety awareness, 'stranger danger' and personal safety when travelling on public transport, to name but a few. We do this both through classroom discussion, and also by inviting outside agencies into school.

The 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), 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 also 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.

Attendance

It has been wonderful to see all our children return to school. Our attendance since returning to full school attendance this term has been 97% overall. Please help us to maintain this high level of attendance, your child's education will **ALWAYS** benefit from consistently good attendance.

Parents' Evening

Thank you all for receiving your child's Class Teacher's phone call as part of Parents' Evening. Again, we had nearly 100% response, showing a community focussed on learning. Should you need to see a member of staff, either contact the member of staff before or after school, or let the office know and arrangements can be made. As you know we are always willing to see you - the more questions you ask about your child, the more we can help.

Parish News



Please note dates and times for Holy Week Services at St.Peter's Church are:

Holy Thursday 1st April Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm	Good Friday 2nd April Solemn Liturgy: 3.00pm	Holy Saturday 3rd April Easter Vigil Mass: 7.00pm
		Easter Sunday 4th April Masses: 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.45am, 3.00pm and 6.00pm

Summertime Uniform

It is lovely to see all the children looking so smart in St.Peter's school uniform. During Terms 5 and 6 (the Summer terms) all children may wear white polo shirts (without ties), and girls may opt to wear green and white school summer dresses. A reminder also that only sensible flat, black shoes are permitted as footwear.

Due to a recent cost increase from our uniform suppliers, as from 19th April our school uniform prices will increase slightly. Please see the Uniform Price List attached.

During next term the sun will (hopefully!!) be shining. Please provide soft sun hats/caps (no rigid peaks) for your child, to use during playtimes, and as, for health and safety reasons, children must not bring/keep sun creams in their bags, please could you put a 'long lasting/12 hour' sun screen on your child before school.

We look forward to a happy, safe summer.

Hometime

Arrangements/ Covid Procedures

Thank you for your co-operation and support with regards to staggered start and hometime arrangements. Please could you bring and collect your children at their **allocated** times so that we can continue to keep our whole school community safe.

Parking Outside School

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

Also, please be respectful to residents in the road, by not parking 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, as this will be beneficial both for your health and the environment.



Wishing you a Happy, Holy Easter



Uniform Price List

JUMPER <i>Boys Only</i>			CARDIGAN <i>Girls Only</i>		
Size	Price		Size	Price	
24" Approx Age 4	£13.00		24" Approx Age 4	£13.50	
26" Approx Age 5	£13.00		26" Approx Age 5	£13.50	
28" Approx Age 6/7	£13.00		28" Approx Age 6/7	£13.50	
30" Approx Age 7/8	£13.00		30" Approx Age 7/8	£13.50	
32" Approx Age 9/10	£16.00		32" Approx Age 9/10	£16.50	
34" Approx Age 11/12	£16.00		Small Approx Age 11/12	£16.50	
36" Approx Age 12/13	£16.00		Medium	£16.50	
38"	£16.00		Large	£16.50	

Cash payments – correct money only please
Cheques should be made payable to St. Peter's School Fund

Tie - £4.00

Book Bag - £6.00
£5.00

PE Bag -