



**Newsletter - May 2021**

**Term 5**

## Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank all parents, children, staff, Fr Michael and Fr Matthew and Governors for all your continued support.

We continue to be very mindful to save money wherever we can, making the best use of limited resources available to us.

We ask that you please ensure dinner money payments, music lessons, governors fund etc...are paid promptly and on time – the school cannot afford to cover these costs for you.

Your continued support of your child's learning is a major factor in their achievements – thank you. Always talk to your child about school and their day, the homework they have and reading to be done etc... Please always check and sign the homework, making home learning a part of your daily routine.

We are all looking forward to the forthcoming First Holy Communion on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June here in school, it will be a very special day for our school community. We continue to keep these children in our prayers.

The final summer term is nearly here – keep up to date with all our events, by checking the website and all letters that your child brings home from school.

*Miss Du Bruyn  
Headteacher*

### Dates For Your Diary:

- 7<sup>th</sup> June - Term 6 starts
- 15<sup>th</sup> June - New FS2 Induction Interviews
- 16<sup>th</sup> June - New FS2 Induction Interviews
- 17<sup>th</sup> June - First Confession (in school)
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - First Holy Communion (in school)
- 21<sup>st</sup> June - INSET Day (school closed for children)
- 29<sup>th</sup> June - Feast of St.Peter and St.Paul
- 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 'Oliver' production
- 12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Forest School/Cooking day
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 PE Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 School Disco
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Movie/Class Party Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last Day of Term

### *On the last day of Term 6 School finishes for classes as follows:*

- 1.00pm - FS2, Year 3 and Year 5
- 1.10pm - Year 1 and Year 4
- 1.20pm - Year 2 and Year 6

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2<sup>nd</sup> September - Start of Term 1

### Governors

Our Governing Body is made up of 12 Governors who all work very hard, voluntarily, to ensure St.Peter's school continues to serve the whole school community, at a consistently high level.

As part of their Governor duties, Governors visit the school on a regular basis, attending governor and school meetings with both staff and other outside agencies, eg the Diocese. They also visit the school, looking at children's work, achievement and progress.

We thank the Governors for all their continued hard work and support for the school.

### 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/emails to parents via Parentmail with reminders or important updates, so please ensure the school office is notified of any mobile phone no./email address changes. We also have a parent board near the front entrance that is regularly updated.

## 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/or are collected late at hometime. Persistence in either can lead to a referral to Greenwich Attendance Service if the matter cannot be resolved. A Breakfast/AfterSchool Club operates on our school premises, please call on 07943473197 if you would like further details.**

## Drop Off and Collection of Pupils

We have been extremely fortunate to have had no positive cases within the school to date, and also, so far, we are one of the few schools to have had no bubble closures.

As we are still operating under Government and Department for Education instructions, we will continue to keep to the staggered arrival and collection times. Please minimise the mixing of different class bubbles whilst waiting to collect children, and also ensure any other children in your care are adequately supervised in the driveway and car park.

If you **absolutely must** change your child's going home arrangement, the School Office must be **notified before 2.30pm**, particularly if you have arranged for somebody other than the person known to the Class Teacher/Teaching Assistant to collect your child. It has been noted that the number of calls with regards to changing hometime arrangements has increased. We ask that changes are made only in an **extreme emergency**.

With each other's commitment and support we can ensure we keep our whole community safe and well.

## Adult Use of Mobiles in School

As you are aware, safeguarding of our school community is a priority for us all. As is the practice in many other schools, we ask that **parents/carers do not use their mobile phones on the school grounds**, when bringing or collecting their children, unless it is absolutely necessary. This helps to prevent pictures of children being taken inadvertently, or inappropriate language being used without thought for those who might be standing close by. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## 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



Children must remain on either school dinners or packed lunch throughout the whole term. They may only change in exceptional circumstances. If you do need to change your child's mealtime arrangements, please ensure you tell the **School Office** in advance, either in person or by telephone. Dinner Money for next term (up to 23.7.21) totals £88.40 per child (£2.60 per day). Payments can be in cash, by cheque (payable to 'St.Peter's School - RBG') or online via PlusPay.

**As this is the last term of the school year, please ensure all dinner monies and outstanding balances are paid to the school.**

Thank you.

## Sunshine



Just a few 'Do's and Don'ts' during the hot weather:

- ☺ Please provide sun hats/caps (**not rigid peaks**) for your child, to use during playtimes
- ☺ 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
- ☺ Thank you for ensuring your child has a bottle of water in school everyday.

The school uniform must be worn (including proper school shoes).