



Newsletter – July 2021

Term 6

Dear Parents

As we draw to the end of another year, we would like to thank you for entrusting your children to our care. We have had an action packed year, and we thank you for all your support.

Our First Holy Communion children were a credit to their families and school. It was a special day for all of us. We wish them every grace and blessing in their journey with Christ.

We also remember our leavers who are moving on to Secondary school. We wish them every happiness in their new schools. We will remember each and every one with fondness. We also say thank you to Mr Amankwah and Ms Ford as they move on from St.Peter's school.

Wishing you and your family, Father Michael, governors and all the staff at St.Peter's school the very best as a new chapter begins.

Miss Du Bruyn
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

1st September – INSET Day
2nd September – Start of Term 1
8th September – Feast of Our Lady
20th September – Flu Vaccinations – all classes
21st October – End of Term 1
22nd October – INSET Day

October is the month of the Rosary

1st November – Start of Term 2

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Thank you to Fr Michael who led us in our final Leavers' Mass for the Year 6 children . This is always a special occasion, giving the children time to reflect on their time at St. Peter's. We wish our leavers every happiness and success in their new schools.

'Silly Squad' Summer Reading Challenge

During the Summer break, please do visit your local library for this summer's 'Silly Squad Reading Challenge'. Your local library's summer reading projects are really enjoyable, as well as educational, for your child. Visits within the local area for days out, ie Greenwich Park, Cutty Sark, Eltham Palace, Oxleas Wood etc... are always very beneficial to your child and the whole family.

Home Learning During the Holidays

It is very important for your child to continue their learning during the holidays, for example making up writing journals, practicing maths times tables etc... If you want to do any projects or research work with your child, please do – we will happily look at these in September.

100% Attendance

St.Peter's attendance has remained consistently good throughout the year. Well done to all parents and pupils for helping St.Peter's maintain a consistently good attendance record.

We would like to congratulate those 134 children (approximately 66%) who achieved 100% attendance for the Summer Term. Very well done!!

Classes for 2019/2020:

Reception	–	Mrs Bonnah Mrs Whelan/Mrs Minett
Year 1	–	Miss Reynolds Mrs Farcas
Year 2	–	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Hammond
Year 3	–	Miss Lavelle Mrs Stoneman/Mrs Akinrinlewo
Year 4	–	Miss Mills-Robertson Mrs Jacobs
Year 5	–	Mrs Effrim Botchey Mrs Thomas
Year 6	–	Mrs Nowbuth/Miss Akin Mrs Omozee

Arrangements for the New Academic Year 2021/2022

Our overall priority is always to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everybody in the school. Therefore, we will continue to support our children with hygiene routines, encourage the children to bring their own water bottles to school, and have extra cleaning procedures during the school day. In September we will be following Government procedures for schools. This means that lunch times will be moved back to the dining hall, there will be no more class bubbles, and the **arrival and departure times will be the same for the whole school, ie 8.55am start and 3.15pm finish.**

I am sure you will appreciate that this situation is subject to change, as we receive continual advice and guidance from the Government. Please ensure you check the website, your emails and text messages for any updates. Thank you for your understanding and support in these uncertain times.

Staff News

We say a sad farewell to our Year 5 Teacher, Mr Amankwah, and our Year 3 Teacher, Miss Ford who will both be leaving St.Peter's school at the end of term. We thank them for all their fantastic work over the past few years, and will miss them both, but wish them well for the future.

We welcome Miss Reynolds as our Year 1 Class Teacher, Miss Mills-Robertson as our Year 4 Class Teacher, and Mrs Effrim Botchey as our Year 5 Class Teacher, who will all be joining us in September. We know you will give them a great St. Peter's welcome.

School Events:



We have been busy this term with classes participating in a variety in-house events.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day was very successful with all the children competing in many different events and representing their houses. It was fantastic to see the children enjoying this event, and we thank Mr McGrath for organising the Sports Day, even with Covid restrictions.

First Holy Communion

Fr Michael celebrated Mass at St.Peter's School, for our First Communicants. This was a very special occasion for us all.

Year 6 'Oliver' Production

For their end of year production, Year 6 delivered a fantastic performance of 'Oliver'. The singing and the acting was excellent – it was a wonderful performance, and a showcase for the many talents of our Year 6 class.

Sports Friday

Our Sports Coach Mr McGrath, comes into school every Friday, and takes all classes from Year 2 upwards throughout the day. Children enjoy being involved in different sports activities, and Mr McGrath is able to deliver a range of sports experiences, including athletics, football, Gaelic football, basketball and keep fit circuits.

Road Safety Workshop

Years 1 and FS2 were visited by School Crossing Patrol co-ordinator for Royal Greenwich, who led a workshop covering all aspects of Road Safety.

Year 6 End of Year Activities

There were a number of activities arranged for our Year 6 leavers to take part in and enjoy. These included a morning in the Forest school, cooking, a leaver's disco, and a leavers' assembly.

Mass

All Junior classes were able to attend Mass via Zoom in the classroom.

School Dinners



Please note those children currently in Year 2 will need to pay for their school meals in September when they transfer to Year 3.

For Junior children, the amount for School Dinners for the first term of the new school year will be £93.60 per child. Please could you make cheques payable to St.Peter's School RBG.

Please note, **SCHOOL DINNERS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**. The school does not have the funds to pay for school dinners on your behalf. If you feel you may have difficulty paying for school dinners your child may bring a Packed Lunch into school, however your child must remain either School Dinners or Packed Lunch throughout the entire term. Your child may only change in extreme circumstances.

Infant children are entitled to a free school dinner, however, you must let the school office know if your child is having Packed Lunch, as the office has to give the Cook school dinner numbers a week in advance. As usual, your child must remain either School Dinners or Packed Lunch throughout the entire term.

Applicants for Reception Class 2022/2023

Please be aware that application forms for the Reception class for the School Year 2022/2023 (ie those **children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018**) will be available from the school office from 1st October 2021 until mid-January 2022. Please pass this information on to any other parents you may know who would be interested in a place for their child at St.Peter's.

Secondary School Choices

The Summer is a good time for all Year 5 parents to start to consider their Secondary School choices for their child. Do look on all the secondary schools' websites for information with regard to admission procedures, forthcoming open days and deadline dates for receipt of applications. We will send out more information at the beginning of September.

Illness in School



If your child develops diarrhoea/vomits at home or in school, they should not return to school for at least 24 hours from the last time they were ill. Also, if we have concerns that your child may have developed, for example, a rash that we consider to be contagious, ie Ringworm, we will call you to come to collect your child. Your child may return to school once the condition has been confirmed by a doctor and is being treated.

COVID 19: Please be prepared to collect your child immediately if they are showing COVID 19 symptoms, and have them tested as soon as possible. This enables us to limit the spread of this virus.

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.

***THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEAR –
WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY, HOLY AND SAFE SUMMER
HOLIDAY***

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term and Holiday Dates

2021/2022

Autumn Term

1 st September 2021:	INSET Day
2 nd September 2021:	School starts – children to school
22 nd October 2021:	INSET Day
25 th October 2021:	<i>Half Term week</i>
1 st November 2021:	Children return to school
16 th December 2021:	Last day of term

Spring Term

4 th January 2022 (Tuesday):	School starts – children to school
14 th February 2022:	<i>Half Term week</i>
21 st February 2022:	INSET Day
22 nd February 2022 (Tuesday):	Children return to school
1 st April 2022:	Last day of term

Summer Term

19 th April 2022 (Tuesday):	School starts – children to school
2 nd May 2022:	<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>
30 th May 2022:	<i>Half Term week</i>
6 th June 2022:	Children return to school
20 th June 2022:	INSET Day
21 st July 2022:	Last day of term
22 nd July 2022:	INSET Day

INSET DAYS:

1 st September 2021
22 nd October 2021
21 st February 2022
20 th June 2022
22 nd July 2022