



St. Peter's Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter Friday 21 October 2022

Dear parents and carers

I cannot believe that it is half term already! What a whistle stop term it has been. I wanted to say thank you for the warm welcome that I have received at St Peter's and look forward to the next term ahead. The new Headteacher, Mrs Joanna Langton, will start in January 2023. She will be coming into school in the coming weeks as I hand over to her and she gets to know the school.

Thank you

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers for all their hard work in making our community so special, especially the PTA who held their AGM this week. Special thanks to Sarah Kilgallon who stepped down as chair of trustees and Natasha Hryniewicz who was elected to succeed her. The PTA work tirelessly to raise funds for the school and I know that they are always looking for new volunteers to help run events.

Open afternoon and learning

It was a joy to see so many parents in school yesterday looking at books and spending time in classrooms. The last two weeks has been full of great learning opportunities and the results have been noticeable, particularly on displays and the smells of bread cooking!

Half term & INSET day – Monday 31st October

Don't forget that next week is half term. Staff have First Aid training on Monday 31st October and so we welcome pupils back on Tuesday 1st November.

Poppy appeal

We will continue selling poppies and other poppy branded merchandise to raise funds for The Royal British Legion Poppy appeal after half term. If your child would like to buy any of these items, please can they bring their donations in a sealed envelope with their name and class clearly displayed. Our lovely Year 6 pupils will be selling these in your child's class during the school day. Please help us to raise lots of money for this great cause.

Lunch menus

Lunch menus for Term 2 are now live on the school website.

What to do if your child has symptoms of COVID-19?

You should keep your child at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities. They can go back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature. If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare. Please take a look at the NHS website for further guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

1-1 Teaching Assistant vacancies

The school are currently advertising for 1-1 Teaching Assistants in different parts of the school, either for 3 days or 5 days per week. If you are interested in applying you can view the advertisements here <https://www.kent-teach.com/> .

Parking around the school

This week we have received numerous complaints from residents and our own parent community about parking on the roads around the school. I am writing to ask you all to do 3 things please:

- Walk if at all possible, even if it means leaving home earlier
- If you have to drive, please make use of the drop off facility on the school premises
- Keep our children and community safe by parking considerately and well away from the school if at all possible

I have advised the Traffic Enforcement Team at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council of the issues and requested that enforcement officers and camera cars be made available to try and improve the situation. Please help us to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Pupil absence

Please note that a child's absence will be authorised if approval has been given by the school in advance (2 weeks if possible) or an acceptable reason has been given afterwards. Only the Headteacher can authorise absence. A letter or telephone message from a parent does not in itself authorise an absence. You can view the whole attendance policy [here](#). The following reasons are examples of absence that will not be authorised:

- Family Holidays
- Child's/family birthday
- Shopping or theatre trips

Diary dates

21 st October	Last day of term
31 st October	INSET day
1 st November	Term 2 starts
2 nd November	PTA calendar photos
2 nd & 3 rd November	Parent Consultations
3 rd November	Flu immunisations
4 th November	Nourish food collection
14 th November	Anti-bullying week
25 th November	Saturn cake sale
2 nd December	Nourish food collection
	3.30pm PTA Xmas fair
14 th & 15 th December	9.15am Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
	Christmas performance
16 th December	End of term 2
3 rd January 2023	INSET day
4 th January	Term 3 starts

Have a great half term!

Dan Turvey - Interim Headteacher