



# NEWSLETTER

From St Peter's Church of England (VC) Primary School

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## Diary Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3 Swimming Lessons  
Primary Admissions Closes  
School Nurse Drop in Session 9am – 12noon  
Music Concert for Parents 2pm – 3pm  
Yr1&2 Florence Nightingale Workshop  
Year 5 Assembly – Parents Welcome

## Physical Exercise

During the winter months, even when there has been little by way of rainfall, the field around which KS2 children run three times a week can become a little swampy. The condition of the carpets in the school when the children come back from their run, even when they leave their shoes at the door, is nothing short of ghastly. In a bid to combat this I am going to trial alternative fitness provisions until the conditions underfoot improve. Instead of running around the field, children will stand in ranks in the playground and perform 15 minutes of endurance and fitness activities guided (drilled) by me on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. They will still need the same clothing and footwear that they would otherwise be bringing for running. This way hopefully there will still be some field left by summer and it won't all have been brought up the hill and trampled around the floors of St. Peter's.

Thank you  
Mr. Holt

## Term 3 Charity Fundraising

Year 5 would like to thank those children who have already decorated and filled their sweet tubes with money for our chosen Charity 'Refuge Crisis' as part of our Unicef Rights Respecting School. For those who haven't yet done so, please decorate a tube and fill with coins for refugees less fortunate than ourselves. There is a prize in each class for the best decorated and filled tube. We would ask that all tubes be returned to school by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

## Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? The school receives additional funding for all children who apply for free school meals, which is separate from the universal free school meals that KS1 are entitled to. As well as giving your child a free hot meal (although you can provide a packed lunch if you want to) registration gives the school additional money to buy equipment and fund more teaching staff. It also means that the cost of trips may be lower for your child. Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals if you receive one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Guaranteed Element of the State Pension Credit
- An income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The quickest way to check eligibility and apply is online at:

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/freeschoolmeals](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/freeschoolmeals)

If you have any trouble accessing this please come to the office and we will be happy to help.

## School Nurse Drop In Session

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January the school nurse will be running a drop in session for parents to discuss any concerns or issues. If you would like to make an appointment please sign up at the office, thank you.

## Attendance

At St Peter's Church of England Primary School the register is taken at 8.40am and 1pm. Pupils arriving after these times will be marked as late before registration has closed (Code 'L'). The register will close at 9:00 am and 1:15 pm. Pupils arriving after the register has closed will be marked as late after registration (Code 'U') and this will count as an unauthorised absence." Pupils should be in class ready for registration at 8:40 / 13:00. Coats, bags etc. should be done beforehand

### Attendance this week

Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
96.7%	96.4%	94.3%	96.4%	97.5%	97.9%	90%

Congratulations to **Class 5** for the highest attendance percentage this week.

### School Policies

Please note all school policies are available for parents to read on our website.

### Primary Admissions

The deadline for primary school applications for September 2017 is fast approaching. Please can we remind parents/carers that if you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 you need to apply for your child's school place by **16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Parents can apply online by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/OLA](http://www.kent.gov.uk/OLA).

### Congratulations to the following children for being awarded the Presentation Award this week:

- ❖ Pandora in Reception Class
- ❖ Ruby in Class 3
- ❖ Fred in Class 6
- ❖ Edward in Class 1
- ❖ Caelum in Class 4
- ❖ Layton in Class 2
- ❖ Oscar H in Class 5

### Congratulations to the following children for completing their "Good to be Green" card:

- ❖ Jude in Class 1
- ❖ Adam in Class 1
- ❖ Jamiee in Class 2
- ❖ Maiya in Class 2
- ❖ Lilah in Class 3
- ❖ Jessica in Class 3
- ❖ Rebekka in Class 3
- ❖ Amy in Class 1
- ❖ Henry in Class 2
- ❖ Francesca in Class 2
- ❖ Isaac in Class 2
- ❖ Tyler in Class 3
- ❖ William in Class 3
- ❖ Charlie in Class 3
- ❖ Edward in Class 1
- ❖ James in Class 2
- ❖ Aimee in Class 2
- ❖ Serah in Class 3
- ❖ Alex in Class 3
- ❖ Seren in Class 3
- ❖ Lucy in Class 4

### Safeguarding

A reminder to parents that there is an app available to called 'Net Aware' that will enable you to find out information regarding any apps or websites that your child may use. There is a link to this on our website if you have any trouble finding it. The designated lead officers for St Peter's are Mrs Craig and Mrs Stone and our designated Child Protection Governor is Mrs Etherington and you can speak to them should you have any concerns alternately you can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0800 028 0285 .

### Term Dates 2017-2018

We are hoping to set our term dates for the next academic year at our Governing Body meeting this term and would appreciate parent feedback on the 2 week half term in October. Please let the office or Mrs Craig know your views, thank you. Once the term dates have been agreed with will send them out to parents.

## Class Learning Update:

### This Week

### Next Week

#### Mrs Stone Reception



Mrs Stone will send out a separate update in the children's book bags.

#### Miss Mathews Year 1



In Maths we will look at number bonds and how to subtract.

In English we will be beginning to look at our new text

#### Mrs Robinson Year 2



In Maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction.

In English we will be learning to write a superhero story.

Spellings: cry, dry, July, fly, try, reply, why, by, deny, multiply



**Mrs Christou**  
**Year 3**



In Maths we will continue solving problems on Mass and Weights, also we will begin looking at volume and capacity.

In English we will be reading poems that express emotion and plan a poem creating images related to volcanoes.

**Mr Eastwood**  
**Year 4**



In Maths we will be looking at and Division and solving word problems.

In English we will be writing explanation text – instructions.

**Mrs Shemilt**  
**Year 5**



In Maths we will be looking at fractions.

In English we will continue writing letter then starting our class texts regarding Space.

**Mr Holt**  
**Year 6**



In Maths we will be continue looking at co-ordinates.

In English we will be biography writing.