



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

Mount Pleasant, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BE

Newsletter

April 2018

Mrs Warrener-Bennett

I am sorry to say that Mrs Bennett-Warrener is leaving us today. She joined us three years ago, initially as a dinner lady, but for the past few years she has worked here part time as a teaching assistant. She is leaving us to work in another area now and we are extremely sorry to see her go. We wish her every happiness and thank her for the hard work and dedication she has shown to our children.

Coronation Gardens

When I asked for help installing a path in Coronation gardens, I was swamped with offers I am pleased to say, including at least three dads who work in this area and have access to plant which will make the job very easy. If you spoke to me and offered your help, could you get back in touch please. I am suggesting that we try to get the work done on Sunday 13th May if that is convenient with those who offered? Let's hope for sunny weather.

Dinners

I am very pleased to welcome Mrs Wenborn to our midday meals team. She is now employed by Caterlink and has joined Mrs Butler in serving dinners to our children. It is lovely having our own parents working in this capacity and it is a pleasure to have her join us.

I hope that parents are enjoying the opportunity to come into school and eat with their children on a Wednesday. We had Year 1 parents in this week and look forward to having the Year 2 parents in next week. Caterlink have raised one issue with us. The cooks in their production kitchens order their food a week in advance. Hence they have asked that if parents want to come in on a Wednesday for lunch, you give us your name by the Thursday of the preceding week. We will then phone exact numbers through to our production kitchen on a Friday. So, if you wish to come in and eat with your children on the designated Wednesday, make sure you let the office know by the Thursday before please.

Marathon

Congratulations to Mr Kitching, who successfully completed the London Marathon on the hottest day on record, I believe. Running that far, in that heat is a remarkable achievement. Well done Jonathan from everyone at St Peter's.

Bikeability

Year 5 will have the opportunity to complete KCC's Bikeability course at the end of this academic year. The course will be delivered here at St Peter's. It provides training to the children in how to stay safe when riding their bicycles, particularly when on the road.

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French Exchange

Last Friday we welcomed 30 children from our link school, Saint Anne, in Hazebrouck, Northern France. They came across for the day and both they and our Year 3 children enjoyed a really pleasant day getting to know each other. The language barrier was overcome and the children spent a wonderful day completing a range of activities.

We are organising a reciprocal visit in June. In order to make the trip financially affordable, we will open the trip up to both Year 3 and Year 4. Year 3 have already had the details of the trip but Year 4 will receive a letter about it early next week. Hopefully we will be able to get across there with 20-30 children.

Flood Wardens

The Environment Agency popped in this week. They would like to advertise that they are running a Flood Warden training session on Saturday 28 April 2018, 930am – 1130am at Aylesford Village Community Centre. They wish to recruit Flood wardens for this area and have stressed the vital role these people play in understanding flood risk in their local area and planning accordingly. Flood Wardens act as a link between communities and organisations who respond to a flood. They are volunteers who support, warn and inform their community helping to keep them safe during a flood. If you would be interested in finding out more about the role, please pop along to the Community Centre on Saturday.

Defibrillator

You may have noticed that a defibrillator has been installed in the phone box at the bottom of Mount Pleasant. The village is very lucky to have such a vitally important resource at such close quarters. I am aware that those who have been instrumental in having it installed are currently trying to raise the funds required to have a sufficient number of local people trained in its use. If you would be willing to help with the fund raising, or if you would be willing to be trained in the use of the defibrillator, please let us know and I will pass on your details to those who are overseeing this incredibly worthwhile project.

Lord's Prayer

The children are currently learning the Lord's Prayer in our assemblies, and getting to grips with the exact meaning of the language used. If you would like to follow this up at home, that would be very welcome. We will be ending one assembly each week with the Lord's Prayer.

Thought for the Week

We are studying forgiveness as our value this term. We have spoken at some length already about what forgiveness really means. If you feel like continuing this conversation at home, please do so!

Luke 6:37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.