



**St Peter's Church of England Primary
School Aylesford
Newsletter
6th October 2017**

Citizens of the Week!

Congratulations to Summer, Emily, Edward, Jay, Louis, Lucy and Tilly who have been selected by their class teachers as our citizens of the week! We had chocolate chip cookies at our tea party on Friday and a good time was had by all. Many of them had been selected due to the kindness they showed to their classmates, as well as their positive attitude in lessons. I congratulate all of them on being chosen by their teachers. You should feel very proud of yourself – well done!

School News

Hengist Thank you!

Last week, the whole of Year R visited the Hengist Restaurant. The owner, David House, had very kindly arranged for his chefs to come in early and help our children make bread rolls. They all had a wonderful time and it was a lovely experience for them. We are very lucky to have a local business which is prepared to support the school in such a manner. David has already suggested that our children could attend an event towards Christmas and is considering the possibility of some carols being sung one afternoon in the restaurant's garden. It's lovely to have a local business which wishes to forge links with the school. Thank you David!

British Museum Trip

The whole of Key Stage 2 went off to the British Museum on Wednesday. Despite a long coach journey, the trip was really worthwhile. The group whom I accompanied, were greeted by the sight of a totem pole when they entered the foyer and were excitedly discussing whether it was Mayan or not. I spent the whole day listening to some very excited children talking about the Viking and Mayan relics they were looking at, and I am sure that it was the same in the other groups. I want to thank all of the adults who worked so hard to organise the trip and the parents who gave up their day to accompany the classes which needed additional helpers – thank you!

SPSA Cake Sale

This Friday, the SPSA are holding the first of their cake sales. The parents of our Year 1 classes have been asked to bake some cakes and these will be sold in the hall after school. All of the proceeds will go to Year 1 and they will buy whatever they feel their classroom needs. Come along after school if you have sweet tooth.

Year 6 Jumble Sale

The hall will also host the Year 6 jumble sale on Friday. As part of our charter as a Unicef Rights Respecting school, each year group supports a different charity. Year 6 have decided to raise money to send to Unicef, so that it can be used to help the victims of Hurricane Irma. Please come along and support a very worthwhile cause. Well done to Year 6 for organising the sale!

Class Names

Thank you to those of you who took the time to think about names for our classes. We had twelve submissions ranging from trees to aircraft (my particular favourite). The staff will look at the suggestions to see if there are any which are particularly suitable for the school. We'll keep you posted!

Maths Evening

Eight parents have told us that they would like to attend the proposed information evening on how we teach maths in the school. I will speak to Mr Eastwood and we will organise a date and time for this to happen. If you do wish to come along, but haven't yet let the office know, please do so and we will add you to the list. I really would recommend that you try to come along if you can. The way in which we teach maths has changed enormously in the last few years, and if you really want to help your child at home, you need to know how we teach the subject in school. Please try to come along.

Open Evening for the September 2018 Intake

We are holding an Open Evening on Monday 13th November, between 6-7.15pm, for parents with children who will be starting in Reception next September. Some of you may have children who are going to be joining us next year. Obviously you already know the school and coming along to an Open Evening may not be of interest to you in the way that it will be for those parents who are looking at joining a school anew. However, I appreciate that St Peter's has undergone a great many changes in recent years, not least with regard to its Headteachers and you may feel it beneficial to come along.

The Year R classroom will be open and you will be able to chat to Mrs Stone about how things are organised in Year R, whilst other members of staff, governors and some of our Year 6 pupils will be on hand in the school hall to outline other aspects of school life. Those of you with children joining our Reception class next September are very welcome to come along.

News from the Parish

There is a community celebration service at the church this Sunday. It starts at 10am. The service is a special one and will celebrate what makes our local community special. Members of our choir will be singing, which is always a treat! Please try to join us if you can.

Thought for the Day

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver! Proverbs 16:16

School Prayer—written by Year 6 in July 2017

Dear Lord,

Bless our School. Teach us to show respect to all those in the community; to work and play together in peace and to always give our best in everything we do.

Amen