



NEWSLETTER

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

No. 497 – 09 September 2016

Diary Dates

Monday 12 th September	Years 1 & 2 Maidstone Museum Workshop in School
Monday 12 th September	Year 3 Start Swimming Lessons
Monday 12 th September	PTA (SPSA) Meeting 1:30pm in School – Everyone Welcome
Monday 19 th September	Reception Stay until 1pm for the week
Tuesday 20 th September	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 20 th September	Parent Governor Election Closes
Wednesday 21 st September	KM 1 st Class Photo
Friday 23 rd September	SPSA Welcome Picnic in Coronation Gardens

Summer Reading Scheme

Well Done to everyone who took part in the reading scheme over the holidays.

Swimming Lessons

Year 3 will commence swimming lessons on Monday 12th September and will go each week until Easter 2017. Please ensure your child has swim wear, towel and goggles in a separate bag and have a 'bag for life' to put all of their school uniform in whilst swimming. The cost will remain at £5.50 per week to cover the cost of the coach and insurances. This can be paid termly or weekly by cash or cheque paid at the office or direct into our bank account. Cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Voluntary Fund.

KS Children – Run a Mile

KS2 children will be running after assembly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only, starting from next week. Children should arrive in school uniform and change into running kit immediately. Their running kit is to be any sports kit of their own from home, NOT their school PE kit, so their PE kits can stay at school and not need constant washing. Children need to bring a spare pair of socks in case the grass is wet and they get soaking feet.

PTA (SPSA) Meeting

If you would like to get involved with the PTA (SPSA) come along to our meeting on Monday 12th September at 1:30pm in school. Everyone is welcome. Our next event is the welcome back afternoon is on Friday 23rd September from 1pm for reception and 3pm onwards for the whole school, more details to follow.

We really do need roughly 20 keen & willing parents/grandparents to help plan, organise and run events. As a school with 160 children it shouldn't be too hard! You do not need to help on the PTA for your child's whole time at St. Peter's, if 20 people planned 4/5 events a year they could split into groups and get it done, it really is fun and very rewarding. We currently don't have enough helpers to do everything that's involved in bringing these events to you, in order to raise the funds our school needs. As parents you're all amazing at attending events, donating for tombolas, baking cakes, running stalls and supporting the PTA. The truth of it is our children will miss out on a Christmas fete this year, and other events, without more people offering to help just a little bit towards the planning and running of these events.

Twice a year we ask for raffle donations and if every parent just once in 7 years asked their friends & family who worked for companies who could donate it would be a massive help. We need People to design/print flyers, source out some good deals on the things we buy, make a few phone calls, send some emails. Do you enjoy shopping? If so there's plenty we shop for including prizes, food & drinks.

As a new PTA we are all learning together and we are simply asking for some help. Please do not allow these events to stop and our children to miss out. Many thanks to those that continue to support us in the many ways you do.

If you are unable to attend our first meeting but are interested in joining or getting involved please email the SPSA at spsa@stpetersaylesford.kent.sch.uk Thank you.

Lyndsey Meredith, Chair of the PTA /SPSA.

School Meals

Caterlink are now providing our school meals. The cost will be £2.10 a day and will be **cash only** until Caterlink's online system is up and running. Once we receive further information we will forward it on to parents.

Parent Governor Election

Please consider standing for election as a parent governor for this school or to nominate another parent to do so. Together with the Headteacher, the governing body has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governors are involved in deciding school policies, allocating the school's budget and appointing senior staff. If you would like to stand for election, or to nominate someone else, please return the completed form to the school office by **Tuesday 20th September 2016**.

PE Safety

As with all physical activity, it is important that certain procedures are followed to minimise the risk of injury:

- Children should dress in the correct PE kit: shorts, tracksuit bottoms and t-shirts.
- Children will work in bare feet or plimsolls for all indoor and apparatus work.
- Plimsolls or trainers are worn for outdoor games, together with tracksuits if it is cold.
- **Jewellery is not to be worn.** Watches should be kept safely in the classroom. **Earrings must be removed.** Children are no longer allowed to tape over their ear jewellery, if they cannot remove their own ear jewellery the adults here are not allowed to assist and the children will be unable to participate.
- Long hair should be tied back and rigid headbands should be removed.
- Children will be trained to lift and carry any apparatus sensibly into position under adult supervision. The teacher will check it before use.

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

Thank you.

Home-School Agreement

The St Peter's School Home-School Agreement will be sent home today. Please read it with your child and if you agree with everything expressed would **both your child and you sign it** and return to the school office. Thank you.

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

- ❖ Cordelia in Class 1

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

- | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| ❖ Elizabeth in Class 1 | ❖ Tia in Class 2 | ❖ Lilah in Class 3 |
| ❖ Jack in Class 4 | ❖ Will in Class 5 | ❖ Arthur in Class 6 |

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements outside school:

- ❖ Isaac L in Class 3 for winning MUFC Soccer School's Player of the Week.
- ❖ Amelie in Class 2 for achieving The Stage 2 Award in swimming.

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 English we will be learning the story of 'Dogger' through actions and repetition. We will then begin to write our own version of the story.

In Maths the children will be using their knowledge of addition to help them with their number bonds to 10.

Mrs Robinson Year 2



In English we will be writing stories about Dogger.

In Maths we will be counting numbers to 100 including partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and ones.

Spellings – for test on Friday 16th

Bee Be See Sea
Blew Blue Once Says
Our Friend

**Mrs Christou
Year 3**



In English we will be investigating sentence openers to develop our Stone Age stories

In Maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction

**Mr Eastwood
Year 4**



In English we will be looking at Fantasy Stories.

In Maths we will be Problem solving and Rounding & estimating numbers to 10 000.

**Mrs Shemilt
Year 5**

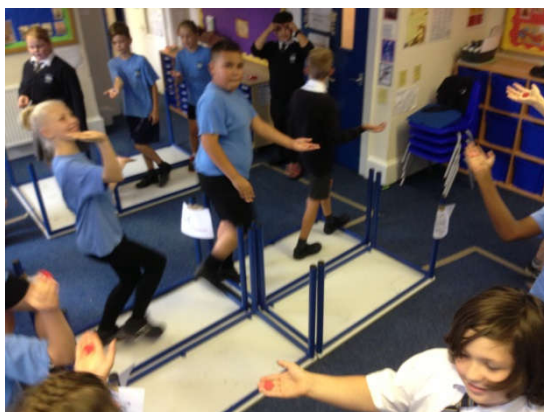


In English we will be writing using humour to aid our character descriptions.

In Maths we will be continuing with our work on place value.

**Mr Holt
Year 6**

The kids were being red blood cells going through the circulatory system



In English we will be looking at Greek Myth writing.

In Maths we will be looking at formal multiplication method.