



NEWSLETTER

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

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Diary Dates

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| 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 | Year 6 Assembly 8:45am |
| Friday 23 rd September | SPSA Welcome Picnic in Coronation Gardens |

Cooking Club

Please note there will be no cooking club next week as Mrs Donohue is on holiday, cooking will re-commence from Monday 26th September.

Donation of Drums

Mrs Bowden has managed to secure a donation of £1000 for the school to purchase a set of samba drums. Mr Kitching, our new music teacher will be teaching percussion across the school and we intend to have a concert later in the year.

2nd Hand Uniform

2nd hand uniform is currently being organised by the SPSA and will be on sale at the end of the hall in due course. Donations of any old uniform would be appreciated.

Purchases by the PTA (SPSA)

Following the SPSA meeting on Monday we discussed possible fundraising ideas. We would like parents to vote for one option. Please send your vote by email to: communications@stpetersaylesford.kent.sch.uk or reply to the newsletter. One vote per family. The options are:

- 1) A new kitchen that will enable us to potentially cook school dinners in school and provide additional opportunities for healthy eating for all children. The cost of this is around £20,000.
- 2) To refurbish the KS2 Toilet area, the cost of this would be around £7000.
- 3) An outside classroom located on the playground to provide additional opportunities for children to learn outside, the cost of this is around £5000.
- 4) Resurfacing all the playground, the cost of this would be around £15,000.

Year 6 Assembly

Parents of Year 6 are invited to attend the Year 6 Assembly on Friday 23rd September at 8:45am in the School Hall.

Homework Books

KS1 children are expected to complete one page a week in their books, this will alternate between English and Maths. KS2 children will have both English and Maths book and be expected to complete a page in both. This is in addition to spellings, times tables and reading. Children need to take responsibility for their homework books, if their books are lost there will be a £3.50 charge per book to replace them. Please could all children cover their homework books with a clear cover.

Secondary School Transfer 2017

Year 6 pupils have been given a KCC leaflet today regarding the secondary school transfer process. You can also go online to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to view or download the booklet.

Parents can make their secondary school application either online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola or by a paper SCAF which can be downloaded from our website. The closing date for applications is **Monday 31 October 2016**.

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**. Our Chair of Governors will be in school on Monday 19th September at 2pm if anyone has any questions relating to becoming a parent governor.

School Perimeter

The school politely asks for parents to refrain from talking and/or watching their children in school through the gate or fence during the school day as this can be disruptive for them. Thank you.

160th Birthday Celebrations

In June St Peter's School turned 160, an event we plan to celebrate on Friday 30th September. The children will experience life at St Peter's through different decades. Each class will be allocated a decade and children will be asked to dress up accordingly. At the end of the day the children will talk to the rest of the school about their decade. Parents are invited along to an assembly to watch their presentations. This will be held at 2:30pm in school. There will also be a tuck shop running organised by the Year 6 children.

Midday Meal Supervisor Vacancy

We have a great opportunity for someone seeking a part-time role in a school, supervising and caring for children during the lunchtime period. Responsibilities include supervision in the dinner hall, play areas and school grounds, assisting at meal times and ensuring that all children are safe and well.

Initially you will be required to work 3 days a week between the hours of 11:50am and 1:05pm, term time only. The number of days on offer may increase. Pay is within Kent Range 2, starting salary equivalent to £7.40 per hour.

If you are interested please contact the School Office for an application pack by email (office@stpetersaylesford.kent.sch.uk), phone or in person. You must apply on our School Application Form as we cannot accept your CV. All completed applications should be returned directly to the school by 3pm Tuesday 20th September. Applicants shortlisted for interview should be available to attend the interviews on Thursday 22nd September. References may be applied for prior to interview.

St Peter's Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All appointments will be subject to safer recruitment procedures. Enhanced DBS checks are required for this post.

SPSA Welcome Picnic or BBQ

Friday 23rd September from 1pm for reception families and 3pm onwards for the whole school. We will have a BBQ, beer and Pimms tent, bouncy castle and ice creams. If you prefer to bring a picnic please do. Everyone please provide yourselves with chairs and blankets. If you would like to pre-order BBQ food please let the office know, thank you

Home-School Agreement

Please read through the home school agreement, sent out last week, with your child and if you agree with everything expressed would **both your child and you sign it** and return to the school office. If you require a replacement copy please ask at the office. Thank you.

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

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| ❖ Emma in Class 1 | ❖ Adam in Class 1 | ❖ Max in Class 1 |
| ❖ Abigail in Class 2 | ❖ Amelie in Class 2 | ❖ Aimee in Class 2 |
| ❖ Max in Class 2 | ❖ Luke in Class 2 | ❖ Edward in Class 1 |
| ❖ Tia in Class 2 | ❖ Jamiee in Class 2 | |

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

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| ❖ Oona in Class 1 | ❖ Maiya in Class 2 | ❖ Alex in Class 3 |
| ❖ Jack in Class 4 | ❖ Isla in Class 5 | ❖ Sinead in Class 6 |

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements outside school:

- ❖ Libby in Class 5 for attaining the British Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency Award Level 6

Safeguarding

Following recent staff training we intend to provide updates regarding safeguarding issues to parents.

The E-Safety advisor for Kent suggested that all parents should download an app called 'Net Aware' this 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. The designated lead officers for St Peter's are Mrs Craig and Mrs Stone and you can speak to them should you have any concerns alternately you can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0800 028 0285 .

Parent View

Please could all parents take a few minutes to complete the online survey to express your views on the school. Thank you. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Messages before School

Please refrain from speaking to teachers before school. Messages can be put in the message box or given to the office who will pass them on. Appointments, if necessary, can be made for after school.

Helping the PTA

The SPSA are in the process of devising a 'jobs to do' list. This will involve parents signing up to help run events, for example, supervising the disco for an hour, wrapping presents for 2hrs, arranging raffle tickets, sticking tickets on tombola items etc. More details to follow next week.

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 the children will be continuing to look at number bonds.

In English the children will be using the story that we haven't learnt this week and are now going to be writing their own stories using adjectives.

Mrs Robinson Year 2



In Maths we will be continuing with place value and counting to 100.

In English we will be writing our own Dogger Stories.

Spellings – flour, flower, bear, bare, whole, hole, were, where, there, they

**Mrs Christou
Year 3**



In Maths we will be looking at Addition and Subtraction with renaming.

In English we will plan and write our own adventure stories in Stone Age.

**Mr Eastwood
Year 4**



In Maths we will be looking at addition.

In English we will be concentrating on fantasy story writing.

**Mrs Shemilt
Year 5**



In Maths we will be looking at place value and number patterns.

In English we will be writing our own character narrative.

**Mr Holt
Year 6**



In Maths we will be concentrating on fractions.

In English we will finish our Greek myths.