



NEWSLETTER

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

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Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 18 th April | Start of Term 5 |
| Thursday 20 th April | Year 5 & 6 Trip to Horton Kirby |
| Thursday 27 th April | Year 3 & 4 Trip to Horton Kirby |

Message from Mrs Craig

My thanks once again must go to the extraordinary team at St Peter's. I am proud of all they do and achieve. Just since Christmas we, I say we actually it is the team not me, who have produced a year three and four play, made pancakes for the entire school, held two class assemblies, open morning, disco, parents evening. We have had trips to KidsZania, Leeds Castle and a synagogue, visits from Florence Nightingale, Anglo Saxons and a magistrate and lastly world book day. These are all in addition to the exciting lessons that the children receive every day The governors who all volunteer, go above and beyond always as do the SPSA. - I thank you.

Our Christian value for this term has been forgiveness, I just want to take a moment to reflect upon what forgiveness means. Forgiveness is the freeing up and better use of the energy once consumed by holding grudges, harbouring resentments and nursing unhealed wounds. It is rediscovering the strengths we always had and relocating our limitless capacity to understand and accept other people and ourselves. Forgiveness is not easy, in fact I was privileged to be a part of a conversation with Mr Holt and the Year Six class who were debating 'forgiveness' and finding it a difficult emotion to uphold. I don't disagree but I do believe that holding onto such an emotion is as one young person said 'much like poisoning yourself.'

It is however important that we remember to not be so critical of ourselves, something that many of us in this community find difficult to do, myself included, we continually berate ourselves for making mistakes. Remember 'Fail' is first attempt in learning. If we are able to forgive ourselves and release the need to replay a negative situation over and over again in our minds we will succeed better. Don't become a hostage to your past by always reliving your mistakes. Don't remind yourself of what should have been, release it let it go and move on.

As a school we are driven by Christian values which aid us in developing our own moral compasses, we at St Peters see them as not just a tool to guide behaviour but as the building blocks that will form the personalities and destiny of your children as well as ourselves, with this in mind I have found a quote from Mahatma Gandhi

Keep your thoughts positive, because your thoughts become your words.

Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviour.

Keep your behaviour positive because your words become your habits.

Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values.

Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.

Finally we would all like to wish you a happy Easter and I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for all the lessons that you have taught me - I promise I will continue to learn and do my best for your school.

Whole School Unicef Homework

As part of our Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) journey, we would like all children from every year group to design a poster around the Article of their choice. It could be something the children feel needs to be highlighted or something that is currently relevant to them. All they need to do is look at the Articles which state their Children's Rights and choose one they would like to design a poster around.

<https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchildfriendlylanguage.pdf>

Younger children will need help from an adult with this.



There will be prizes given to the children who have designed the posters chosen to be displayed around school. The top group of winners will be invited to have tea and biscuits (maybe chocolate ones?) with the Rights Respecting Schools Award governors where they will be able to discuss their opinions and ideas on how they feel about school life.

Entries should be in no later than **Monday 24th April**. Please can all posters clearly state the Article number on the front and can all children ensure they write their name and year on the back.

Thank you, The RRSA Steering Group.

Year 6 Drumming

As you may be aware Year 6 are currently working towards an exciting 'chair drumming' performance. Next term we would very much like to capture some of the rehearsal process and as well as the performance itself in order to produce a high quality video of the chair drumming concept.

Should any parents be in possession of a digital SLR camera and be interested and/or available to do some filming please let the office know, thank you.

Term 5 Charity

Unicef – For every child in Danger

Year 3 Charity is in aid of children in need of protection after the impact of natural disasters. Next term Year 3 will be baking cakes and selling them to help the humanitarian emergencies.

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.

You will be required to work 5 days a week between the hours of 11:50am and 1:05pm, term time only.

Pay is within Kent Range 2, starting salary equivalent to £7.70 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. Alternatively go to www.kent-teach.com and search support jobs in Aylesford. 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 12:00 Wednesday 19th April.

Applicants shortlisted for interview should be available to attend the interviews on Monday 24th April.

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.

Attendance this week

| Reception | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 |
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| 90.0% | 95.2% | 94.5% | 100% | 96.7% | 97.1% | 97% |

Congratulations to **Class 3** for the highest attendance percentage this week, achieving 100%.

Second Hand Uniform

The SPSA always have good quality second hand uniform for sale from the back of the hall. If you would like to take a look at any time please ask at the office.

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

- ❖ Max F in Reception Class
- ❖ Edward in Class 1
- ❖ James in Class 2
- ❖ Megan in Class 3
- ❖ Caelum in Class 4
- ❖ Olivia in Class 5
- ❖ Joe in Class 6

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

- ❖ Elizabeth in Class 1
- ❖ Erin in Class 1
- ❖ Adam in Class 1
- ❖ Liam in Class 1
- ❖ Jessica in Class 1
- ❖ Bailey in Class 1
- ❖ Faith in Class 1
- ❖ Edward in Class 1
- ❖ Amy in Class 1
- ❖ Lacey in Class 1
- ❖ Albie in Class 1
- ❖ Max in Class 1
- ❖ Jenson in Class 1
- ❖ Luke in Class 2
- ❖ James in Class 2
- ❖ Riley in Class 2
- ❖ Isaac in Class 2
- ❖ Arthur in Class 2
- ❖ Max in Class 2
- ❖ Serah in Class 3
- ❖ Isaac L in Class 3
- ❖ Barney in Class 3
- ❖ Caelum in Class 4
- ❖ Evie in Class 3
- ❖ Emily in Class 3
- ❖ Simeon in Class 4
- ❖ Mathew in Class 4
- ❖ Lucy in Class 4
- ❖ Riley in Class 4
- ❖ Sophia in Class 4
- ❖ Amelia in Class 4
- ❖ Chloe in Class 4
- ❖ Hannah in Class 4
- ❖ Amber in Class 5
- ❖ Isla in Class 5
- ❖ Jodie in Class 5
- ❖ Jacob in Class 5
- ❖ Hannah in Class 5
- ❖ Neve in Class 5
- ❖ Ryan in Class 5
- ❖ Olivia in Class 5
- ❖ Lauren in Class 5
- ❖ Eden in Class 5

Also Congratulations to the following Child for receiving awards outside of school:

- ❖ Pandora in Reception Class for being awarded her Stanley Stage 2 Award
- ❖ Jenson in Class 1 for being awarded his Octopus 2 Swimming Certificate
- ❖ Albie in Class 1 for being awarded his Octopus Swimming Certificate
- ❖ Ava-Grace in Class 1 for being awarded her Starlite Dance Award for Tap
- ❖ Oona in Class 1 for being awarded her Starlite Dance Award for Tap
- ❖ Riley-Jayne in Class 2 for being awarded her Ice Skating Certificate
- ❖ Molly in Class 5 for being awarded Cub of the Term

Congratulations to the following Reception Children for being awarded Superstar of the Week

❖ Max S

❖ Jack

❖ Willow

Easter Church Service



KS2 Theatre Trip – Aladdin

Tickets have been secured and the children will be watching the matinee performance of Aladdin on Thursday 11th May. The balance of £30 needs to be paid by Friday 28th April 2017 and can be paid in instalments.



Aylesford Got Talent

The stage is set, costumes are to the ready and rehearsals underway for a full programme of song, dance, drama, puppetry and poetry, hand bells and much more... Come prepared to be amazed by a treasure chest of talent! Definitely an evening not to be missed! Saturday 25th March, 7.30pm at St Peter and St Paul's Church. Tickets £5 (children £2.50) - available on the door.

Safeguarding

The internet is a wonderful place, filled with real opportunities for young people to learn, play and talk to their friends. We all know however that there is a lot of content online, and not all of it is appropriate for children and young people. To protect your child from seeing anything inappropriate or upsetting online, why not consider setting up parental controls in your house...

Parental controls are designed to help protect children from inappropriate content they may come across online. These controls can be used to limit access to only age appropriate content, to set usage times and to monitor activity.

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. These providers have come together to produce a series of helpful video guides to help parents download and set up the controls offered by these providers. To watch these videos visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#).

Filters and parental controls are great, unfortunately they aren't full proof, and sometimes even when you have enabled filters and parental controls, inappropriate content could slip through and young people still could be exposed to inappropriate and upsetting content. Therefore, it's important that you talk to your child about what is appropriate and what is inappropriate to access online. Make sure you reassure them that they can always come to you if they ever come across anything that upsets or worries them online.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids is back again, with another chance to help the kids at our school get active with some new cooking and sports equipment. Please bring your vouchers in and post them in the box at the school office, thank you.



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 be looking at measure and capacity.

In English we will be looking at Katie Morag's adventure.

Mrs Robinson Year 2



In Maths we will secure our knowledge of place value.

In English we will be looking at the Katie Morag stories.

2 times table test.

Spellings

| | |
|--------|----------|
| middle | circle |
| table | little |
| towel | parcel |
| angel | squirrel |
| tickle | label |

Mrs Christou
Year 3



In Maths we will be investigating angles.

In English we will be looking at features of fairy tales.

Spellings

| | |
|------------|------------|
| television | invasion |
| confusion | division |
| vision | conclusion |
| explosion | illusion |
| decision | collision |

Mr Eastwood
Year 4



In Maths we will continue looking at Money problems.

In English we will be looking at narrative, creating atmosphere.

For testing Friday 21st April

Spellings

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| accidentally | exercise |
| increase | mention |
| moisture | calendar |
| February | knowledge |
| extension | consider |

Mrs Shemilt
Year 5



In Maths we will be looking at geometry – drawing, measuring and investigating types of angles.

In English we will be fact files and newspaper reports.

Spellings: i before e except after c

| | |
|----------|---------|
| ceiling | receive |
| receipt | deceit |
| perceive | conceit |
| niece | |

Mr Holt
Year 6



In Maths we will be doing revision.

In English we will writing non-fiction text about orangutans.

Spellings

Words ending in: tion, sion that break rules.