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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid Update

We have no new cases of Covid amongst pupils or parents! After our experiences last year, we appear to have found some luck for a change, and whilst I know of other local schools which are being badly affected by outbreaks, we have seemingly escaped the worst of it.

To ensure that this continues, we will still insist that any child who has any of the three accepted symptoms, is kept off school and has a PCR test completed. They cannot return until they receive a negative result, which needs to be shown to the school please.

Extra-Curricular Booster Clubs

This week teachers will be writing to some parents to invite certain children to participate in the after school booster groups which we are beginning next term. The invitations will go out to children whom we would most like to target for this support. Other children are receiving targeted support in class. The booster sessions will supplement this and allow us to provide support to yet more children.

In almost all cases, the sessions next term will focus on English. This is the area of the curriculum which has been most affected by the disruption to education over the past two years. However, the focus for the groups will be reviewed towards the end of next term. We may alter our focus, and the children involved in the groups, for term 3.

Squid Game

A number of our children, in Year 6 particularly, are watching a programme on Netflix which is called Squid Game. The violence is graphic. I believe that the show is rated for 15 year olds. You may be aware of the programme's content, and be happy for your children to watch it. However, if you aren't aware of the content, I strongly suggest that you watch an episode in order to decide whether it is appropriate for 9-11 year old children to watch.

Staff Changes

We have a few staff changes to announce.

Mrs Anita Chalken, who worked in the kitchen for the past three years, has left to take up a new position. We thank her for all that she did for the school and wish her every happiness in her new role.

Her position in the kitchen is being filled by Mrs Gemma Hay, who has been working here as a Midday Meals Supervisor. It is lovely to retain her at the school and I know that the children will enjoy having her and Wendy Butler preparing and serving their lunches.



Mrs Bethany Richards is joining us as an MMS. She will take over Mrs Hay's duties. Some of our children may already know Mrs Richards from her work with local Beavers. It is lovely to welcome her to the school.

I am sorry to say that Miss Burgoyne is also leaving her role as an MMS at the end of this term. She is taking up a position as a teaching assistant in another local school. I know that she will be greatly missed by our children, who really enjoy having her look after them at lunchtimes. We wish her well.

Mrs Patricia Nicholls will be joining us after the half term to replace Miss Burgoyne. Mrs Nicholls has been an MMS for 21 years, and so comes with a wealth of experience in the role. Again, we welcome her to St Peter's.

Footpath Approval

Some considerable time ago, Mrs Cooper submitted an application that the route from school down past the almshouses, be recognised as a footpath. I am pleased to say that this has now been granted. So, we can continue to use this route to walk down to the village hall and playing fields. Well done Mrs Cooper!

Harvest Festival

A couple of parents have spoken to me about having to bring younger children with them when they come to the harvest festival. Of course, if you can't find someone to have your youngest for the duration of the service, then please bring them. We are just asking that if you have someone who would look after them for the hour or so, please use them.

But can I just remind you that it is just one adult per family for this first service. Hopefully we can return to normal in the months to come and certainly in time for the Christmas celebrations.

Spiders, Bats and Pumpkins

Lola, Marcella and Suki have been making spooky Halloween decorations which they are offering for sale. The money raised is going to be used to support the St Peter's allotment. We will be able to buy seeds and equipment for the coming season.

Please support them by going along to the Old George Pub at 35 High Street after school next Monday, the 18th, where they will be selling their spooky items for pocket money prices. I appreciate them taking the time to support our allotment in this way!

Best wishes



Jim Holditch