



St Peter's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is now in full swing and it has been lovely seeing our wonderful new Rainbows settling in. I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome them and their families to Team SP! The children are thoroughly enjoying their new topics for this term. All of our staff are working hard to ensure that all of the learning opportunities are engaging and inspiring. If you would like a little insight into what your child gets up to when at school, have a look at our school Facebook and Twitter pages as the teachers regularly share learning experiences through these. The addresses are at the bottom of this newsletter and there are also links on our website.

Class 6 have just returned from another wonderful week at PGL. The pupils, as always, represented the school very well and demonstrated great **resilience, independence, collaboration, creativity, joy, respect and friendship** as they overcame personal barriers and worked together to achieve amazing things. It goes without saying, that experiences like this are not possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff, who put their own lives on hold for the week to enable these activities to take place. It was lovely to hear so many 'thank-you's' to **Miss Wiles, Mrs Hunt and Mr Brogan** from the children and parents.



Project 97

I would like to thank all the families who refrained from taking holidays during school time last year. We achieved an overall attendance of 96%. This year, our target is 97% and in conjunction with the Local Authority, we are launching 'Project 97'. As a school we carefully monitor every child's attendance. If we have concerns over any child's attendance, we will invite you in to discuss how we can work together to improve this.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is now up and running. At the moment, there is availability on each day. If you would like your child to come along, please speak to Miss Ryan.

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Learning Market and Book Fair

Would you like to know more about how we teach certain subjects?

Come along to our Learning Market on Wednesday 12th October. This is an opportunity to have an informal chat with our subject leaders about how learning is delivered at St Peter's. It will be held in the school hall from 3:15pm. The amazing £1 book fair is also returning and will be based in the church hall on the same day. Access to both events will be via the school hall. Please come along, have a chat with our staff and grab a few bargain books!

Winter is coming ...

As the weather begins to change, please can I ask that children come to school each day with a sensible coat and appropriate footwear.

Welcome to our new PTFA Chair

A very warm welcome (and huge thank you) to Mrs Smiley who has very kindly agreed to be the PTFA chair. The PTFA have some exciting events planned for our children and families over this year. None of these are possible without the support of yourselves. If you are able to help in any way, at any event, please do speak to Mrs Smiley or myself.

Trading Cards

We have recently seen an increase in the number of children bringing in trading cards to use during break-times. At the moment, these are being used sensibly and not becoming a distraction or causing arguments. Whilst this is the case, I am happy to allow them to be brought into school, on the understanding that children bring them in at their own risk and are responsible for them at all times. I hope that they can be used responsibly and that we do not have to consider banning them.

Violin Lessons

Is your child interested in learning the violin? Mrs King currently has spaces available. Please speak to the office for more information.

Individual achievements

A new feature of our newsletter this year will be celebrating the things our children have achieved out of school. Our first celebration goes to **Sadie** in year 3 who won the Kent under 8 tennis league at the weekend! Well done Sadie, and when you get to Wimbledon, don't forget us!

Upcoming events

On page 3 you will find an overview of the upcoming events. All our events are listed on our school calendar which can be accessed via the homepage of our website. This calendar can also be added to your personal device so that you are always up to date with all our events.



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Date	Event
Tuesday 11 th October	PGL parent meeting for current class 5 (6:30pm in the school hall)
Wednesday 12 th October	Learning market (No clubs)
Wednesday 12 th October	£1 book fair
Friday 14 th October	Parent council meeting with the new school caterers (2:30pm)
Friday 14 th October	Book look opportunity (3:15pm – 4:00pm)
Friday 14 th October	Parent social event – open to all and not in the school! – see additional poster for more information
Saturday 15 th October	Canterbury Festival Parade (10:45am – 1:30pm)
Monday 17 th October	Optional secondary transfer meetings with Mr Garratt
Tuesday 18 th October	Optional secondary transfer meetings with Mr Garratt
Tuesday 18 th October	Inclusion Coffee morning – all parents welcome
Thursday 20 th October	End of Term 1
Monday 31 st October	Start of Term 2
Friday 4 th November	Primary Languages day at CCCU
Friday 4 th November	PTFA meeting (9am in the church hall) – All welcome!
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance service
Friday 11 th November	PTFA Quiz
Tuesday 15 th November	Parent and Teacher Consultations (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
Wednesday 16 th November	Parent and Teacher Consultations (3:30pm – 7:00pm)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
w/c 21 st November	Science Week
Friday 25 th November	Takeover Day (TBC)

Stop Press ... a few quick reminders:

Earrings

Please can we remind you that for safety reasons, earrings must be removed or taped up for PE lessons., If your children are unable to put tape over their earrings, our staff are happy to do this but please can you speak with your children about this.

Morning whistle / bell

To clarify, the bell which sounds just before 8:40 is for the staff to come out to the playground. The whistle that blows at 8:45 is to signal that at this point, all children must be in their lines and allowed to go into the building. Please can we ask that at 8:45, you encourage your children into the line and then move back to allow the classes to enter the building. During next week, we will be replacing the whistle with the bell.