



St Peter's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's strange to think that we are nearing the end of another term already and our thoughts are turning to the exciting (and very busy) final term of the year! You will find at the end of this newsletter a list of the events that we have planned. Don't forget that our website has all our events on and you can also add our calendar to the calendar on your own device.

Future options parent meeting:

The meeting held on the 25th April was to share the outcomes of discussions at governing body meetings over the past year. Following the Government's announcement in May 2016 that they are 'determined to see all schools become academies over the next 6 years', the governing body began exploring what this would mean for St Peter's. Following extensive discussions and research, the governors have agreed to explore a transfer to the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust (MAST). Please note that this is an agreement to explore this option only, and no decision has been made to academise St Peter's at this stage. Further down the line, if a decision is made to move to an academy, a full and timely consultation will be held.

Well done class 6:

As I write this newsletter, our wonderful year 6 pupils are part way through their Key Stage 2 SATs. They have been amazing through the week, showing great resilience and, believe it or not, joy! Over the past few days they have met each test with real determination; we are so proud of all of them. These tests only assess a small part of our children's intelligence. They have so much more to offer and have demonstrated so many of our curriculum drivers and Christian values over this week – WELL DONE CLASS 6!

From the office:

- When paying cheques to our Out of School Clubs – (breakfast and after school club), please make cheques payable to 'St Peter's Methodist Primary School'.
- We now have a new phone system in the school. We would like to make you aware that this automatically records all calls.

Routines at the start of the day:

To ensure that the children can start their school day at the right time, please can you make sure your child is lined up when the teachers arrive on the playground. This will allow the classes to go into school promptly when the bell rings at 8:45. Many thanks for your support in this.

From the church:

Saturday 13 May (7.00 pm) there will be a concert featuring the young prize-winners from the Kent Festival of Music, Speech and Drama. Entry is free with a retiring collection.

Sunday 21 May (12:00pm) there is a Christian Aid Lunch with homemade soup, bread and cheese, all in aid of their vital work. This is an opportunity to enjoy one another's company and mark the end of Christian Aid Week. There is no charge but there will be a retiring collection. All are very welcome.

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Good luck Mrs Whiting:

You may have noticed a slight change in Mrs Whiting over the past few months. This week we have said farewell to her as she begins her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her and Austin well as they prepare for the arrival of their third child. We will keep you posted when we hear their news!

Aspirations day:

Mrs Clark-Murphy would like to organise an aspirations day, where visitors from business and industry come into school to share with the children what they do for their job. This could be a mechanic, a florist, an electrician, or a vet for example – the list is endless! If you think you could help with this, please let Mrs Clark-Murphy know by emailing her. (kclarkmurphy@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk)

Gold Level Green Travel Mark!

I am pleased to announce that as part of your 'Walk on Wednesday' efforts, we have been awarded the Gold Level Green Travel Mark! A huge thank you for supporting us by travelling to school in a green way. As a city centre school, this not only helps improve the environment around our school, but within the city as well. Well done everyone!



Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

As a Methodist school, we are subject to SIAMS in addition to Ofsted inspections. Our most recent SIAMS inspection was in 2012, where we were proud to be recognised as 'Outstanding'. Since this inspection, we have been working hard to further develop the Christian distinctiveness of our school and we are expecting a visit from the SIAMS inspectors at some point in the new academic year.

SIAMS judges the distinctiveness and effectiveness of us as a Methodist school and aims to help the school improve as a church school. School governors have a statutory duty to uphold the religious character of the school and to ensure that this element is inspected.

The inspection mainly focuses on the impact of provision rather than the provision itself through four key questions:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective is the religious education?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

Through the upcoming newsletters we would like to share with you some of the ways in which the school addresses the four key questions.

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How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?

We believe that the Christian character of our school underpins all that we do and all experiences that we provide for your children. Our Christian distinctiveness has an impact on all areas and is not restricted to worship and RE.

Our Christian Values are embedded in all aspects of school life. Our six core values are: reverence, thankfulness, friendship, forgiveness, love and compassion and tolerance. Each class will learn about one value in depth, along with bible references and stories through which they can



gain a deeper understanding of their meaning and relevance to their own lives. Through learning about our values in this way, by the time your children leave us in Year 6, they will have gained a deep understanding of each of our values.

We also have four additional values, and together with the core values, these are discussed and used to promote learning. They feature regularly in the weekly themes for worship, and through the school value of the week which is shared with the parent and wider community through our website and

social media feeds.

Visitors to St Peter's often comment on our warm, welcoming ethos and the sense of 'family' which permeates the thoughts and actions of the whole school community. Children are provided with many different opportunities to reflect and engage with their own spirituality in a gentle way which encourages them to make their own informed choices. Our school is highly inclusive in outlook and nature and the needs, interests and opinions of all members of the school community are respected.



Our school motto 'Doing all the good we can, through faith, love and excellence' was created after consultation with the whole school community and reflects our mission statement:

'Our school will promote the highest quality of education within a challenging, stimulating learning environment and within the context of Christian values. We will provide a caring, supportive, evaluative and outward looking school community, in which each individual feels safe, valued and respected.'

You can find more information about our Christian distinctiveness on our school website.

Our Christian Values

Our Core Values

REVERENCE
THANKFULNESS
FRIENDSHIP
FORGIVENESS
LOVE AND COMPASSION
TOLERANCE

Our Additional Values

HOPE
RESPECT
TRUTH AND TRUST
JOY

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Date	Event
w/c 15 th May	St Peter's Got Talent – the auditions
Wednesday 17 th May	Class 5 visit to St Anselm's
Monday 22 nd May	Election workshops with Key Stage 2
Tuesday 23 rd May	MFL through song (years 3&4)
Wednesday 24 th May	French Café (years 5&6)
Wednesday 24 th May	Book Look opportunity (3:15pm – 3:45pm)
Friday 26 th May	St Peter's Got Talent – The Final! (1:30pm)
Friday 26 th May	End of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	Staff development day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	Start of Term 6
Friday 9 th June	Class 5 worship (9:15am)
w/c Monday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics check assessments
Tuesday 13 th June	Kent Test information meeting to class 5 parents (3:30pm and 6:30pm)
Thursday 15 th June	Stanley Baker group photos
Friday 16 th June	Class 4 worship (9:15am)
w/c Monday 19 th June	STEM week (more details to follow)
Monday 19 th June	Optional Kent Test parent meetings for class 5
Tuesday 20 th June	Optional Kent Test parent meetings for class 5
Tuesday 20 th June	New Entrants parent information meeting (7:00pm)
Friday 23 rd June	PTFA non uniform day for the summer fair
Friday 23 rd June	Class 3 worship (9:15am)
Monday 26 th June	Rainbow class celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Tuesday 27 th June	KS2 production in the Marlowe studio (1:30pm and 7:00pm)
Tuesday 27 th June	Class 1 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Wednesday 28 th June	Meet the teacher for pupils #1
Thursday 29 th June	Class 3 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Friday 30 th June	Class 2 worship (9:15am)
Friday 30 th June	Aspirations day (TBC)
Friday 30 th June	Class 2 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
w/c 3 rd July	Sports Week

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Friday 7 th July	Class 1 worship (9:15am)
Saturday 8 th July	PTFA summer fair
Monday 10 th July	Sports Day (held at Kent College Nursery, Infant and Junior School)
Tuesday 11 th July	Class 4 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Tuesday 11 th July	PGL information meeting (6:30pm)
Wednesday 12 th July	Class 5 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Thursday 13 th July	End of clubs
Thursday 13 th July	Strawberry tea (thank you tea for our wonderful volunteers)
Friday 14 th July	Rainbow class worship (9:15am)
Friday 14 th July	Meet the teacher for pupils #2
Friday 14 th July	Meet the teacher for parents (3:15pm – 4:00pm)
Monday 17 th July	End of year learning journeys sent home
Monday 17 th July	Class 6 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' service (9:15am)
Friday 21 st July	End of term 6

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