



# St Peter's News

## No. 11: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are in the final week of another school year already! It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming our new Rainbow pupils into our school family, and yet now we are preparing to say farewell to our wonderful pupils in class 6. In just the last term, we have had our amazing production at the Marlowe, a fantastic sports week followed by a sunny sports day, exciting class trips out to a number interesting places around Kent, a stimulating STEM week, a visit from the mobile farm, super class worships, amazing aspirations day, celebrations of learning for all classes, held three stay and play sessions for our new Rainbow pupils and had two meet the teacher sessions! Alongside all of this, our teachers have been working hard writing your child's final part of their learning journey report. Did you know that on average it takes over 40 hours to write a set of reports? I am sure you will agree, the pupils and staff are looking forward to, and ready for their summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the amazing staff at St Peter's who work tirelessly to provide fantastic opportunities for all our children.

### Thank you to our PTFA

Over the year, we have been fortunate enough to have a wonderful PTFA who have put on several events for pupils and parents. Most recently, our super summer fair raised over £1100! This year alone, the PTFA have purchased an interactive touchscreen for a classroom, part-funded our library renovation, given each class money towards trips or events, part funded the mobile farm visit, provided book bags for all our new Rainbow pupils, funded bibles and bible stories for each class, as well as supporting many other requests! A HUGE thank you to everyone who has helped with and supported the PTFA events across the year, and a special thank you to the chair **Elisabeth Smiley** and treasurer **Hannah Jenkins** for overseeing these events.

### Parent Governor Vacancies

In September, we will have two vacancies for parent governors. In early September, I will be writing to you with more information, inviting you to consider standing as a parent governor. If you would like to know more about this role, please speak to our chair, Melanie Hill, our current parent governors Gaby Bates and Frank Richardson, or me. As a parent governor at my daughter's school, I can assure you it is a very rewarding and enjoyable role!

### From St Peter's Methodist Church:

Our harvest festival weekend is 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. On the Saturday evening, there will be a bring and share harvest supper at 6:00pm followed by entertainment from singer/songwriter Sam Brothers. The harvest service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> will be an all age worship, starting at 10:30am.

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## From the School Office:

- Please make sure you pay for school meals **before** your child has one. A considerable amount of time each day is now being spent chasing late payments.
- Please inform the office immediately of any medical conditions or dietary changes. They will then update the school files and the kitchen where appropriate.
- Please **do not** send in any snacks that contain peanuts as we have a number of children with severe peanut allergies.

## So many reasons to celebrate!

Mrs Hunt recently entered us into a national picture book competition. There were over 1400 entries and we were placed in the top 10! The judges' comments were very positive; *"This picture book is clever, funny and really well illustrated – with a brilliant twist in the ending. Well done to you all."*

Congratulations to **Rafi (class 5) and Harrison (class 6)** who recently became the under 12 SE UK Street Dance champions. Well done boys!

Did you know we have a tennis star within our school family? **Sadie** (class 3) is currently playing on the Kent circuit against children who are a year older than her and doing really well, winning a number of her matches. She is hopeful to progress onto the national circuit within the next year. Congratulations Sadie ... when you get to Wimbledon, don't forget about us!

We are now even more excited about our trip to the Marlowe Pantomime in December as our very own **Harrison (class 6)** has successfully auditioned for the part of Michael in Peter Pan. We are all hoping you will be on stage when we come to see the show Harrison!



As another year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for all your support over the year and I wish you a happy and healthy summer break. We all wish our current class 6 pupils the best of luck as they begin the next chapter in their education, and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours sincerely,

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