



St Peter's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the Easter bingo on Friday, once again, it was an eggciting event! A huge thank you to those members of the PTFA who made it happen. The PTFA are always looking for extra helpers. Please don't believe the myth that once you put your name forward, you are committing to support every event that is run! Any help, no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

Clubs during terms 5&6

You will shortly be finding out about clubs on offer for terms 5&6. There is an exciting range of clubs and my thanks goes to all the staff for volunteering their time to provide these extra-curricular opportunities for our children.

New notification system

Once the club booking system closes early in term 5 we will only notify you if your child **does not** have a place in their chosen club. Club registers will also be posted on the cupboards opposite Rainbow class should you wish to double check. Please can I ask that you check these lists rather than checking with the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Collection times

We have recently seen an increase in the number of children who are being collected late. We do understand that sometimes you may be unavoidably delayed; if this is the case then please contact the school office to let them know. The children are dismissed at 3:15pm. Our school clubs either finish at 4:00pm or 4:15pm, please ensure you are there ready to collect your child when their club finishes.

Meet Marnie

Our caretaker, Mr Arthurs, has recently arranged some fundraising amongst the staff to sponsor a hearing dog. We are now supporting Marnie through her training journey and we will receive updates on her progress that we will share with you! During the summer term, a member of the fundraising team will be visiting to share how she is getting on.

Forest School update

Over the Easter break, our Forest School development takes another step closer to being completed, with the installation of a canopy and cooking area. The hedging that we have had installed is also part of this development. Once it is established, the adventure trail will be open to the children again.



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Update from the Chair of Governors

Following the recent announcement that our esteemed headteacher, Mr Garratt, will be leaving the school in the summer, the Governors thought you might like to know more about the process for appointing a new headteacher for St Peter's.

A team of 5 Governors, who together offer a breadth of skills and experience, has been appointed by the board to run the recruitment process and they have already been busy. We want to attract the brightest and best talent to St Peter's and we have worked hard preparing all the required paperwork in advance of advertising the post. We have consulted with the Local Education Authority and with a Senior Human Resources Consultant from the Schools Personnel Service to ensure we attract the right applicants, as well as comply with all legal requirements.

The post is currently being advertised on Kent-Teach and we have already received requests from prospective applicants to make an appointment to look round our school. We will be shortlisting the applicants in April and the shortlisted candidates will then undergo a two-day selection process. As befits the ethos of our school, we will ensure that members of the teaching and administrative staff as well as the pupils will all have a role in the recruitment process.

We expect to be able to make an appointment at the end of this selection process, in time for the start of the new academic year.

If you have any concerns or comments then please do contact me. The easiest way to do this is to email: chair@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can hand a traditional letter to the school office.

Other staffing updates

I write to inform you Miss Wiles has taken the decision to leave St Peter's as of 31st March 2018. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best for the future.

Mrs Hunt is recovering well. We are hopeful that she will begin a phased return to St Peter's in the summer term.

On Friday, we said farewell to Mrs Filkins who has been teaching in Rainbow class and Class 1 since September, covering the teachers' planning time.

Mrs Whiting will be returning from her maternity leave during term 5 and will be teaching in class 1 on a Friday.

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Sports update

At the start of this term we were invited to a Methodist Schools Football Tournament at Lorenden School near Faversham. Ten children from Year 1 and 2 excitedly boarded the mini bus kindly provided by Boughton Primary School, and had an enjoyable afternoon playing an assortment of ball games in the sports hall before putting their new-found skills into practice in a rather chaotic 10-a-side football match!

During term 4 we took a team of ten children from Year 1 and 2 to an Infant Agility Competition at Canterbury High School. The competition was designed around a set of activities, performed as a circuit by 13 teams from local primary schools. The activities were challenging but fun, and our team showed great enthusiasm as they ran, jumped, threw and bowled their way around the sports hall. It was a great introduction to competitive sport and hopefully we will see the children representing St Peter's again as they progress through the school.

Last week, a record 26 children from Years 3 to 6 attended a Cross Country event at Chartham Primary School. Conditions were wet and muddy as the Year 3 and 4 boys and girls tackled an 800m course, and those in Year 5 and 6 a gruelling 1200m! Ten different primary schools took part, and although the same three schools dominated the competition, we put up a very commendable performance, with special congratulations to Anais who secured the second place medal in the year 4 girls' race. We are very grateful to the parents who were able to offer lifts to and from Chartham, and who helped supervise the team whilst we were there - we would not be able to attend such events without your support.

Most recently we entered teams into the quick-sticks competition held at Polo Farm. The children played fantastically well and demonstrated great team work!



In term 5 we hope to be entering teams for High 5 Netball (Year 5 and 6), Mini Squash (Year 3 and 4), Mini tennis (Year 1/2 and 3/4) and Tri Golf (Year 3 and 4). Details to follow. Please can we remind you that PE kits need to be in school all week. This is to allow for any variations in the timetable, and to be able to react to the changing weather conditions.

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Staying safe in St Peter's Grove ... again

We are still receiving reports of children being left unsupervised in St Peter's Grove in the mornings. There have been incidents of children running out in front of cars and riding scooters along the middle of the road. Please support us in speaking with your children about being safe on their journey to and from school.

From St Peter's Methodist Church

Please find below the Easter events being held at the church.

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| Thursday 29 March - 7.30 pm | Tenebrae Service. A meditative service for Maundy Thursday with relevant Bible Readings, including the service of Holy Communion. |
| Good Friday 30 March - 9.45 am | Service at St Peter's led by Revd Geoff Boxer
After this Hot Cross Buns will be served at the Salvation Army in Whitehorse Lane. A Walk of the Cross will leave the Salvation Army at 11.00 am and walk to Rose Square (outside Primark) for an outdoor service. |
| Good Friday 30 March - 12:00 & 3.15 | Live screening of a Passion Play in Dane John Gardens, streamed from Trafalgar Square |
| Saturday 31 March - 9.30 – 12:00 | The "flower ladies" will be decorating the church in preparation for the service on Easter morning and anyone of any age is welcome to help them. |
| Sunday 1 April - 10.30 am | Easter Celebration Service. |

Upcoming events

Please find on page 5 a list of our upcoming events for this term. Please remember that the most up-to-date way to find out about what is going on at St Peter's is through our website, where the live calendar is kept up to date.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Garratt
Headteacher

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Monday 16 th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 23 rd April	KS1 SATs parent information drop in session
w/c 14 th May	KS2 SATs week (to include a breakfast club for class 6)
Friday 18 th May	PTFA Auction of Promises (TBC)
w/c 21 st May	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week
Friday 25 th May	End of term 5
Tuesday 5 th June	Start of term 6
w/c 11 th June	Year 1 phonics assessment checks
w/c 11 th June	St Peter's Eisteddfod (more details to follow)
Tuesday 12 th June	Kent Test information meeting for class 5 parents (3:15pm and 6:00pm)
Monday 18 th June	Optional Kent Test parent meetings (2:30pm – 6:30pm)
Tuesday 19 th June	Optional Kent Test parent meetings (2:30pm – 5:30pm)
Tuesday 19 th June	New entrant parent information meeting
Wednesday 20 th June	Meet the teacher for pupils
Friday 22 nd June	PTFA non-uniform for the summer fair
Monday 25 th June	Rainbow class celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Tuesday 26 th June	Class 6 production (Marlowe Studio) 1:30pm / 7:00pm
Tuesday 26 th June	Class 1 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Wednesday 27 th June	Class 3 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Thursday 28 th June	Class 2 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Friday 29 th June	Class 4 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Saturday 30 th June	PTFA Summer Fair
w/c 2 nd July	Sports Week
Monday 9 th July	St Peter's sports Day @ Kent College Infant and Junior School
Tuesday 10 th July	Class 5 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Wednesday 11 th July	Class 6 celebration of learning (2:30pm)
Thursday 12 th July	End of clubs
Friday 13 th July	Meet the teacher for pupils (1:30pm – 3:00pm) and for parents (3:15pm – 4:00pm)
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' service -1:45pm in the church
Tuesday 24 th July	End of term 6

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