



St Peter's Out of School Club News Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to another very busy but exciting academic year at St Peter's Out of School Clubs! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are enjoying the first term back? We had such a fantastic time at the summer holiday club and really hope the children did too?

Thank you to all the parents and children that used the St Peter's Holiday Club. There certainly was never a dull moment during the Club. The children completed a great range of varied activities and made the most of the sunshine by spending lots of time outside in the playground.

We would also like to thank all the parents for their support over the last year and for using the Out of School Clubs as it has enabled us to grow and expand as a setting, allowing us to offer more provisions. Last year was the first year of Breakfast Club and it appears to be a success.

What's been happening at the Clubs?

This year we decided to become gardeners and planted several different types of vegetables and flowers. The children took part in the planting of the seeds/bulbs and tended to all their care needs throughout the holiday period. They grew into a fantastic array of vegetables and some of the flowers have now bloomed and are successfully attracting bees and other insects. During the holiday break the school was visited by the South East Kent in Bloom society judges and they appeared to be impressed with our OOSC gardening skills.

We also enjoyed lots of different craft activities both indoors and outdoors. We made jeweled bracelets and necklaces using the glass beads, made a wide variety of 3D model animals using paper and glue, we used lots of wool to do knitting and crocheting and we depleted a great deal of our junk modelling supplies to create some delightful but also very bizarre items. We made good use of the giant inflatable again, which is always very popular. Monty also came in to visit several times and joined in with having a run around and sometime outside on the playground.



This term we have been making the most of the sunshine and have been doing lots of our activities outside. After breakfast we often go straight outside to play before starting school. The children enjoying being the first on the playground and making the most of the free space before the school gates are opened. If unable to go outside we have been creating lots of lovely art and building lots of robots, vehicles and other fantastic models using our many different construction toys. It is such a joy to have the children with us for breakfast as they

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really enjoy chatting with one another and interacting with the children from the other years across the school as they prepare for their school day.

At After School Club the children seem to have really enjoyed entering and making the scarecrows for the Westgate Gardens' Scarecrow Trail that was held on Saturday 7th October. We came third place out of over 60 entries and we won first place in the School category so we are all very pleased and proud of the children and their scarecrows! Thank you if you managed to pop along and support us and if you decided to vote for us.

We recently bought some new art and craft items and materials for the children to enjoy so we are looking forward to seeing some more great creations. We are continuing to start the daily sessions with the collective reading to ensure that all of the children are being encouraged and given the opportunity to read every day and to offer support from staff if needed. As the weather is getting colder and the evenings are beginning to grow darker can we please request that parents send their children in to school with coats as if they do not have a coat they will not be able to go outside due to the cold weather.

We have also just received another 5 star hygiene rating following on from our annual KCC Hygiene and Food Inspection that took place in September.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask that if any parents have anything they no longer need or want we are always happy to accept donations. We are always in need of junk modelling materials as the children really enjoy making lots of imaginative creations with it. Toys and books are never turned away and any spare clothes would also be lovely for dressing up or when changes are required.

Thank you again for your support and co-operation as we begin yet another fun filled and busy year!

Yours Sincerely

Out of School Club Team