



SAINT PETER'S METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Doing all the good we can, through faith, love and excellence"



Headteacher Newsletter

14 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I actually started writing this newsletter on Tuesday morning and returning to complete it now (Thursday) has made me smile. I started by saying what an incredibly busy term it was – if only I knew what was about to happen! An Ofsted inspection was not something we were thinking about or preparing for and so caught us completely by surprise. But as the teachers would testify, I do not believe in carrying out 'box-ticking' exercises, completing pointless paperwork or making things overly complicated. We are here to ensure happy children have the best educational opportunities possible and all that we do should be based on that. In that respect we were definitely ready. The inspector listened to us and witnessed the passion we all have for the doing the very best we can for each individual child and this came through when she spoke to the children too. The report will be published in the middle of January and in the meantime we carry on as we have been – ensuring the children are the heart of our school. Finally on the topic of Ofsted, thank you to those of you that completed the online surveys or spoke to the inspector in person. It helped her form a wider picture of the school -both in the past and present as well as how we are moving forward.

It has been a very positive time for the school since September and I am very grateful to all the staff for their support during this period. The change of leadership structure is not always easy, especially following the departure of a substantive Headteacher who is in school full time. However the school has continued to move forward and I hope you all feel that this is the case. Regardless of Ofsted we have continued to review what we do and how we do it and with supportive staff, governors and families we can continue to strive to ensure that the school provides the best education possible for the children.

As a perfect antidote to Wednesday, the nativity performances took place on Thursday and I thought the children were fantastic. It's always such a lovely end to the term and particularly so this year. Well done to the children and all the staff involved.



SAINT PETER'S METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Doing all the good we can, through faith, love and excellence"



Mrs Clark-Murphy and Mrs Walters will be starting their maternity leave in January and of course we wish them the very best. Mrs Gawthorpe will be joining our school to teach year 2 and Mrs Twiddle will still lead the class on Wednesdays. In year 5 Mrs Wilson will teach the class on Thursday and Friday. As a result of this Miss Tydeman will teach year 3 on a Friday with Mr Maré teaching from Monday through to Thursday.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to the PTFA for organising the Christmas fayre that is taking place today. I'm sure the children will have a great time as well as raising funds for the school. Thank you.

Dates for your Christmas diary...

The **PTFA Christmas fayre** is taking place today at 3:15 in the school hall

On Tuesday at 2pm the **KS2 carol concert** is taking place at 2pm

The last day of term is on **Wednesday 19th December** and we return on **Monday 7th January 2018**.

Thank you once again for all the support you have shown the school this year and in particular to myself and Mrs Duffy. It is very much appreciated and we look forward working with our amazing staff in doing everything we can for your children in 2019. Have a very merry Christmas and hopefully there will be the odd moment to relax too.

Mr S J Way
Executive Headteacher

Merry
Christmas

Saint Peter's Grove, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2DH
Tel: 01227 464392

e-mail: office@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk
www.st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Facebook: /stpeters Twitter: @stpetersupdates