



Newsletter

7th September 2018

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Welcome Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to another year at St. Peter's Junior School. I'm so pleased with how our new Year 3 pupils have settled in to school life, it has been plain sailing! Well done Year 3.

Thank you to Year 3 parents for bearing with us while the School Office have been dealing with some IT problems during our first week back. This has particularly affected you for access to the School Gateway payments system, so apologies for this and thanks for bearing with us.

It has not been such a nice start for our Year 6, many of whom have sat tests all day on their second day back! Well done Year 6, we know it has not very pleasant in the first week back after the summer and you have coped very well.

Although I have not mentioned you, Years 4 and 5, it is nice to have you back as well! Let us have a great year of learning!

Mr Hunter-Whitehouse
Head Teacher

Information/Reminders from the Office Team

- We apologise for the delay in new parents being able to access School Gateway and the ability to make online payments.
- **Our preferred method of payment is online via 'School Gateway'**. Please see guidance on our website on how to set up your account and make payments. If you have any problems accessing School Gateway, please ask a member of the school office.
- The majority of our letters and our weekly newsletters are sent to parents/carers by email. We also send out messages by text. It is therefore very important that you inform us of any changes to your **email address** or **mobile phone number**.
- Please visit the school website regularly, particularly for updates and further information about all school events and calendar dates.
- Unfortunately, our school meal provider Nourish does not make online payments available. Dinner money should be paid for in advance please by cash or cheque (made payable to Nourish). Payment should be put in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. Envelopes can either be handed in to the school office or put in the dinner money box in the main Reception area.

Thank you for your support!

Key Dates for your diary

- Thursday 13th September ~ final PGL information session, straight after school in the Studio.
- Friday 14th September ~ Year 4 swimming begins at Ramsgate Swimming Pool (see letter)
- Tuesday 18th September ~ 3pm Nourish taster session for parents of children in Years 3 and 4 (email invite sent).
- Tuesday 25th September ~ 3pm Nourish taster session for parents of children in Years 5 and 6 (email invite sent).
- Monday 1st October ~ Year 5 visit to Canterbury Cathedral (see letter)
- w/c 8th October ~ Year 6 residential trip to Windmill Hill.
- Monday 15th October ~ Photographer in school to take individual photographs.
- Tuesday 16th October ~ Whole School Fun Run for the NSPCC – more to follow!
- Friday 19th October ~ end of term 1. Clubs and extended day will run as normal.
- Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October ~ Half term break.**
- Monday 29th October ~ return to school for the start of Term 2.

For more events and info, please regularly check the event calendar on the website.

Letters sent out this week

Whole School

Cross Country entry form (paper copy)
Nourish menus
Invite to Nourish taster sessions (via email)
Voluntary Fund (paper)

Year Groups

Year 4 letter re. den building (paper)
Year 4 swimming letter (paper)
Year 5 Canterbury Cathedral (paper)

Specific

Chorale letter (paper)

Star of the Week

This feature will start again next week.



ADVANCE WARNING

YEAR 6 ~ SATS WEEK

w/c 15th May 2019

Approval for holidays taken during term time will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Please note that NO HOLIDAY WILL BE APPROVED during the week commencing 15th May for children in Year 6.

PTFA News

The children are back to school, so the St PTA'ers are back in action!

We are always looking for helpers to come join our enthusiastic team. Whether its help with a school disco, a specific skill set, helping to wrap presents or just a really good idea you'd like to put forward, We would love to hear from you!

The first meeting of this year is Thursday 13th September straight after drop off, please come along to meet us. If you can't make it but would like to volunteer on various occasions or events please fill out the paper form coming home and send back into school where it will be collected. Alternatively, you can email me: gemma341@gmail.com with suggestions or ideas.

On behalf of the St PTA'ers we welcome new parents and thank our existing parents for your support!

Gemma Girdler (PTA Deputy Chair)

Breakfast Club and Extended Day

Mrs Vincent is now our Extended Day Manager for breakfast club, after school clubs and our extended day club.

Her direct contact details are as follows:

Telephone: (01843) 579519

Email:

extendedservices@stpetersthanet.co.uk

Please contact Mrs Vincent directly for any club queries between 9.15am and 10.30am or between 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

Swimming changes

A reminder that we have now moved our swimming lessons to Ramsgate Swimming Pool and these begin next Friday for Year 4 (letter home tonight).

It does mean that when it is your child's turn to swim, they will return later on Fridays (between 3.30-3.45pm).

While we know this is not ideal, it is preferable to no swimming at all, which was our situation for much of last year! Therefore, we are testing this pool and this system this academic year please give us your feedback.

Also, a special thank you to our swimming teachers Mrs Burgess and Mrs Girdler, who volunteer their time with Mr Bussey to teach the children swimming!