



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

SAINTPETERS@SCHOOL
12TH MARCH 2021

“Unlocking the potential in all, empowering a community of Hope”

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

Firstly, thank you so much for all your patience as we establish our new routines for school this week. It has been incredible how well the children have settled back into school life. They came with smiles and such a positive attitude, it has been so wonderful to see the children playing with their friends and resuming ‘normality! Our biggest worry was keeping everyone safe in the playground, and although our site is small, it generally feels safe and well organised at drop off and pick up times. Thank you so much parents for being punctual, wearing face coverings and separating in order to keep everyone safe.

At school, we are delighted that all children have returned and shown great attitudes in the classrooms. Our ‘recovery’ curriculum has started, although we want to say a huge well done to Mums and Dads as ‘home schooling’ has been tremendously effective, with the children making great progress over the last 3 months - so well done! The curriculum includes lots of work around mental and physical wellbeing, as well as plans to catch up on all those trips and visits in the Summer Term. And, of course, that focus on filling any curriculum gaps that have immersed. We are delighted to be accessing some Government funding to use 1 to 1 tutors for any children that need support academically, especially in writing and maths.

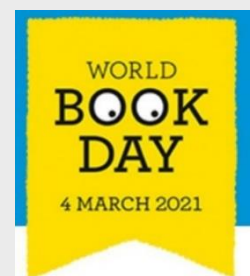
As we look to the future, we are excited to do our Wonder days a little differently - each class will be displaying their work on the fence outside. Hopefully this will be a great way of showing off the wonderful work! The Easter service will be a little different and take place online. We will also be resuming class worship sessions so you will be able to access these via zoom on Thursdays. So, lots planned already, as well as the resumption of swimming, trips and a whole school trip to the beach!

Many thanks for all your support over this transitional period,

Charlotte Hickerton

BOOK WEEK

What an amazing Book Week we had last week at St Peter at Gowts! It always is one of my favourite times of the year. What’s not to love about a whole week dedicated to books and reading?! This year was a bit different to how we usually celebrate but was still just as brilliant. From virtual author and illustrator workshops to decorating potatoes, we certainly had an action-packed and fun-filled week celebrating reading.



The theme for our Book Week again this year was picture books and children across the school and at home enjoyed reading so many exciting books. I was blown away with the book talk and writing and art produced in each class. Prizes will be awarded today for the extreme reading and potato competitions.

One of my favourite parts of the whole week this year was the big quiz on Friday afternoon! St Peters definitely know their books and authors. Thank you to everyone who took part and a special well done to Miss Smith for her book knowledge and speedy fingers!

The masked reader was so much fun too! Did you guess who everyone was?! A very big thank you to all the wonderful staff who always go above and beyond and get on board with the crazy ideas we come up with. Y6 loved listening to the stories and trying to work out who everyone was. Mr Magee's performance was a real highlight for us! I definitely think that's something that we'll have to repeat next year.



We would like to say a massive thank you to parents and carers for your help and support during Book Week - from taking part in live lessons, to sorting dressing up outfits and creating the most spectacular potatoes I've ever seen! We couldn't do what we do in school without your help and support. Please help us keep up the Book Week spirit all year round by continuing to read with your children at home as much as possible. It doesn't just have to be a school book - we encourage reading of everything and anything and don't forget to make a note in those reading records too so ninjas can be earned.

“Keep reading. It's one of the most marvellous adventures that anyone can have.” (Lloyd Alexander)

Mrs Bradley

RED NOSE DAY



Red noses are for sale from next week. Red Nose Day is coming really fast - please bring in £1.50 for a red nose, we have plenty but we would hate the children to be disappointed. They will be on sale at the front of the school from Monday next week. Red Nose Day will be celebrated with a whole school joke competition, so please do encourage your child to learn a joke and deliver it for maximum laughs!

What's the best thing about Switzerland?

I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

Why did the nurse need a red pen at work?

In case she needed to draw blood.

Why do bees have sticky hair?

Because they use honeycombs.

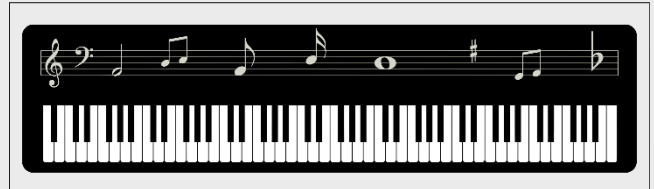
FOOTBALL CLUB - KEY STAGE 1

We have an exciting new opportunity for children in Year 1 and 2, starting next week! Football Club, run by Lincoln City will start again, on site and after school. The coaches will work with the same children that they teach during the school day, so that the contact is more limited. If you are interested, please register via ParentMail by Monday next week. Please ensure your child wears PE kit on this day.



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Does your child have an interest in learning an instrument? If so - we have space for you! The lessons are back in place on Mondays with our wonderful piano teacher Mrs Jones. She is an expert piano and voice teacher, but should your child wish to learn another instrument this may be something we can accommodate. Please ask at the office if this is something you would be interested in. The cost is fairly high as it is such a specialist area, however if your child is FSM, the cost is 50% less, and completely free for any LAC children! These places will get filled so quickly so please do ask quickly!



AFTER AND BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS RE-ESTABLISHED FULLY



As we have come out of lockdown, our Breakfast Club is now starting at 7.35am, and running till the start of the day. This is a great option for working parents as it will guarantee a healthy and positive start to the day for the children. You do not need to book and can drop in at any time after 7.35am.

Our After School Club is also re-established, finally at the Football ground.

The children are really enjoying this new opportunity and the take-up is high across the school.

If your child is interested in this opportunity - please contact Jessica Shepherd. Her email is Jessica.Shepherd@lincolncityfoundation.co.uk and her mobile number is 07884 912028 or visit the website for Lincoln City Foundation.



UNIFORM STALL AFTER SCHOOL

There will be a uniform stall on the main school playground from 3.00pm today. We have a large amount of uniform donated and would like to pass this onto all parents. It is very difficult to buy uniform at the minute so please do help us by finding a good home for it if your child needs a new size. We would love for you to take as much as possible as we have limited storage, but most of the uniform is of a really good quality and needs a new home!



Please do stay socially distanced at the stall and we will try and lay it out so it will be quick and easy for you to take.

DIARY DATES

Red nose day - Friday 19th March

Easter service - Wednesday 31st March

Wonder days - Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st March

TERM DATES

Please do take a note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children!

Term 1 - Monday 6th September 2021 to Thursday 21st October 2021

Term 2 - Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3 - Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022

Term 4 - Monday 21st February 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Term 5 - Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 - Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

