

# **SAINT PETER AT GOWTS**

"Unlocking the potential in all, empowering a community of Hope"

# NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

Happy weekend! It has been another very busy week at St. Peter's as we enter a new phase of post lockdown provision! With the changes that are starting to be put into place through the Prime Minister's roadmap, we are gradually updating our school risk assessment to reflect changes that are happening nationally.

Changes that have developed recently have included

- Family Learning parents allowed on site in a socially distanced way
- Trips and residentials we are trying hard to make these happen as they normally would
- Visitors to school if they are regularly testing, socially distanced and have no symptoms
- Clubs and movement of staff between bubbles when necessary
- The planning of the Year 5/6 live production

These changes have been made following government guidance, and, as always, we do operate a cautious approach and when risks can be minimised we will do so - for example still wearing face coverings in the playground etc. We do hope that you understand our caution, as well as that strong desire to ensure the children do not miss out on any of the wonderful learning opportunities with their peers. We know the children will not be able to have our usual Year 6 trip for example, however we have lots of wonderful plans to ensure the children enjoy their final term at St. Peter's.

Please do come and talk if you have any worries about any of these changes. Thank you so much for all your support, particularly as we have been setting up so many things in a short amount of time. It is wonderful to be a bit more normal at school. We are particularly loving having our clubs back - thanks to parents for signing up the children and allowing them to experience all the wonderful opportunities.

Charlotte Hickerton

# PARENTS EVENING REMINDER

This is just a reminder that we are offering Parents Evenings next week on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Please do check ParentMail and ensure that you are signed up for your teacher consultation. Also, please do expect a call from a withheld number at the time you have signed up for - it's easy to miss and it's so important we keep our home/school links.



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# **PTA UPDATES**

We are sad to announce that we will not be having a Summer Fair this year. Due to our grounds being restricted, we do not feel it would be safe to run a large Summer Fair for all our children and their families. Instead, we have some very exciting plans to hold a Summer Extravaganza. Initial plans include bouncy castles, face painting etc, ice lollies, fruit kebabs, water fights, sponge the staff...... The list is endless! In addition, we will be holding a Summer Grand Hamper Raffle. As always, a HUGE thank you to our PTA for the wonderful work they do supporting the school.



#### PGL TRIP

Our Year 5s have the amazing opportunity to attend PGL this term as a day trip. The day visit is for all our Year 5 pupils and may include any of the following exciting activities - quad bikes, giant zip wire, abseiling, climbing, high ropes, trapeze and much much more! As their website says.....

"Caythorpe Court is the perfect adventure centre for primary school groups seeking an escape to the country.

There's over 65 acres of space for children to enjoy, packed full of adventure activities on land and water. For some high adrenalin action, pupils will love a race around the quad bike track or test their head for heights on the giant swing. Whatever the challenge, the experienced instructors at Caythorpe will help each individual reach further and achieve more. PGL will inspire, motivate and challenge your child to raise aspirations, build their confidence and support their achievement. Each day brings a new adventure and the chance to try something new with the encouragement of their friends"

Please do look out for the ParentMail and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

#### WHOLE SCHOOL BEACH TRIP

We are so excited to announce that we have managed to book our whole school beach trip for 1<sup>st</sup> July! This will be a truly magical experience for all our pupils, lots of sand castle competitions, beach fun and even a paddle in the sea. More details will be coming, but hopefully this trip will make up for some of the special events the children have missed over the past year and also give them something to look forward to.





# RAND FARM RESIDENTIAL



undertake are :

- Feeding the animals
- Having a go at archery
- Time in the adventure barn
- Tractor ride
- Cooking activities

We are delighted to announce that we have managed to arrange a 1 night/2 day residential for all of Year 3 to Rand Farm in June. Rand Farm is a working farm with a huge range of children's activities, North of Lincoln. The experience of sleeping and working on the farm will be a highly memorable and enjoyable experience for all our children - all previous year groups still rave about this trip! This trip is designed to promote the children's academic, social and emotional skills, as well as their independence.

Some of the activities the children will



The children will enjoy spending time learning about animals and farming over the two days. They will look after the animals, feed them and learn how their food comes from farm to fork. They will also enjoy the exclusive use of the play centre! In the evening, they will have a three-course dinner, followed by playtime and bed. We hope they have a wonderful time - good luck with having a full night's sleep Miss Smith!

# **ART PROJECT - INSIDE OUT PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**

We are so excited that the pupils and staff at St. Peter's have been invited to take part in a worldwide arts installation project - based in Sincil Bank! The University of Lincoln and the Sincil Bank Community partnership are launching the "We are Sincil Bank Project", a mass participation photography project that will create large scale poster images of our communities to form an art trail throughout the local area (launching Summer 2021). Do look out for 75 familiar faces appearing in the Sincil Bank area soon!



# **DIARY DATES**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Parents' Evenings W/c 24<sup>th</sup> May - Arts Week Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Children finish for half term Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Y3 Rand Farm Residential Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Y5 PGL Day Visit Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Whole school beach trip

# **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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022