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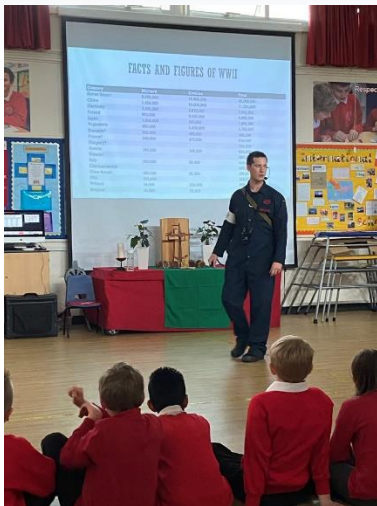


St. Peter at Gowts Primary CE School Newsletter 2020

Notes from the Headteacher

Dear All,

We hope you have had a wonderful week. It has been a very productive week in school with photographs taken, some great workshops for the children and lots of fantastic progress seen from the children in all areas!



We are looking forward to Design and Technology Week next week, where the children will have the chance to explore their creative side. Projects include puppet making, mechanisms, food and much more.

We are still incredibly fortunate to have had no coronavirus cases within school over the last term. Of course, it is only a matter of time before bubbles become closed, however we continue to be incredibly vigilant with handwashing, hygiene, cleaning, using face coverings and restricting more high risk activities. Please do continue to support us with this, it's easy to get complacent but we know that the national picture is not looking rosy at the moment.

Parents' evenings will take place next week. You will have had your child's end of previous year attainment and their targets sent home today. Please do have a good read of these and be ready with any questions for our teachers when they phone you on Monday and Tuesday next week. Also, please do make sure you answer your mobile as the numbers will come up as 'withheld'!

Hope you have very positive meetings!

Mrs Hickerton

"Unlocking potential in all,
empowering a community of hope"

Diary Dates

W/c 19th October - DT Week

19th & 20th October - Parents' Evenings

21st October - Y5/Y6 Visit from The 'Den' Man

22nd October - Children finish for half term

2nd November - Children return to school

10th November - Flu Vaccinations in School (R-Y6)

11th November - British Values Day

20th November - World Hello Day

Online Safety

Do you need upskilling to keep up with all the social media terms. We are absolutely delighted to announce that St. Peter at Gowts is now a National Online Safety certified school. If you haven't signed up already, please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-peter-at-gowts-ce-primary-school>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the 'Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course. The new and improved parent courses are hosted by Myleene Class and are very informative and interesting, offering ways to empower parents and carers with the knowledge to help protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

Meet The St. Peter At Gowts Staff Team

We just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce some of our new staff members this term. We are so lucky to have lots of new faces, but due to Covid restrictions you may have not met them yet. So, here are some pen portraits for our new members of staff. We welcome them all to St. Peter at Gowts!

Miss Suhonen (TA EYFS)

Hello I'm Miss Suhonen and I've just started at the school as a 1:1 and class Teaching Assistant after working as a Primary 1 teacher in Scotland. I absolutely love the Early Years so I am very excited to work in both Nursery and Reception this year! I'm originally from Finland, but I've lived in lots of different countries, including Belgium, Sweden and Scotland. I definitely prefer the English weather to Scotland though! In my free time, I like to run and knit blankets and scarves. I also enjoy watching rugby with my family and always go to see lots of games.



Miss Smith (TA Reception)

Hi my name is Miss Smith and I'm the new TA in Reception. Before joining St. Peter at Gowts, I worked as a 1:1 for 2 years in Reception and year 4. Previously, I have worked in private day nurseries as a preschool room supervisor. I have 2 young children aged 5 and 2 and love spending time with them, going for walks and exploring our local outdoor environment. I am passionate about outdoor learning and the importance of reading in early childhood. I love working in early years and I am so excited to be part of your child's school experience.

Miss Foxcroft (TA Year 1 and 2)

Hello my name is Miss Foxcroft and I am a 1:1 Teaching Assistant in class 1 and class 2. I am very excited to be working in key stage 1, having completed my teaching training last year. I enjoy baking chocolate chip cookies, swimming and all things Disney.



Miss Buchan (TA Year 4 and Sendco Assistant)



My name is Miss Buchan and I am currently working as 1:1 support in Year 4 in the mornings. In the afternoons, I am working as SEN Support throughout the school delivering Precision Teaching interventions and supporting the SENCo. I am originally from near Manchester but I moved to Lincoln to complete my degree in Special Educational Needs and Inclusion at BGU. Following this, I completed my Primary PGCE also at BGU. I wanted to work as a Teaching Assistant to gain more experience within a school and classroom setting and use everything I had learnt throughout my degree in SEN and put everything I had learnt into practice.

Mrs Stray

My name is Mrs Stray and I have joined the Year 3 team at St Peter at Gowts. I am very fortunate to have worked in some amazing schools around the UK. My husband is in the military, so we have enjoyed living in many different areas. I can bring the skills that I have gained along the way to St. Peter at Gowts. My hobbies include taking my dog for a long walks, going to the gym and spending quality time with my family and friends.



Mrs Laycock-Ivory

My name is Mrs Laycock-Ivory and I work in Year 3 and I have worked in a number of schools in Lincoln and enjoy helping children make the best possible progress. I have two children and enjoy travelling to new places, painting furniture, upholstery and cooking.



Mr Hughes

We are delighted to welcome Mr Hughes to our team as Business Manager. Mr Hughes has been a Business Manager at schools for many years and he brings a wealth of experience and skill to the team!



Mr Flear - Site Manager (CSG)

Our new site manager works for the company CSG and is called Scott Flear. He has also had much experience in different schools and is enjoying his new role at St. Peter's!

Mr Jackson and Miss Clark

We also welcome to the team Mr Jackson our student teacher based in Year 1, as well as Mr Clark you will also be familiar with Miss Clark, who is training to be a teacher in the Year 6 team.



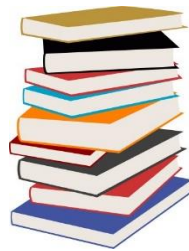
Books, books, books!

We love reading at SPAG and have a brilliant selection of books in school but some are missing. Due to our home reading books having to go into quarantine for a few days due to covid, we are really struggling to have enough for our voracious readers! If you have any school books at home under beds, on bookshelves or lurking in book bags, could we please ask that they are returned to school so we can continue to enjoy them? We particularly seem to be missing quite a few Y5/6 books. If your child was in our school last year and has now left, please ask them to check also.

We would also like to ask for any book donations in the form of any books that your children no longer read. We love to keep adding to our class libraries!

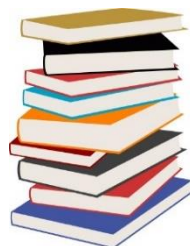
Some books or authors you may have at home that we would love to be able to share with the children include

- Roald Dahl
- David Walliams
- Dick King Smith
- Harry Potter series
- Enid Blyton (classics)
- Michael Morpurgo
- Jacqueline Wilson
- Anthony Horowitz



And any other classics and modern classics would be so greatly appreciated. Thank you so much in advance,

Mrs Bradley



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you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

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