



ST. PETER AT GOWTS
CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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18th September 2020

St. Peter at Gowts Primary CE School Newsletter 2020

Notes from the Headteacher

Dear All,

Please could I say an absolutely huge thank you to parents for their help this week as we have changed the routines for entering and leaving the school.

The children from Years 1 to 6 now enter in 2 different family groups. We are aware that the system isn't perfect, especially if you have Nursery or Reception children, however it is greatly improved so please do continue to bear with us. We truly appreciate your patience whilst we try and get children and adults reunited safely, quickly and in a socially distanced way.

Our Office continues to be remote access only. Ms Gledhill and Mrs Means, as well as our Parent Support Advisors are happy to help with any enquiries but please do so by emailing the office or phoning the school. It is difficult to be able to communicate those little worries - lost jumpers and water bottles etc, but if you just phone we can make sure these issues are sorted out.

This week we have seen local lockdowns all over the city, as well as whole areas of the country. The rules are very complicated, but please be assured we have a rigorous risk assessment in place and the children and adults in school place safety as their first priority.

We are developing our use of Google classrooms so that we are ready for when a lockdown of certain year groups happens. Any home learning will be blended through Google classroom and a paper based approach. Please do let us know if you have any concerns and worries, we are here to help and support our whole school community through these very challenging times.

And lastly, for all the parents that have sent treats and cards to support the staff, we are so grateful for all your support and positivity.

Take care

Mrs Hickerton

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Breakfast Club

Our socially distanced Breakfast Club is now up and running. So for those busy parents, why not give your child a healthy start to the day? Breakfast, games and activities are provided from 7.45am for just £2. Payment is via ParentMail.

After-School Club

After school club is currently running in our hall by Lincoln City Foundation staff and is available for all children up to 5.30pm. Please do give it a try, the children will have access to the most wonderful sports, games and other provision with coaches and school staff working together. This will be the only club running for a while so if you would like your child to be active and enjoy sports, then please do sign them up for this club. It costs £5 until 5.30pm.



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New TAs

We would just like to take this opportunity to introduce our TAs and 1:1s! Please look out for our Pen Portraits that will be on the website shortly.

Nursery - Miss Suhonen

EYFS - Miss Smith

Year 1/2 - Miss Foxcroft

Year 3 - Mrs Laycock-Ivory

Year 3 - Mrs Stray

Year 4 - Miss Buchan

Year 4 - Miss Graham

Miss Buchan will also work with Mrs Pinney to support our SEND children.

Reading Diaries

We are so pleased to see that so many children have been reading at home! Please make sure that you are recording any reading in children's reading diaries, including what they are doing well or finding tricky, as this helps us to ensure they are getting the books that are right for them.

Reading diaries are being used differently in school this year with the ongoing situation regarding Covid 19. School staff will be minimising contact with diaries and other things sent home (including homework books). Where possible, children will be encouraged to write in their diaries when they have read with an adult in school. This will be very different depending on the age of the children. Staff will continue to keep a detailed log of children's reading on our in school trackers. We will be using stamps to let you know when books have been changed and reading diaries checked.



Mask Usage

We would like to remind all parents that the use of masks is encouraged on our site. This is for the safety of all. We hope to avoid lockdowns and feel that mask use may help keep everyone safe and well. This is a request and will not be enforced at this time.



Diary Dates

Term 1 - 3rd September 2020 - 22nd October

Term 2 - 2nd November - 17th December

Term 3 - 4th January 2021 - 12th February

Term 4 - 22nd February - 31st March

Term 5 - 19th April - 28th May

Term 6 - 7th June - 21st July

Uniform Plea

If you have any spare uniform that your child has grown out of, please do donate it so we can use it, especially in Nursery when young children have lots of accidents! We would also like any spare 3-6 year old non-uniform trousers or tops for Nursery.

Google Classroom

At St Peter at Gowts CE Primary School, we are beginning to use Google Classroom as an online learning platform that will be able to be accessed in school and at home.

The Google Classroom app can be downloaded onto most devices and phones and also accessed via browsers on computers and laptops.

We will be sharing more information with you in the next few weeks and children will very soon be provided with their login details. There will be a special 'Google Classroom' section of the school website going live as login details are released to support using this platform at home. All children will also be using it in class.

New School Logo

We were delighted to announce our new logo and vision this week. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to articulating our vision (particularly the working party including some of our governors, especially Mrs Georgio) and the very talented graphic designer Mr Thorne who incorporated the architecture of Gowts Bridge, as well as St. Peter's cross keys. As you may have guessed, Mr Thorne is Mrs Thorne's husband! We feel so proud of the new vision and the new logo looks very smart!



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Email Addresses

As we look to the future, we would still very much like parents to be able to contact their child's class teacher directly. Whilst it is still difficult to do this face to face, please use the email addresses below to contact teachers regarding your child.

I would also remind you that teachers will only check these messages during working hours, and during the day they will be teaching, so there may be a short delay in messages being answered. Thank you so much for respecting the teacher's work life balance!!

Here are the email addresses -

Nursery - vicky.cook@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk &
christine.billinghurst@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Reception - natalie.budden@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Year 1 - emily.pinney@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Year 2 - louise.hornsey@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk &
sam.magee@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Year 3 - hannah.smith@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Year 4 - joanna.witton@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Year 5 - megan.hayward@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk
Year 6 - emma.bradley@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk