



19th June 2020

St. Peter at Gowts CE Primary School Newsletter 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

Welcome to my second newsletter since lockdown. I wondered if there would be much to write about, however there seems to be lots of information that may be useful and interesting to you (hopefully!).

Firstly, we still live in uncertain times in regards to how schools are returning to normality. We currently have over 100 children attending school each day, being taught in bubbles of around 10. If you know our school well, you will see that there is no more physical space to take any other year groups back, although we would dearly love to! So, unless the social distancing is reduced, we have now just about hit capacity. We are also unsure of whether summer schools will be happening or not. I will keep you updated regularly, and please be assured we will do our utmost to provide the very best opportunities for educating the children as soon as we possibly can!

Life in school has hit a new kind of normal, the children enjoy their lessons taught at desks and it is only the teachers that seem to find it strange to be socially distanced. We are still acutely aware that St. Peter's is a school divided, with 60% of our pupils still being educated at home. I would welcome any suggestions with how we can best support all our families, as time drags on the novelty of home learning will of course be so difficult for families to sustain.

At school, we are not dragging our heels, contrary to what the press may have you believe! The teachers are busy writing annual reports for all pupils, these will be sent out at the start of July. We have also commissioned a great deal of improvements to the building, both inside and out. A new office lay out, the library converted into a more useable flexible space, and lots more exciting projects.

I wish you and your families all the very best,

Charlotte Hickerton

“Unlocking potential in all,
empowering a community of hope”



This week, Miss Wilson has been very busy delivering your new home-learning packs - we know she has enjoyed seeing so many of you too! Our new home learning packs are built around four different themes that whole families can collaborate on - we are hoping this might make things easier at home! Our four themes are: The UK, The World, Summer and Artists. For each week, we have given you a variety of different challenges which you could do, it could be something arty or a bit of geography - it is your choice! You are all doing so well and you have made all your teachers so proud - keep it up!

To help us with planning for our curriculum next year and to have a good look at all the wonderful things you have been up to, **we would appreciate if you could begin to return any completed home-learning (named) in the blank envelopes.** These will be returned to you later in the term. As we are short of space in school, if you have created any large projects, including art, please email a picture to your class teacher.

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Free School Meals



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.



Is your child eligible for free school meals? The rising cost of living means everyone could use a bit of help. If you are unemployed or on benefits then you may be able to claim free school meals for your child.

This would not only help you: it would help the school too.

Schools are given additional funding by the Government for every child who is entitled to free school meals. We want to obtain as much as possible so that we can improve education for all pupils. We are aware there are children who attend our school who are entitled to free school meals but do not realise it. We are also aware that some parents choose not to take up the entitlement to a free school meal. The Pupil Premium means that even if you don't wish to access a free daily meal, applying will mean that our school will receive further funding to support your child's education.

If you have any queries or need help applying please contact our Parent Support Advisor, Kinga Wilson kinga.wilson@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk

This application may support your child's education for many years to come!

Goodbye to Mr and Mrs Cooper

It is with much regret that I am writing to inform you that Mr and Mrs Cooper will be leaving their roles at St. Peter at Gowts on the 31st July 2020. This is very sad news, Mrs Cooper has been with the school over 30 years, Mr Cooper for 10 years and they have both worked tirelessly for the benefit of the school. It would be an understatement to say that this will be a huge loss for our school. This amazing double act has seen the school through many ups and downs and their contribution to life at St. Peters has been immeasurable.



Mrs Cooper will always be known for greeting our parents and children so warmly at the Office, supporting our families, keeping the finances in order and always going the extra mile to ensure that our children get the very best opportunities. She has championed school trips, experiences and visitors to ensure that the children have a rich curriculum and develop a love of learning. Her 'knitting club' was pretty legendary, as was her listening ear whenever anyone needed some help and support.

Mr Cooper has kept our school pristine for over a decade. The site here at St. Peter's is not the easiest, and Mr Cooper has looked after it so well, keeping it spotless and welcoming for everyone. He keeps our plants growing (despite little hands who like to pick the leaves), cleans and tidies after our staff (this is no mean feat) and maintains our grounds and buildings come snow or sunshine.

A celebration of Mr and Mrs Cooper's contribution to the school may not be possible in the usual way due to the social restrictions that are in place currently. However, we would love for parents and children to contribute a donation if they wish towards a very special gift for them both. If you would like to contribute, please pop some money in an envelope and we will collect it over the school gate.

Any memories, cards and gifts will also be collated at the end of term. Thank you in advance for your generosity, I know how much these special people mean to the St. Peter at Gowts Community!

RSE and PSHE



Over the past few months, we have been working hard at St Peter's to ensure that the new Relationships education statutory requirements are being implemented across school by September 2020. We are still in the consultation period which means that we have written a draft policy, which the parents of the RSE committee, staff and governors will see and they will be given the opportunity to feedback if necessary. In spring term, we had also undertaken pupil voice which gave the children the opportunity to feedback with some of their ideas as to what they would like to have in their RSE lessons for next year. This consultation period means that there may still be changes made to the policy and resources that will be used for teaching Relationships education next year.

Once this has been finalised, this will be the end of the consultation period. During the current situation, it has been highlighted by the Department for Education just how important it is to ensure that children are receiving support with mental health and wellbeing. As many of our children are still being home educated, we wanted to take this opportunity to share some free resources with you that you may wish to look at whilst at home with your children.

<https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-wellbeing-activities-for-teaching-staff-and-families.html>

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/content/home-learning-resources>

On the 25th June 2020, it is national relationships education day with a main focus on 'books that I love about love' which is essentially promoting the new requirements across schools across the country. The children at St. Peter's will spend some of the morning working through some PSHE activities and reading books about love. If you do not want your child taking part or you have any questions then please contact me.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Hayward - RSE/PSHE Lead

Award Winners

Certificates are awarded this week to:-

Nursery

Ahmed

Henry

Reception

Alsu

Nicolas

Year 1

Lenny

Maria

Year 2

Lexi

Lily

Year 3

Corben

Ruby

Year 4

Amia

Caleb

Harvey

Macy

Year 6

David

Sharee

Tom

Kacper (Sporting Star)

