

SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

SAINTPETERS@SCHOOL 26TH MARCH 2021

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

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents.

We have nearly made it! Easter is just around the corner and we are so excited as some of the lockdown restrictions start to lift and normality starts to return. Life at St. Peter's is very busy as we return to full attendance. I'm delighted to report that many of the school staff have already received their covid jab (around 50%). Fingers crossed that all the younger adults will be soon receiving theirs too!

The children have adapted brilliantly back into school life, although they are ready for a holiday, as are the staff! All children are now back to accessing the full curriculum and our assessments show that the pupils have done so well over lockdown. Many schools are reporting a huge issue with gaps in attainment and progress over this term, however the children at St. Peter's do not have these gaps! We are so impressed with the learning both at home and at school over this third lockdown, a particular well done must go to everyone who educated at home, we can see how hard you have worked and the wonderful support you gave to your children.

As we look to the future, we are keen to maximise the opportunities for children over the Summer Term, whilst keeping the bubble structure and making sure the children and staff are as safe as possible. We are currently looking at swimming, trips and visits in order to engage our children and make sure the curriculum we can offer is as wide as possible. We thank parents for their patience as we move forward with new initiatives and processes as we continue to navigate the new normal.

With all my best wishes for a very Happy Easter. Enjoy every minute!

Charlotte Hickerton

WONDER DAYS

Throughout this term, our children have completed some fabulous learning which we cannot wait to share with our community! Our learning will be displayed on the High Street via our school fence. We are hoping that the learning will be displayed from Tuesday 30th March until the end of the day on Wednesday 31st March.

However, the current forecast is rain! If it rains we will display on either the Tuesday or the Wednesday but rest assured there will certainly be a celebration of our learning next week. Please take the opportunity, in a socially distanced manner, to peruse our exhibits. We are very proud of our children's achievements and we hope you enjoy the display.

In school, the children will also be partaking in a school quiz to consolidate their learning from the spring terms. There will be much competition between both children and staff!







EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter is a thoroughly exciting time at St Peter's and this year we have gone above and beyond in our Easter Egg Hunt! Map skills are a key focus in our curriculum this term therefore the children will be completing their hunt in the local community. Small groups of children will be prepped with reference points, clues and maps to find their given points and eggs. This will be a fabulous challenge for our children and a great link for Easter and our geography curriculum.

Please can we say a HUGE thank you to the PTA for buying our Easter eggs this year. We are so lucky to be able to provide every child with an Easter egg through their fundraising.



EASTER SERVICE

Our Easter service is taking the form of a 'Watch Party'. We will be working alongside 'iSingPOP' to put together our Easter service, please do look out for this on Facebook and celebrate the joy and hope of the Easter story with us next week!



RED NOSE DAY

Our Red Nose Day joke competition was hilarious! Well done to all the fabulous jokers out there who won their class competitions. We raised £423 for Comic Relief - a fantastic total - well done to everyone who

bought a nose and donated to this charity.

The joke winners were as follows.

Year 6 - Jacob G

Year 5 - Amelle G

Year 4 - Amy-Grace M

Year 3 - Florence H

Year 2 - Libby E

Year 1 - Kelvins K

Reception - Bentley W





CLUBS NEXT TERM

We are excited to re-introduce clubs next term. Clubs will be offered in a 'bubbled' structure, so the children will have access to a smaller number of clubs alongside their peers - so either Reception, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. The clubs will be focussed on wellbeing including physical activity, as well as those skills that may have not have been developed over the last year. Examples may be playing team games, socialising with others, certain crafts and other skills. We really hope your children will embrace this opportunity whilst we are able to offer extended provision within covid guidelines.



Last week we started to reintroduce our wonderful Class Collective Worships led by the children. So far, Years 5 and 6 have wowed us with their understanding of our 'Justice' value, leading a very thoughtful and powerful class worship. If you would like to watch these and find out more about how to promote justice in our world please do access through the Facebook page.

Whilst we can't have our parents in the hall to watch and give you cake, we hope you can enjoy this opportunity to see the children presenting their ideas to the whole school. Well done Years 5 and 6!



DIARY DATES

Easter service - Wednesday 31st March Wonder days - Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st March Children finish for Easter Break - Wednesday 31st March Children return to school - Monday 19th April

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 6^{th} September 2021 to Thursday 21^{st} 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