

4th September 2020

St. Peter at Gowts Primary CE School Newsletter 2020

Notes from the Headteacher

Dear all,

A HUGE welcome back to St. Peter's after a very long break and some very different and challenging Covid times! I am delighted to say that the new term has started incredibly positively with all the children really settled and so happy to be back with their teachers and friends.

We honestly could not have wished for a better two days with the children. Our systems seem to be working well and the children have coped admirably with all the changes. We are honestly so proud of the way they have adapted to our new normal. Thank you so much to all the parents for their efforts supporting this difficult transition.

I am so delighted to share with you how well the children have progressed academically over lockdown. In particular, the children seem to have made great progress in their reading. Mums and Dads you must have done a great job home schooling over lockdown! At times home schooling has been incredibly hard, but we are delighted with how much progress has been made. This is testament to the incredible learning attitudes of our children and families. Well done to you all.

As we continue to implement our new normal, I would urge you to ensure that you socially distance when dropping off children or picking them up. Please do wear a mask if you wish, particularly if you are in a vulnerable group and continue to ring the office and email staff rather than talking at the gate. Our risk assessment still includes very few visitors to school, rigorous handwashing and our bubble structure, but I do assure you that we are making lessons fun and the children are fully engaged and enjoying their learning

I look forward to a really wonderful Autumn Term.

Mrs Hickerton

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

Term Dates

Please see below for our term dates. Unfortunately the company that print our term cards have had some issues. We anticipate being able to send the term cards very soon, however please do add these dates to your diary.

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

After-School Club

Please note - the children will not be accessing the stadium for the after school club next week.



Lincoln City
Foundation

After school club will be held in our school hall run by Lincoln City. This will be the safest solution for our children and families. The Club will be run 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.

Wow Days Reminder

Years 1 and 2

The Year 1/2 Wow Day is on **Tuesday 8th September**. During the day, the children will experience a taste of Australia! The day will be based on 'I'm a Celebrity get me out of Here!!!!' There will be various challenges including Bushtucker trials, aboriginal art, great Barrier Reef art, indigenous dance and of course a beach party at the end of the day (ice cream included). As part of this exciting day, we would love the children to dress up. The children could come as either -



1. Explorers - binoculars, backpack, maps, compass etc
2. Holiday makers - shorts and t-shirts, beach clothes, sunglasses, sunhats, suitcase etc

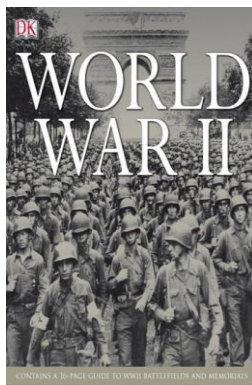
Years 3 and 4

The Year 3/4 Wow day will be on **Monday 7th September** and we would love if you could help us make it even more exciting by asking the children to come into school dressed as an Anglo-Saxon man or woman, wearing a tunic, dress or shawl. We do not need these to be purchased and would encourage you to recycle any old sheets, clothing, belts and scarves that you may have at home.



Years 5 and 6

For our first topic this year, Year 5/6 will be learning about World War II. Our Wow day will be on **Monday 7th September**. We have lots of exciting activities planned for and we really want to give the children a taster of what life was like during this period. Instead of wearing uniform for the day, we are inviting the children to dress up in World War II inspired clothing.



Diary Dates

07/09/2020 - Y3 & Y4 Wow Day

07/09/2020 - Y5 & Y6 Wow Day

08/09/2020 - Y1 & Y2 Wow Day

11/09/2020 - Collective Worship via Facebook Live - 2.45pm (each Friday)

PE Day Reminder

Here is just a reminder of the PE days for the children. On these days (apart from Wow days) please do send your child in their PE kit on these days.

Monday - Year 5 and Year 1

Tuesday - Year 2

Wednesday - Year 3

Thursday - Year 4

Friday - Year 6 and Reception

Uniform Reminder

Please make sure that all pupils adhere to our uniform policy, particularly earrings (studs only) and black school shoes only please.

Please also help us to help you keep track of new items and uniform by labelling all items clearly.

Christian Values this Term - HOPE

This term we are all concentrating on the values of Hope and Trust. We will be thinking about our hopes for the future academic year ahead post Covid. This will be a key part of each classroom as they write their class charters and establish their rules and routines!

