



# SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

## 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness that I send this newsletter today. We have had a fabulous start to the week but the news of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen has affected the feeling within the school. I will still include the celebrations from this week and as respect for this period of mourning this newsletter will be in a black and white.

The children have settled really well into their new year at St Peter's and it is a true delight to see them enjoying learning with their new teachers and friends.

We have had a fabulous start to the school year and already completed an abundance of exciting lessons to develop our learning. Throughout the school, the children have been learning about team work and facts about each other, recapping our high expectations plus even applying for jobs! This year we have continued to enhance our school curriculum with Forest School and I know the children are looking forward to this opportunity.

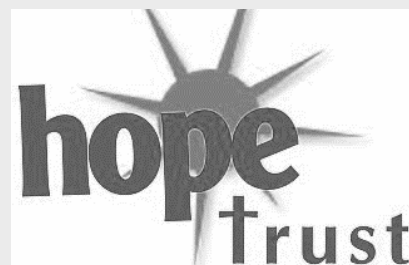
I look forward to the term ahead.

Mrs Emily Mayer

### CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS TERM - HOPE AND TRUST

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This term we are concentrating on the values of Hope and Trust. We are looking at definitions of the two values, then thinking of how we can develop hope and trust within ourselves and also show the values in both school and our community. We are also looking at learning about hope and trust from the Bible, as well as other stories, texts, religions and cultures.



### LEARNING TO LEARN WEEK

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This week at St Peter's, we have had our Learning to Learn Week - unlocking potential in all. We have themed each day, ensuring that we are giving our children the foundations for unlocking their potential.

Our first day back started off by setting routines and our high expectations for the children, deciding on class charters and discussing what positive learning behaviour might look like. We have explored avenues the children have at school to support their mental well-being and identified ways the children can ask for help if they need support for themselves or for a friend.

Our second day has been all about careers! We have discussed in an age appropriate way with the children about what jobs they may want in the future or the skills they might need to flourish in a certain job. We have begun to look at CVs and to discuss what we might include in one. In the older year groups, we have begun to explore gender stereotypes and how it is important to challenge these.

Our third day was all about people who inspire us. Our houses are named after 4 people who inspire St Peter's pupils and staff: Marcus Rashford, Greta Thunberg, Rosa Parks and David Attenborough. We have been talking about other people who inspire us and using a philosophy for children approach to dig deeper into what inspirational means to us!

Our final day was exciting! We had our well deserved treat to Playzone for our amazing hard work when OFSTED visited us.

## UNIFORM REMINDER

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Please make sure that all pupils adhere to our uniform policy, particularly earrings (studs only) and black school shoes only please. In Yr3-6 it is expected that children will wear a school tie.

Please also help us to help you keep track of new items and uniform by labelling all items clearly. On PE days please make sure

- Children come to school in their school top or white t-shirt and school jumper (not Reception)
- They can choose from shorts, leggings, skorts or black tracksuit bottoms on these days
- No hoodies or sports tops that are not school uniform please

The reason we are being stricter with this PE uniform is because the children are wearing this all day, so it doesn't look smart if they are not wearing uniform.

## PE DAY REMINDER AND DAY CHANGE

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The PE days for this term are as follows. **Please note the day change for Year 1 and Year 2.** Year 1 and Year 2 have changed their days because of the needs of an external provider.

Reception - Thursday

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 - Monday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUATION

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Well done to all our families who are working hard to promote good attendance, get back into routine and maximise the time children are learning. It is so important that children attend well and come to school on time - the first part of the morning is very often the time when children change reading books, do phonics, reading and maths - really key learning. Please remember that gates open at 8.30am and learning starts at 8.45am.



## CLUBS RE-ESTABLISHED FULLY

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Please do check to see which clubs your child would like to join, we have offered many clubs at a highly subsidised or even free rate, with teachers, TAs, experts and governors committing their time to provide these wonderful opportunities for the children. Clubs will start next week.

## INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CAFE

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The International Welcome Café is a brand new project run by Acts Trust and Alive Church, Lincoln.

A team of experienced ESOL teachers (English for Speakers of Other Languages) will run the club. It is for anyone who has come to England from another country, either to work or as a refugee or asylum seeker. Babies and small children are welcome and there will be toys for them to play with.

Drinks and homemade cakes are FREE, and we meet at:

Place:	Alive Church, Lincoln
Day:	Thursdays in school term time
Time:	1pm - 3pm
<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>

At the café, people will be able to:

- Practice speaking English in a safe place
- Have fun with games designed to help improve English speaking
- Help their children learn some simple English
- Learn more about living in England

## DIARY DATES

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W/c 12<sup>th</sup> September - School Clubs start  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 at Forest School  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Y5 Swimming starts  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Y3 at Forest School  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - PTA AGM  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Photograph Day (Individual)  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening

## TERM DATES

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Please do take a note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children.

### **2022-2023 Term Dates**

Term 1 - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
Term 2 - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Term 3 - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Term 4 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023  
Term 5 - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Term 6 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

