



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

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22ND JANUARY 2021

“Unlocking the potential in all, empowering a community of Hope”

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

I hope that you and all your family are keeping well and safe. We are always hopeful at St. Peter's, and we certainly hope that the UK is now approaching the final stages of the pandemic. It seems like a race to get the vaccine, with it being rolled out very quickly in some areas. At school, we feel much safer with the introduction of bi-weekly testing for staff, starting next week. We hope the vaccine will not be too far behind for the staff as well. All our thoughts are with every family as they try to keep positive whilst facing so much adversity, for such a long period of time.



Please can I offer my huge appreciation for the phenomenal efforts you are going through to provide such effective home learning for the children. We are now hitting 100% in most live lessons, the children at home are getting so confident using the technology and the teachers are really enjoying continuing their teaching in such a seamless way! The way families have worked with us to set this up has just been incredible. A huge well done to you all! We do still have a small number of devices in school that are available for families to use. So please do come forward - let us know if you need a laptop, we are very happy to allocate these to any of our families that need them.

I hope that we will be back together very soon, when it is safe. Take care,

Charlotte Hickerton

BOOK SWAP - FILL THE LONG DAYS WITH THE MAGICAL WORLD OF BOOKS

We know that the children at St. Peter's LOVE reading and that many of them might be coming to the bottom of a pile of books and want some new ones to read. With social distancing and hygiene rules in force, we have planned a careful system to help ensure collecting new books from school is safe and organised.

If your child would like to return their reading books to school and collect some new ones, please contact your child's class teacher via email, Tapestry or Google Classroom, who will prepare a selection of new books for them to read. We will ensure books are matched to your child's reading ability but cannot guarantee specific books unfortunately. Please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible to ensure they have plenty of time to prepare the books.

Emailing will ensure they receive your request as sometimes Facebook and Twitter posts may be missed. The new books for your child will be placed in a named envelope in the school playground for parents to collect on the given days below. We have assigned days to avoid the possibility of large numbers of parents coming to collect books at the same time. When collecting and returning, please ensure that you

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only pick up the envelope with your child's name in it. Returned books should be placed in the labelled box. Parents will need to press the buzzer to gain entry to the playground and a member of staff will let you in to collect the books.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind you about the many websites offering free eBooks such as Epic and Oxford Owl. More information can be found in the Home Learning section of our school website. There you will also find a Reading at Home tab with useful websites and ideas.

Please do ask if you have any questions.

Mrs Bradley and the Staff Team



Monday and Tuesday - EYFS and KS1

Nursery - 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 - sam.magee@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk / julia.thorne@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk

Wednesday and Thursday KS2

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



OFSTED REPORTING

You may have seen recently that the DFE have recommended to parents that they can report any concerns about the quality of teaching during this lockdown to both the school and to Ofsted. We hope that you will share any concerns about the quality of our home schooling offer with us, and as always we will really listen and see if we can refine and review our home learning to make it as good as it can be. We have also heard many positive comments about our curriculum and how well the live teaching sessions are going. If you feel we have responded well to the pandemic and have provided high quality education for the children, then please do report this via Ofsted via the following link.

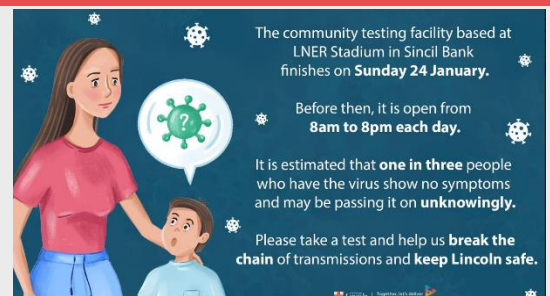


<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

It would be great to get some feedback about how we are doing, so please do have your say whether your child is @home or @school!

LOCAL TESTING CENTRE

Please do remember that the local coronavirus testing centre located at Sincil Bank is still available this weekend. You can just drop in, it is a great way to protect others and make sure you are not unknowingly putting others at risk.



FACEBOOK CHALLENGE THIS WEEK



Thanks so much to those families taking part in the Facebook challenges - just a bit of fun to break the monotony and the prize is a £10 Amazon voucher! This week's challenge is to cook a full meal from any country. This could be a pizza from Italy, a BBQ from Australia, paella from Spain, or toad in the hole from England! Involve the children and enjoy a meal together thinking about that country where the food originated from. HAPPY COOKING EVERYONE!

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES THROUGH ST. SWITHINS

If any families are in any sort of need, we are so lucky to be working with St. Swithins that have volunteers that can help. They currently support some of our families with food parcels, wellbeing chats, financial support for families struggling, and many other support pathways. If you are in need of any support, please click this link in order to access a wealth of different opportunities. <https://www.stswithins.org/get-help>

St Swithin's Love Your Neighbour is now launching a brand new programme starting in February called Re-Work, which is designed to help people get back into work who have lost their job during the pandemic or have simply found it very difficult to find a job at all. This six session online course is FREE and has been created by Resurgo, who are committed to seeing transformation in society and already run the very successful 'Spear' programme to help get young people facing disadvantage into work.

This is a brilliant opportunity, you can just email rework@stswithins.org.uk to request a place.

Lost your job?

Unemployed in the wake of Covid19, and struggling to get back into work? Re-Work can help, for free.

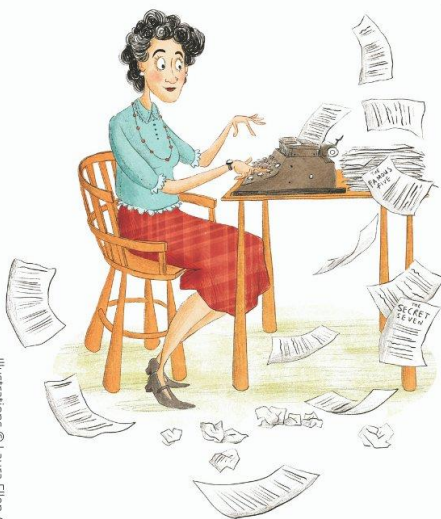
Over the course of six online group sessions:

- Refresh your communication skills
- Build your professional network
- Update your CV for maximum impact
- Explore transferable skills for new roles
- Brush up on interview techniques
- Boost your confidence

Free!

Online courses taking place throughout the year. Register your interest at stswithins.org/rework or email rework@stswithins.org.uk

Love Your Neighbour



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“The best way to treat obstacles is to use them as stepping-stones. Laugh at them, tread on them, and let them lead you to something better.”

Mr Galliano's Circus

Enid Blyton

