



# St. Peter's Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 7 October 2022

Dear parents and carers

Thank you so much for all of your additional food donations that will go to Nourish. As we all know times are tough and your generosity will be well received by families in need.

### World Smile Day?

Did you know that today is World Smile Day? World Smile Day happens on the first Friday of October every year. The theme of the day is "Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile." The aim to bring a bit of joy to the world by encouraging people to do random acts of kindness for each other. We have certainly enjoyed practising our smiles in school today, particularly as we celebrated pupil achievements in assembly.

### TT Rockstars

If you need some ideas using TT Rockstars, please take a look at these top tips at <https://youtu.be/93d7J5-9Ylw>

### Reception Starters September 2023

If there are any parents who have a younger child due to start school next September, please see Mrs Page in the office to ensure that we have their name on our interest list.

### Dropping off early for clubs

We would kindly request that pupils attending morning clubs are not dropped off earlier than the start time as there is no supervision available for them. Thank you.

### PTA News

Thanks to all of our fundraising efforts we have been able to make the following contributions to the School in recent months:

- We are about to transfer **£6,228** which is from grants that we received towards the Outdoor Project. You can already see the results of this with the Playhouse / Outdoor Classroom and Giant Weaving Panel in the Reception playground.
- We transferred **£3,991** to cover Swimming Lessons, Class Trips, Athletics and Year 6 leaving gifts
- We transferred **£765.70** from Cake Sales, to be spent by the individual classes

We have a further **£9,000** set aside from the Outdoor Equipment / Hall Lighting fundraising project to contribute towards individual items going forward. This leaves us with sufficient funds in the bank to cover a year of "regular" spending on swimming, trips etc. This is all in

addition to the £21,000 that we gave to the School in 2021 towards the cost of new laptops and staging for the Hall, an incredible achievement for a small school PTA!

Events and Volunteers - This Autumn term we will restart Cake Sales (thanks Claire for organising), stage a Christmas Disco (thanks Fran, Becci and Melanie), sell tickets to the Dunorlan Fireworks (thanks Lauren) and there are rumours that Father Christmas will visit the School with stories, quizzes and presents! We will of course run a Christmas Fair and put together a 2023 school calendar. Buying Fireworks tickets through us will save you £2 plus the PTA will receive £1 for every ticket sold. Details soon.

We have other ideas that are developing and will call for Volunteers to help organise as these come up. Talking of which we have had a fantastic response to our appeal for volunteers and have 26 participants in the Whatsapp group. If you would like to be added, just email [pta@st-peters.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-peters.kent.sch.uk) or let one of the volunteers know.

Ongoing fundraising - Natalie continues to do a great job with the second hand uniform, working closely with Mrs Page. Please consider this before binning unwanted uniform – you can simply drop it at the School Office. If you are looking to buy uniform, just let Mrs Page or Natalie know what you are looking for.

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering online, a contribution comes directly to us every time that you shop. Since we registered we have received over £150 and currently have 26 supporters. We'd like to at least double that! Set up instructions are linked here - St Peter's Church Of England Primary School - PTA (st-peters.kent.sch.uk). If you have trouble setting up please let us know and someone other than Charles will help you!

Over the past year you have raised over £1,000 for us from your ticket purchases for the Tunbridge Wells Lotto. We receive 50p for every ticket bought by you if you are set up. Here is the link to buy individual tickets or ongoing purchases - Support St Peter's CEP School Parent Teacher Association when you play TW Lotto - TW Lotto

Finally, a reminder that we will have our AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm via Zoom. It will be your last chance to say thank you to Sarah for all that she has done for us the last few years.

Thank you for all your support from Sarah, Natasha, Charles and Keith

### **Diary dates**

20 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm-4.30pm	Open afternoon – sharing learning
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day of term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET day
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Term 2 starts
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Consultations
16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	INSET day
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 starts

Have a good weekend!

Dan Turvey - Interim Headteacher