



St. Peter's Church of England Primary School

Interim Head Teacher: Mr D. Turvey
Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs B. Smith

Newsletter Friday 9th December 2022

Dear parents and carers

Message from Pamela Lock – chair of the Governing Board

Last week I attended the first St Peter's Christmas Fair held in our new school hall. Thanks to our fantastic PTA, it was wonderful to see the St Peter's family enjoying the fun and the stalls on offer. We were also very fortunate to secure a visit from Santa at such a busy time of year! Governors have also had a productive start to the new school year working with Dan Turvey, our interim Headteacher to agree on and plan our priorities and monitoring visits for the year, reviewing budgets and the plans for the curriculum. We have been joined by a new co-opted governor, Maddy Walton who will bring a wealth of skills and experience to her new role and we look forward to working with her. At the start of next term, we will finally be able to welcome Joanna Langton as our new Headteacher and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead for the school. We would like to thank Dan, Boo Smith and all the staff for their hard work in this transition period.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

Pamela Lock

Severe weather advice for Parents and Families

As you will be aware snow is forecast at the weekend. As a fundamental principle every effort will be made to keep our school open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, on rare occasions we may have to close due to unavoidable circumstances; primarily when it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite. We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so that parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. If we do have to take the decision to close the school we will notify parents via the Kent Closures website. To determine whether St Peter's is open or closed please visit www.kentclosures.co.uk and look for the school in the search box. The Kent Closures website can also be used to find out if other services in Kent are open or closed, such as nurseries, children's centres and libraries. Alternatively, please visit our school website <https://www.st-peters.kent.sch.uk/> as we will try to add a statement by 7.30am if the school is closing. We will not add anything if the school remains open. We will also try to email.

Choir trip to Sherborne House

This week, the choir were full of festive cheer on their visit to Sherborne Close Home. The residents were treated to some wonderful Christmas songs ranging from 'Away in a Manger' to 'Mary's Boy Child'. Of course, the choir sang like angels! Afterwards, they were treated to some tasty treats while the grown-ups nibbled on mince pies and a warming cup of tea. The children did so well that they've been invited back next year. It was a fantastic way to share the St Peter's Christmas spirit! Many thanks to the parents who walked with the children.

Meal choices on Arbor

Please can all parents be reminded to book the meal choices for their child on the Arbor app or portal. This is essential to ensure that we can get accurate numbers to the kitchen as early as possible and also helps the children knowing what they are having for lunch that day. Instructions on how to do this can be found in the 'help section'.

Congratulations to Steve Coles our caretaker

We are very pleased to celebrate with Steve who has been offered a new job role elsewhere. Whilst we will be very sad to see him go after 5 years and helping us move the school, we wish him well. This means that we have a vacancy for a full-time caretaker in January. If you are interested in the role or know anyone else who would be you can view the advertisement on Kent-teach [here](#).

Extra-curricular clubs

All before school and after school clubs have now finished for the term except for choir which will run on Tuesday after school. New clubs will be available to book from Monday 12th December.

Greek Culture Afternoon

On Tuesday 29th November, children in both Saturn and Mercury class were treated to an afternoon of everything Greek. Linking to our study of Ancient Greece, the children took part in a collection of Greek cultural experiences. Children first had several history and Greek speaking lessons, learning the Greek alphabet and even to count in Greek. The children then took part in some traditional Greek dancing, both as a group and individual dances. Finally, the children were treated to a feast of Greek food to sample, from Greek salad to hummus and pita bread. The entire afternoon was put on by Maria and Nick from the catering company Let's Go Greek UK, based in Crowborough. Thank you both for a wonderful afternoon of cultural delights.



Dear Santa and the PTA...

Thank you for organising the Christmas Fair on Friday and for all the volunteers who helped. What a fantastic event! I was so impressed at how smoothly it went, the stalls available, the preparation and attention to detail in the planning. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and I know from talking to parents and staff how pleased they were to be able to enjoy being in the school again, and it really did seem to kick off the start of Christmas. You all did such a great job and it was all very much appreciated. Congratulations to all of you!

Year 5 Viking day

Viking Day was a complete success. Saturn class enthusiastically learned the skills of weaving, metal working (to create amulets), Viking medicine making, and carefully handled artefacts and weaponry. Laws were passed in 'The Thing' and everyone earned their tattoos. We discovered that Viking life was rich and varied!

Year 6 trip to Museum of Kent Life



Year 6 had a fabulous day visiting the Museum of Kent Life last week, dressing up as evacuees and enjoying a thoroughly immersive experience.



Diary dates

12 th December	Year 1-6 Christmas service (pupils only) at St Peter's Church pm
14 th & 15 th December	9.15am Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas performance
16 th December	Christmas Lunch
16 th December	End of term 2
3 rd January 2023	INSET day
4 th January	Term 3 starts

As this is the last newsletter of the year, all that remains for me is to say goodbye and to thank everyone who has made me feel so welcome during my brief time here. Thank you to all of you who have helped both me and Mrs Smith settle in, answering our hundreds of questions! St Peter's truly is a wonderful school with polite, well mannered and friendly children. You are also blessed with hard working and committed staff, a strong Governing Board and a wonderful PTA. I know that your new Headteacher Mrs Langton will take the school from strength to strength in the years ahead and I hope that as I return to St John's the two schools can maintain a close relationship.

Dan Turvey - Interim Headteacher