



St. Peter's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

Look SPOTacular to raise funds for Children in Need!

On Friday 18th November children can wear something spotty for the Children in Need charity appeal. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1.00 to come to school dressed in anything spotty, yellow or Pudsey related - or all three! Anything spotty will do. Further details can be found [here](#)

Future date for your diaries - additional bank holiday on 8 May

The government has announced an additional bank holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles III next year on Monday 8th May 2023.

Snacks and fruit

In Mars, Pluto and Earth classes fruit and vegetable snacks are provided by the school. In all other classes we ask that snacks that you provide are either fresh or dried fruit, such as raisins and apricots. We ask parents to avoid processed fruit such as fruit winders. In lunch boxes please avoid anything containing nuts or chocolate bars such as Galaxy or Dairy Milk etc. We have a no nut policy as we have allergies in school. Many thanks.

Football report

On Thursday 10th November, St. Peter's played football against Skinners Kent Primary School. The team: Finlay Evans, Finley Willett, Jack Levett, Angad Yadav, Zak Zondo, George Oldham, Michael Afolayan, Leo Hambleton, Thomas Hale played brilliantly and were commended on their great behaviour and sportsmanship by the opposition's referee. Here is the match report written by Jack Willett and Finlay Evans:-



We played well and nearly won, also we created lots of chances. The sides were evenly matched. They had lots of possession but Angad saved shots amazingly. We scored 5 goals in total – 3 from Zak, 2 from Finley – many chances were happening. We played at the Hawkenbury astro turf. Mr Hales contributed as our coach and the crowd were the linesmen. The game was half an hour long. We think that we played well and made a great comeback.

A big thank you to Mr Hales and we look forward to watching our fantastic players in their next match!

Breakfast club and after school provision

As many of you are aware, we wrote to all parents in October 2021 to inform them that we had been evaluating the possibility of providing a breakfast club and/or an after school childcare provision. Since then, school leaders concluded that we do not currently have any spare capacity to offer after

school provision. This is due to extra-curricular activities taking place after school in the hall, MUGA and some classrooms. As an alternative, we provided details to parents of local childcare providers including Hubbub who pick up children from St Peter's. We have seen a positive response to this and now have a number of Parents using the service offered by Hubbub.

We also undertook a survey to gauge interest from parents for a breakfast club on-site. As a result of the number of positive survey responses, we began to explore the options for this. We have considered a venue for the club, staffing and whether external providers would be keen to assist. We have identified the small annexe at the back of the school hall as a potential space that could be used, but due to the size of the space, numbers would have to be limited. We are currently exploring with existing staff our capacity to supervise children during this time before school and have also been in touch with external childcare providers as an alternative option. Realistically, breakfast club provision will not be in place prior to January, but we do hope that this will be an option in the near future. We will endeavour to keep you abreast of developments as they happen.

Christmas events

As you can see below, the Christmas season is hotting up and already looking very busy. There are a range of events taking place in the coming weeks. A few parents have asked about performances and productions. We have decided that our youngest children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should perform a nativity in school. This will be repeated on the 14th and 15th December at 9.15am so that 3 adults can attend for each child if required. We have also been liaising with the church about a Christmas service on 12th December, but due to their own number limitations and the increase in our pupil numbers we cannot invite parents to that service. I know that some parents in the older classes may feel disappointed, however it is the intention of the teaching staff to provide performance opportunities later in the school year at a quieter time. The school choir will also be performing at a local care home and at the PTA fair.

PTA Update by Natasha, Lauren, Charles, Fiona & Keith

Thank you to all who braved the rain for our school disco on Saturday – the children were brilliant fun and had some amazing moves on the dancefloor! Thank you to Becci and Fran, and their team of volunteers for making it happen! We're also grateful for everyone who supported us by buying their Fireworks tickets through the PTA and hope that everyone who went had a great time at Dunorlan!

Preparations are now in full swing for our Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December! Please do join us at one of our planning meetings or send an email to pta@st-peters.kent.sch.uk if you're able to help in any way. We'll be sharing an online sign-up sheet in the coming weeks for volunteers to help on the day.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day is on 8th December and, in readiness, we will be holding a Christmas jumper sale after school on 25th November. If you have any outgrown jumpers/tops, we'll be collecting donations in the week before and via a donation box outside the office (dates/times for collections TBC via the class WhatsApp groups). Come and grab a bargain on the 25th along with a delicious treat from Saturn's cake sale!

This year the PTA will also be organising a nativity costume swap. If you have any outgrown costumes, please donate these at the same time as any jumpers or in the weeks leading up to the show (again, dates/times for donations will be confirmed via the class WhatsApp groups). The PTA will circulate a list of what's available once parts are allocated. After Christmas, the costumes will be stored and made available again next year.

Our very popular adopt-a-teddy stall will be back at this year's Christmas Fair! Donations of nearly-new cuddly toys will be collected at pick up and drop off on 25th November.

We won't be asking for donations for class hampers this year, but if you are able to donate a raffle prize, please let your Class Rep know by 28th November. Raffle tickets will be sent home in bookbags later in the month with details of the fabulous prizes on offer! Thank you for your support during this busy term.

Diary dates

14 th November	Anti-bullying week
	Reception nursery rhyme challenge week
15 th November	PTA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting - join us in the Royal Oak for a drink at 8pm
18 th November	Children in Need – wear spots for a £1
21 st –25 th November	Donations (box in the office) collected for Christmas Jumper Sale and Nativity Costume Swap
25 th November	Donations collected of nearly-new cuddly toys for adopt-a-teddy stall
25 th November	Saturn Cake Sale and Christmas Jumper Sale, after school
29 th November	Jupiter Christmas experience workshop
29 th November	Mercury & Saturn Greek Culture afternoon
29 th November	Christmas Fair Planning Meeting - join us in the Royal Oak for a drink at 8pm
30 th November	Jupiter WW2 trip to Museum of Kent Life
2 nd December	Nourish food collection
2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fair, 15:30pm
5 th December	Choir to sing at Sherborne Home 3pm
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
6 th December	Saturn Class - Viking Day - School Hall
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

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