

14 January 2021

Dear Parents

The past week has been an eventful one and I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. Following the school closure we have been working hard to ensure that the transition to remote learning is as smooth as possible. It is concerning and frustrating that it has been necessary to close the school, but it is the logical response to the significant rise in the prevalence of the virus, and a necessary measure to manage the spread across our community. Our priority continues to be health and safety and the safest place for the children is at home.

I would like to thank the school staff for their hard work and continued dedication to the learning and care of the children.

In order to provide all our children with a quality broad and balanced remote learning offer, the teachers are now working full time in this way. They will be creating a blended offer of pre-recorded content, lesson activities and live Zoom sessions. They will also be providing quality personal feedback to all of the children in their class. We are complying with the amount of content required by government recommendations. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the home learning then please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

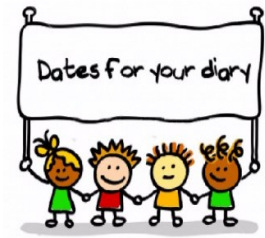
Children of critical key workers in school are being supervised to access the same curriculum content online, by our team of teaching assistants. I want to stress the importance of limiting numbers in school, in light of the new variant strain of the virus being significantly more transmissible. Government guidance promotes working in small group 'bubbles' to minimise the risk. If a positive case of the virus is confirmed then it will be necessary to fully close the 'bubble' for the period of self-isolation, as was practised in the Autumn term.

I have received some very positive feedback around the engagement of children on Zoom sessions. It is so important that we continue to feel connected to each other at this time.

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding. I recognise the challenges of home educating whilst working are significant. The teachers will do their utmost to provide quality content and support.

Best regards

Mrs Heyes



EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

SCHOOL LIFE/EDUCATION

- * Fri 15 Jan—Primary Admissions deadline
- * 29-31 Jan—R.S.P.B. Big Garden Birdwatch
- * Fri 12 Feb—School closes for ALL children for the half-term break
- * Mon 22 Feb—School re-opens, dependant on government announcement. Should the lockdown be extended we will only be open for critical keyworker children, as currently.

Admissions

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2021? To apply please visit the LCC website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or telephone: 01524 581148 A supplementary form must also be completed, follow the link to our website. <https://www.st-peters-pri.lanesh.sch.uk/our-school/admissions> The closing date is **15 January 2021.**

Wellbeing Blog

The wellbeing blog has been updated, please follow the link for help and tips for all the family.

<https://stpeterswellbeing.blogspot.com/>



RSPB—Big Garden

Birdwatch

We will be taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch this month and hope you will join us at home. We'd love to know what you have spotted in your garden or when you are out for your daily exercise.



Our school virtues this half term are **Learned and Wise**

Pupils at St Peter's school are growing to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

“Learn everything you can, any-time you can, from everyone you can. There will always come a time you will be grateful you did”

Sarah Caldwell (1924-2006) American musician, opera conductor and theatre director.

SCHOOL LIFE & LEARNING



Device Amnesty

Do you have any unwanted devices that you would be happy to donate? This would help some of our children to access the on-line learning. Please contact school for further information

We are missing the children that are home learning but are so glad we can stay in touch via our Zoom meetings and Seesaw.

One of the benefits of home-learning...Year 5 this week enjoyed a 'Bring a Pet' Zoom meeting, which was lots of fun.



Year 4 had a Zoom meeting with Nick Hyde, former journalist with The Blackpool Gazette. He provided them with writing tips and stories from his time in the field, which they found both hilarious and inspiring. We are very grateful to Nick for his time.



COVID GUIDELINES

Please continue following the guidelines as follows:

- ◆ Critical keyworkers, please only send your child to school for emergency care only
- ◆ Any pupil or family member showing any COVID symptoms, remain at home and follow government guidance
- ◆ Please follow the one-way system when approaching and leaving school
- ◆ One adult only to accompany children, please keep children with you and do not allow to run ahead
- ◆ Drop off and pick up at allotted times and please leave school promptly
- ◆ Socially distancing from other adults and children
- ◆ Face coverings to be worn in the playground and the school reception
- ◆ Please keep a 2m distance away from the classroom door
- ◆ Contact teachers by email or telephone

KEYWORKERS—REPORTING CHILD ABSENCE

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school on a day that you have requested a keyworker place, please continue to use the usual procedure for reporting a child absence, either by telephone or the on-line form



School Meals

Please find the school lunch menu below for this half-term. Cost is £2.30 per day. Payment can be paid via Scopay or by card at the school office or by calling 01253 734658.

If you would like information on free school meals, please see link below for assistance.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

SPRING TERM SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches offered daily include a choice of cold or hot option, please see details below

DAILY COLD OPTION

CHOICE OF SANDWICH OR WRAP - CHEESE/HAM/TUNA or EGG	HOT AND COLD OPTIONS SERVED WITH	CUCUMBER & CARROT STICKS OR RAISINS	PIECE OF FRUIT	YOGHURT	PUDDING E.G. MUFFIN/CAKE OR COOKIE	CERTAIN DAYS CRISPS/TORTILLA CHIPS
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HOT OPTIONS

WEEK	DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK-1	11-15 JAN	CHEESE PASTY	HOT DOG	SOUP & PANINI	SAUSAGE ROLL	FISH & CHIPS
WEEK-4	1-5 FEB					
WEEK 2	18-22 JAN	CHICKEN GOUJON WRAP	SAUSAGE ROLL	SOUP & PANINI	BEEF BURGER	FISH FINGER WRAP
WEEK 5	8-12 FEB					
WEEK 3	25-29 JAN	SAUSAGE ROLL	CHICKEN BURGER	SOUP & PANINI	PIZZA POCKET	FISH FINGER WRAP