

27 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. Now that we have settled to the new way of working, it has been so lovely to see how well the children are engaging with the remote learning. We are so grateful for all you are doing to facilitate this at home. It has been great that the children are able to come together as a class on regular Zoom meetings, to share their news and learning. Please see on this newsletter some information about how we use 'Zoom' and some guidance for children.

During the school closure we still have a significant number of pupils being supervised on site. I thank parents for following the safety rules including continuing to follow the one way system and wearing a face covering. In order to ensure the safety of our community, St Peter's will be engaging in the government initiative, of twice weekly lateral flow testing for staff. The testing is designed to identify asymptomatic cases and therefore disrupt the train of transmission. If a positive case is identified then close contacts (the 'bubble') would be required to self-isolate. I would urge you to avoid allowing your children to mix with children from other households - not in their school 'bubble.' We would not necessarily be able to trace this contact. This could also lead to more 'bubbles' needing to fully close.

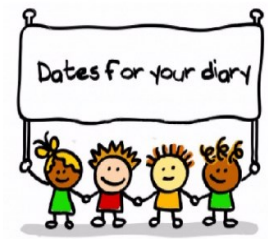
I hope that you are able to enjoy 'bird watching' week! Hopefully the sun will shine for us so that we can spot as many types as possible. Please share your discoveries.

I understand that this continues to be a challenging time and we want you to know that we are here to support. If you have a concern around learning please email your child's teacher in the first instance, any other concerns you can either contact myself head@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk or Katy Seed katy.s@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk. Please take a look at the school wellbeing blog where there are links to excellent resources around child emotional wellbeing.

Kind regards

Mrs Heyes

Thank you to the PTFA and parents who so kindly sent in brownies and blondies for all the staff, they were very much appreciated.



EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

SCHOOL LIFE/EDUCATION

- * 29-31 Jan—R.S.P.B. Big Garden Birdwatch
- * 1-5 Feb—Children's Mental Health Week—
'Express Yourself'
- * 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.

The Ark & Breakfast Club

Please complete the booking forms attached for next half-term for the Ark and Breakfast Club and forward to the relevant email address detailed on the booking form.

Payment to be made in advance, via the Scopay app or by debit/credit card—Tel: 01253 734658 during office hours 8.30am-4pm (Mon-Fri).

Use of 'Zoom' Video Conferencing

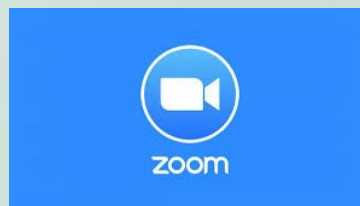
At St Peter's the children are using a platform called Zoom for our video-calling as part of the Remote Learning approach. We will be using our school account for this, so you do not need to buy anything or create an account. When we make our video call, we will always send you a notification via Seesaw first, with the video link and the time.

We will never ask to 'video meet' with you or your child outside our school hours, which are currently 9.00 am - 3.15 pm Monday – Friday, unless this is for a specific reason e.g. a Learning Mentor family meeting. To use the video link in our notification and Seesaw page, just click on it. The browser window will open and the first time you use it, it will ask you to download the software. If you use a Zoom account for another reason, please make sure you log out of your account before your child uses it. This will make sure any settings that you have made in your account do not over-ride any that we have put in place to safeguard your child.

When we make the video call please make sure the computer is in a suitable place, not in a bathroom for example and the background is clear, showing just the wall perhaps. For your child's safety we may record our call with you. The recordings are kept on our school servers and no-one is permitted to view them without good reason and with permission from the Headteacher.

Our school account has settings that will limit problems with the following issues that you may have heard about:

- 'Zoom-bombing'
- Risk of phishing
- Privacy concerns
- Recordings
- Private zoom meetings
- Inappropriate content
- Data Protection
- Poor privacy controls and security



To protect you and your child further, please:

- Do not create or use an existing Zoom account for them, this will make sure that your child cannot change any of our settings.
- Make sure the joining email is from our school email address, this will prevent any impact from phishing emails where people try to get you to click on a fraudulent email.
- We aim to make sure that there are two adults, or we record the video call and we would like parents to be alongside when our call takes place.
- There should be no inappropriate content on any of our video calls. Please contact the school if you are concerned about any of the content of the video call.

Your child's class teacher will establish expectations around video conferencing rules.

A GUIDE TO ZOOM LESSONS

Do's

- Find a quiet space and dress appropriately.
- Let all household members know when and where you will be in class, and ask them not to disturb you.
- Make sure your full name shows up appropriately.
- Be aware of your background, lighting, and noise.
- Mute until you are required to talk. Use the Zoom functions to communicate if needed (chat, raise your hand, answer yes/no, etc.).
- Be on time.
- Pay attention! Maintain eye contact with the speaker on the screen.
- Be prepared to take notes.

Don'ts

- Enter a zoom that you weren't invited to, share the zoom access information for your class with others, or enter under a different name.
- Take screenshots, mobile phone pictures, or otherwise record the meeting, your classmates, or your teacher without permission to do so.
- Change your name or change your zoom background during the meeting.
- Walk around during the class meeting.
- Use the chat for side conversations with classmates.
- Sit in front of a window or bright light, this will make your face too dark to see.
- Have conversations with household members off camera.
- Allow household members to walk around behind you during the meeting.
- Engage in texting, social media, work from other classes, or other distractions while in class.

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 GOUGON 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

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**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) South African anti-apartheid fighter, politician, president

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



SCHOOL LIFE & LEARNING



Children's Mental Health Week 1-7 Feb

'Express Yourself'

Next week we will be taking part in the Children's Mental Health Week with various activities to help the children express themselves, in a positive way. There will be links on the wellbeing blog for you to access from home to support all the family.

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

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

Year 6 have been making Monday mornings a bit more fun with a different Zoom theme each week. Here are pictures from our 'Silly Hat' week and this week's Robert Burns celebration Zoom.

