

Principal's Message...



Welcome to our first newsletter of the term. It is so good to be back following months of planning to open our doors safely to our community. An extended welcome to our new families joining us across the school – we hope your children have settled in to their new classes and are beginning to make some friends.

The start of a new school year normally brings about change. This can include new teachers, a new classroom and new ways of working. This year, we have added into the mix new rules around hand washing, social distancing and hygiene measures. Each class have managed these transitions and changes amazingly well. We are still getting used to some of these new rules – but we are so impressed with them!

As a school, we are following the Government guidance to keep our school as safe as possible. We want to remain open and get on with what we do best – providing a great education for your children. We are monitoring our routines and procedures daily, making tweaks and changes to ensure everyone's safety. As a school community, we have to work together to keep everyone safe.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your child is unwell, keep your child at home. Please call our school office on 01933 622400 before 9:30am to report any absence, stating the reason. We are receiving a high volume of calls to our school office at the moment, so please bear with us if we don't get back to you straight away.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If your child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, you will need to isolate as a family and book a test online or via the 119 service. The main symptoms as listed on the NHS website are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. We ask all parents to keep the school informed of the outcome of these tests so that we can support our community and action any bubble closures if required. We will support as much as possible but we are not medical professionals. If a child is tested over the weekend, please email our school office at enquiries@stpetersschoolraunds.co.uk and any messages will be picked up by a member of the team. Thank you for your support with this.



Jeans for Genes Day – FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2020

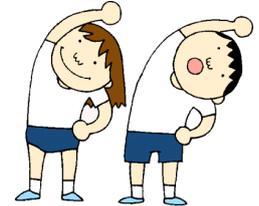
On Friday 18th September, we would like to invite the children to participate in Jeans for Genes Day. ALL children are welcome to wear jeans or mufti clothing on this day and any small cash donation for this worthy charity would be gratefully received.

If your child normally has PE on this day, please can they wear some appropriate to still participate in their lesson and bring their trainers in their bag if required. Thank you.

PE Uniform and PE Days

This week, the majority of our children arrived in school in the correct PE uniform on the right days. As a reminder, our PE uniform consists of:

- * **NAVY** jogging bottoms or leggings or shorts
- * **NAVY** hoodie (branded) or zip up top
- * Plain **WHITE** PE t-shirt (can be branded)
- * Trainers



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS WEARING THE CORRECT KIT AND COLOUR. THANK YOU.

Value for the Term

FRIENDSHIP



'Encourage one another and build each other up' – Thessalonians 5.11

Updated Behaviour Policy

As a school, we are often commended by visitors to our school for our excellent behaviour. Our children are very good at upholding our Christian values and following our code of conduct.

In light of the current situation, we have amended the 'choices steps' in our behaviour policy which can be found in Appendix 1. The updated policy is located in the 'Key Information' section on our website. Thank you for your continued support with this.