



St Peter's
C.E. Academy

Principal's Post

Let Your Light Shine

29th November 2020

Principal's Message...



I hope this message finds you safe and well. I would like to say a big thank you to our parenting community for working with us to provide a safe, learning environment for the children in our school. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined our school in the last few weeks. I'm sure our school community will make you feel welcome too.

It has been a very different term, including a National lockdown, and all of our pupils and staff have adapted wonderfully. As we approach the end of the lockdown period, PLEASE make sure you continue to follow the new Tier 2 guidance for our area. As a school, we are hoping to get to December 18th with no positive cases so that everyone can enjoy the

Christmas holidays without having to isolate. Thank you for your continued support with this.

As a church school, we will be celebrating the season of advent by launching some special collective worship sessions in bubble groups in the school hall. From the 1st December, each class will be learning about the Big Family Advent Adventure using the following link: <https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=7a33762d445f7c03fb46fc11b8d45bc2>. Each day, the children will watch a short video in the build up to the birth of Jesus Christ.

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.



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Children in Need Day

Thank you for all your generous donations in support of Children in Need. We raised £205.19 for this worthy cause.

Value for the Term **RESPECT**



'Do unto others as you would want them to treat you'
– Matthew 7:12

Calendar Dates

Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Mufti Day
Monday 14 th December	Christmas week in school – lots of festive activities
Monday 4 th January	Term 3 begins
Friday 22 nd January	Provisional date for Year 4 Bikeability Level 1
Friday 12 th February	Year 3 Chinese New Year Dance Workshop
Friday 12 th February	Term 3 ends
Monday 22 nd February	Term 4 begins
Thursday 4 th March	Whole Class Photos
Monday 8 th March	British Science Week – including a visit from Atomic Tom
Friday 26 th March	Term 4 ends

Road Safety

In the last few weeks, I have received several emails regarding the parking issues outside the front of the school, mostly during pick up times.

Reports include several near-misses of children potentially being knocked over due to cars being parked inappropriately.

Where possible, please walk to school. If you need to drive, PLEASE park carefully and not on the pavement, so that you have a full view of where you are driving when you leave the site. Your help is very much appreciated.





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Student Leadership



Head Boy and Head Girl 2020-21 as elected by the Principal of the school.



House Captains 2020-21 as elected by the children across the school.

Cumulative House Point Totals for Term 1



Kestrels

788



Falcons

689

Hawks



796

**Well done
Eagles!**



Eagles

844



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Christmas Arrangements

Advent

Christmas is an important time in the Christian calendar and as a school it is important that we celebrate this special time. The first week of advent starts from Sunday 29th November and on Monday 30th November, each class bubble will take part in an act of worship to mark the occasion. The focus for the worship on Monday 30th November will be hope, on Monday 7th December it will be peace and on Monday 14th December it will be joy.

Christmas Cards

From Monday 7th December, all children will be able to post their own Christmas cards for their friends in school. Each class will have a separate post box to use where the children can drop their cards into on MONDAYS and TUESDAYS only for the remaining two weeks of term. Cards will then be quarantined until the Friday of the same week, when they will be given out to the children to take home. PLEASE make sure each card is labelled clearly with the full name and year group.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, the children are invited to wear their mufti clothing, including any festive jumpers or clothes, for a small monetary donation for the charity 'Save the Children'.

Christmas Fair

On Friday 11th December, we will be holding a Christmas Fair in our school hall. We have pre-selected up to 10 games for the children to participate in for a small fee of 20p – 50p per game. Each class bubble will be given a dedicated time slot to run their own Christmas fair, taking it in turns to both run a stall and take part in the games. Each game will be set up in a COVID secure way to ensure child safety across the school. We will also be selling a bags of sweets (pre-made) and drinks for the children to buy if they wish. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new books for our new library in the Spring.

Christmas Pantomime

In the final week of term, we have booked a virtual Christmas pantomime for the children to watch in their class bubble groups. Each class bubble will choose a suitable time to watch this show and your child's class teacher will inform you of the date so that snacks can be brought in to school on that day.

Christingle

We are liaising with St. Peter's church to host our annual Christingle event in the church in the final week of term. We are planning to take the children in their bubble groups for a short service in church if permitted. If this is not possible, we will lead a Christingle service in our bubble groups in the school hall.