



# St. Peter's C of E Junior School NEWSLETTER

**12th March 2021**

WELCOME BACK! To all those who have been working at home. I know we haven't got our Year 5s yet but the buzz around school is so lovely. Seeing the faces that I have only seen on screen for so many weeks. It is a joy!

The children appear to have settled back well on the whole. Some take a little longer to settle, but the teams are doing everything they can to support the transitions back to the school day.

It is important to remember that the children are out of the routine of school, and those who have been here might feel overwhelmed by the bigger number of children now back in. We try to focus on our 4 pillars and are 3 rules 'ready, respectful, safe' to remind the children about how to play safely and how to be respectful.

It is important for us to see how the children have progressed (or not) over the last few weeks so we will be doing some assessments over the next couple of weeks. Attendance to school is crucial so that we can identify gaps to

ensure we can support the children to bridge those gaps.

## Some lovely news

I do have some lovely news to share with you: Miss Williams who works with lots of our lovely Year 3 and 4 children, is having a baby in May! She will be starting her maternity leave just after the start of the Summer term, but is working from home now because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are so excited to become a big group of aunts and uncles for this new arrival, and wish Miss Williams and her partner lots of luck for the next few weeks - and even more once the baby arrives!



## *Pillar of the week: Presence*



## Trafford Rd



Thank you so much to the majority of you who have parked respectfully this week and not come right up to the schools. The bollards are there to prevent parking because of the dangers associated when cars try to turn around. If six point turns in the road and onto pavements are needed then clearly you shouldn't be parking there. This week one car went right up into a neighbour's drive and another driver gave verbal abuse to an elderly neighbour. Last term we saw a video of a child nearly hit by a turning car. Please let us not go down this dangerous route again. Park where you can safely and walk your child to school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Risk assessment:

The school risk assessment is on the school website.

The most important rules remain: **2m social distancing, wash hands thoroughly, wear a face covering - including around the gate area when dropping children off.**



**Please stay at home and follow the rules to help us beat this horrible virus.**

If you have a confirmed positive for Covid19 within your family at the weekend, please email [covid@stpetersjuniors.co.uk](mailto:covid@stpetersjuniors.co.uk) - This email is purely for this purpose not for other information or questions.  
Thanks

## Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
19/3/21	All day	Red Nose day - non uniform for a donation and talent show!
24/3/21	All day	RE collapse day
24/3/21	6-7pm	Bedtime story
25/3/21	All day	Last day of term
26/3/21	All day	Staff training day
12/4/21	All day	Summer Term begins

**ATTENDANCE - 96% this week!**

### Celebration assembly

#### Star Awards:

Otter: Kuba  
 Squirrel: Whole class  
 Dove: Finley  
 Robin: Henley  
 Fox: Aurora  
 Badger: Milita  
 Owl: Endijs  
 Swan: Dovydas, Ronnie,  
 Kevinas and Henry



Well done to our Star winners and all the other children who received awards for Maths, Reading and Writing too.



Accelerated Reader word counts - **Swan**

**- over 6 million!** Lots of word count certificates being given out too!



Doodlemaths winner of the week:

Simon Barber

TTRockstars winning class: Swans

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS NESSY AND/OR DOODLEMATHS: Please do practise daily, it really will help. We pay a lot of money for this to help the children who need it most and some are not accessing it as they should be.**



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**Community** - I was so pleased to be able to help out a community issue yesterday. One lovely parent found a credit card on the road outside school and sent me a dojo of the name asking if it was a parent. It was! She was delighted to have her card found, and they met at the end of the day to swap credit card for a thank you box of chocolates. A lovely positive story showing what a great community we have! #teamstpeters

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person. Be faithful in small things, because it is in them that your strength lies.”**  
—Mother Teresa

## Mothering Sunday

This Sunday is Mother's day and Monday 8th was International Women's Day - How are you celebrating with your Mums/Grannies/ladies in your lives?

During the Middle Ages, the custom developed of allowing people who had moved away from where they grew up to come back to visit their home or 'mother' churches, and their mothers, on the fourth Sunday of the Christian festival of Lent.

At the time, it wasn't uncommon for children to leave home to work when they were as young as 10 years old, so this was an opportunity for families to meet up again.

This became Mothering Sunday in Britain. As the dates of Lent vary each year, so does the date of Mothering Sunday.

Although it's often called Mother's Day in the UK, it has no connection with the American Mother's Day.



**Have a lovely weekend together :)**

