



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



**22nd January 2021**

Half way through the half term! So far not too bad, and how wonderful to watch the inauguration of the new President and Vice-President yesterday. It was warming to hear that some of our children managed to watch it. There were some magical moments, and I believe that this was such a positive change to the enormous country, that it will have an impact on people's wellbeing that democracy can prevail. I was particularly pleased to see the US appoint their first female Vice-President. I wonder if people noted the number of people wearing purple - a nod to the joining of the Democrats and Republicans red and blue colours. Purple was used as a symbol of unity, it is also the colour worn by the Suffragettes when they fought for votes for women.

I was particularly taken by Amanda Gorman's poem, (she wore yellow, the colour of joy). Do please take a chance to read it, I have put it at the end of the newsletter. However, the end of the poem are words that we can all live by...

*'When day comes, we step out of the shade,  
afire and unafraid.'*

*The new dawn blooms as we free it.  
For there is always light,  
if only we're brave enough to see it.  
If only we're brave enough to be it.'*



*Pillar of the week: Passion*

## **Collapse learning days**

Art day is 29th January - COLLAGE.  
Some of the things you could collect are: **Newspaper/magazines,**  
**cardboard/cereal boxes, scraps of wool,**

***fabric, cotton wool, feathers, leaves, string, wrapping paper, sweet wrappers, tin foil, glue, paint, crayon, pencil etc.***

Some bags will be ready for collection if requested by you, from next week. Please note this is still a full learning day so it is expected that all children attend. More information will follow.

On Thursday 4th February the collapse day is a Science/health day: Please have to hand these things... not so easy for us to prepare these for you from school.

***A selection of fatty/non-fatty food, just a small amount to test fat content; An egg and cola (or other very fizzy drink); sugar and some sandwich bags; a metal spoon and metal tray or something similarly metal;***

### **Risk assessment:**

The school risk assessment has been reviewed by me and is now with the Trustees at DEMAT. Once ratified it will replace the current one on the school website. Please continue to look at our current one if you or your child needs reminding.

The most important rules remain:

2m social distancing, wash hands thoroughly, wear a face covering.



**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

**Key worker children - bring extra layers of clothes to school as we are trying to keep the doors and windows open during play and lunch times to keep the air fresh and circulating and it is getting**

**chilly! And your wellies for wetter playtimes.**

For Key worker children we have gates open between 8:45 - 9:00 and then between 3:00 and 3:15 (3:15 for Y6 please) for picking up time. Please remember to keep 2m distance from other families when you drop off and pick up.



**ONLINE ASSEMBLIES:**

The link we provide for Google meets will only allow members of the school to join, so the children need to log in, if you can't access it please join us via Facebook live.

**Diary Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
29/1/2021	All day	Art collapse day
4/2/21	All day	Science/Health day
9/2/21	All day	Poetry day with

		Joshua Seigal
11/2/21	Specific to classes	E-safety day
15/2/21 - 19/2/21	All day	Half term holiday - school closed to all.

**Celebration assembly**

**Star Awards:**



- Otter: Madalina
- Squirrel: Joshua
- Dove: Charlie
- Robin: Jesse
- Fox: Karile
- Badger: Abigail
- Owl: Amelia D
- Swan: Max

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 5 million!

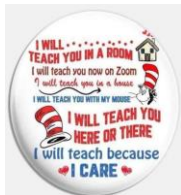
Lots of word count certificates being given out too!



Doodlemaths winner of the week: Louise with a whopping 334 stars



Rock hero class of the week: Swans



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Quote of the

week:

*“Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you.” – Walt Whitman*

## #teamstpeters tasks

This week we would like to read some stories about Fandango, the colourful reggae flamingo.



## Flamingo Trail

Have a look at our lovely flamingos so far! When you go for your walks see if you can spot them in the local area. Don't forget to put them up in your windows!

### *The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman (from the presidential inauguration January 20th 2021)*

*When day comes we ask ourselves,  
where can we find light in this never-ending  
shade?  
The loss we carry,  
a sea we must wade  
We've braved the belly of the beast  
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace  
And the norms and notions  
of what just is  
Isn't always just-ice  
And yet the dawn is ours  
before we knew it  
Somehow we do it  
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed  
a nation that isn't broken  
but simply unfinished  
We the successors of a country and a time  
Where a skinny Black girl*

*descended from slaves and raised by a  
single mother  
can dream of becoming president  
only to find herself reciting for one  
And yes we are far from polished  
far from pristine  
but that doesn't mean we are  
striving to form a union that is perfect  
We are striving to forge a union with purpose  
To compose a country committed to all  
cultures, colors, characters and  
conditions of man  
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands  
between us  
but what stands before us  
We close the divide because we know, to  
put our future first,  
we must first put our differences aside  
We lay down our arms  
so we can reach out our arms  
to one another  
We seek harm to none and harmony for all  
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:  
That even as we grieved, we grew  
That even as we hurt, we hoped  
That even as we tired, we tried  
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious*

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*Not because we will never again know  
defeat  
but because we will never again sow division  
Scripture tells us to envision  
that everyone shall sit under their own vine  
and fig tree  
And no one shall make them afraid  
If we're to live up to our own time  
Then victory won't lie in the blade  
But in all the bridges we've made  
That is the promise to glade  
The hill we climb  
If only we dare  
It's because being American is more than a  
pride we inherit,  
it's the past we step into  
and how we repair it  
We've seen a force that would shatter our  
nation  
rather than share it  
Would destroy our country if it meant  
delaying democracy  
And this effort very nearly succeeded  
But while democracy can be periodically  
delayed  
it can never be permanently defeated  
In this truth  
in this faith we trust*

*For while we have our eyes on the future  
history has its eyes on us  
This is the era of just redemption  
We feared at its inception  
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs  
of such a terrifying hour  
but within it we found the power  
to author a new chapter  
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves  
So while once we asked,  
how could we possibly prevail over  
catastrophe?  
Now we assert  
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over  
us?  
We will not march back to what was  
but move to what shall be  
A country that is bruised but whole,  
benevolent but bold,  
fierce and free  
We will not be turned around  
or interrupted by intimidation  
because we know our inaction and inertia  
will be the inheritance of the next generation  
Our blunders become their burdens  
But one thing is certain:*

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*If we merge mercy with might,  
and might with right,  
then love becomes our legacy  
and change our children's birthright  
So let us leave behind a country  
better than the one we were left with  
Every breath from my bronze-pounded  
chest,  
we will raise this wounded world into a  
wondrous one  
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the  
west,  
we will rise from the windswept northeast  
where our forefathers first realized revolution  
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of  
the midwestern states,  
we will rise from the sunbaked south  
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover  
and every known nook of our nation and  
every corner called our country,  
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,  
battered and beautiful  
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aflame and unafraid  
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*Have a lovely  
weekend!*