



## NEWSLETTER WEEK 5 TERM 1

Our school value for this term is perseverance.

***'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Philippians 4.13***

***When the world says 'Give up', hope whispers 'Try one more time'.***

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy few weeks in school of learning, trips in the local area, beach school and workshops in school. Do not forget to keep up to date with everything that is happening on our Facebook page.

### **DATA COLLECTION FORMS**

Your child will be coming home with an envelope containing a Data Collection Form, an Online Acceptable Use Policy and a AUP Acknowledgement Form.

#### Data Collection Form

Addresses and phone numbers are not shown on the form to protect your personal data.

1. **Please write your current address and phone number on the form.**
2. **Write current emergency contact phone numbers on the form.**
3. **Review the medical details and consent we hold for your child and update if necessary.**

Please sign the form and return it **in the envelope** as soon as possible.

#### Online Acceptable Use Policy

Please **read and sign** (both parent and child) then return to school.

#### AUP Acknowledgement Form

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If you have any questions concerning the forms, please contact the school office.

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

The mental health and well-being of all members of our community is a priority at St Peter's and we are so lucky to be able to employ our own School Counsellor, Michelle Charlton-Taylor. Michelle offers 1:1 and small group therapy for our children, but also provides supervision for staff. Michelle has spaces each week should parents/carers wish to book an appointment to see her. Please do use this wonderful resource! Michelle can be contacted by email - [michelle.ct@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk](mailto:michelle.ct@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk)

All work undertaken with Michelle is done so in the strictest of confidence.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Thank you for all your kind donations, which have been sent to The Rainbow centre to support their work with the homeless and also their food bank.

## **ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS**

Miss Collins ran an online safety parent session on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, which sadly only one parent attended! This really is an important topic and it is really important that parents are aware of the current concerns and how you can keep your children safe. Miss Collins will send the slides home via Parentmail and we will organise another session later on in the school year.

## **DLD AWARENESS DAY**

We will be holding a Developmental Language Delay Awareness day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects approximately 1 in 14 children, yet it remains widely unknown.

DLD Awareness Day is an opportunity for schools to help shine a light on this hidden but impactful condition.

This year's theme is "You Can't See DLD", highlighting how DLD is often invisible but can significantly affect learning, social interaction, and emotional wellbeing. We are inviting the children to wear yellow and purple on the day (non-uniform day).

## **RWI INFORMATION SESSION FOR PENGUIN PARENTS**

Our new Penguin Class parents are invited to come and find out more about our phonics scheme on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm. Mrs Goodwin will introduce the scheme to you and you will be able to observe a RWI session delivered to your children.

## **PARKING**

A reminder to parents/carers to refrain from parking on the double yellow lines and zig zag lines outside of school. Please help to keep our children and our community safe. **Parents are not permitted to park in the car park during school hours. Children are often walking near the car park, so this area is for staff only.**

## **KINDNESS DAY**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we will be celebrating Kindness Day. School Council have arranged some exciting activities for the whole school to engage with and everyone is invited to wear something bright and colourful that day (non-uniform day).

## **TERM DATES 2025/2026**

Term 1 - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Term 2 - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Term 3 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4 - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Term 5 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Term 6 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET DAYS - 13<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 Beach School

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 Beach School

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - RWI Information session for Penguin Class parents, 2.00pm in school

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Penguin's out at The Three Hills Fun Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Development Language Disorder Awareness Day - Wear purple and yellow.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Yoga session for Turtles, Dolphins and Year 3

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 Beach school

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Boxing session (All classes)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Dolphin's visit to Kent Life

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Kindness day (wear something bright or that will make people smile!)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Yoga session for Year 4 and Sharks

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Little Green Warrior Family Workshop (more details to follow)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Beach school Year 2

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 out at Canterbury Cathedral Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Seahorses out at The Quarterhouse - Pablo and Splash  
(Folkestone Book Festival)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 Beach School

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Michael Rosen Day

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Sharks out at The Quarterhouse - History's most epic fibs  
(Folkestone Book Festival)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Beach School

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Seahorses and Sharks visit to Silver Screen Cinema to see  
Kensuke's Kingdom

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Beach School

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Turtles and Dolphins out at The Three Hills Multi skills  
event

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Advent Mass 9.00am in the Church.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Year 5 Beach School

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Year R and Year 6 height and weight checks

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 out at The Mayor's Carol Service in St Mary's and St  
Eanswythe's Church

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Seahorses out at Folkestone Museum (Roman Workshop)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Penguins and Turtles Nativity Production (10.00am)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day!

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Turtles and Dolphins Christmas Workshop at Godington  
House Ashford (fully funded).

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service in the church 9.00am (everyone welcome)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Sing-a-long 2.00pm in the hall

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service 11.00am in the Church

### **NO NUT POLICY!**

**We have several children who have severe nut allergies, so it is essential that parents/carers adhere to this rule. We ask you to check the packets to ensure that items you are putting into your child's packed lunch do not contain nuts. These children also have severe allergies to egg, so we would ask that you refrain from putting hard boiled eggs in your child's lunch box or sandwiches, in order to keep these children safe.**

### **PACKED LUNCHES**

No fizzy drinks or chocolate to be sent in for children's lunch and we encourage a healthy lunchbox. Please also remember that only water should be brought in the children's water bottles for the classroom, squash and flavoured waters are not permitted.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework is due in on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Don't forget children get a stamp each term they complete their homework, which enables them to access the homework treat in the summer term. As well as homework tasks, children are expected to read daily with an adult at home (at least 4 signatures a week from home in their RED TED books please), in order to collect their RED TED rewards.

Children in Seahorses and Sharks are also expected to complete at least 10 sessions on Spelling Shed each week, Dolphins are expected to complete 5 sessions on Spelling Shed and Turtles are expected to complete 5 sessions on Maths Shed. Some children in Turtles will also be expected to complete 5 sessions on Spelling Shed once they have completed RWI, your child will know if this applies to them. Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) should be completed weekly for children in Year 2 - 6. Children are expected to log 30 minutes (30 sessions) of learning on TTRS each week. If they log more than 35 sessions they will get a certificate!

**Supporting your children with their learning at home is so important and part of the home-school agreement.**

### **IROCK**

Irock continue to deliver music lessons in school. If you are interested in your child having singing, drumming, keyboard or guitar lessons, please call into the school office for information or take a look at their website [iRock School of Music | In School rock and pop band lessons](#)

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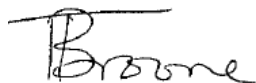
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Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes



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