



NEWSLETTER WEEK 2 TERM 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to school, we hope you had a lovely summer break. We are really excited to start a new school year with your children, we have some exciting learning planned alongside many trips and experiences.

A big welcome to our new penguin class and our new children in other year groups.

Our school Values for Term 1

Christian Value - Perseverance

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

British Value - Democracy

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

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

UNIFORM

Thank you to all those who have returned to school in the correct uniform, your support is appreciated. A reminder that children are only allowed to wear completely black trainers, no coloured logos or coloured branding. Hopefully this policy means that parents and carers only need to buy one set of footwear for school. There are many reasons why we have gone with the policy of plain black trainers, without coloured logos or branding, but the main one being about uniformity and consistency for all children. When every child's footwear is plain black, children are not so aware of the branding, which causes upset and stress for some children, leading to pressure on

families to provide the latest trend or fashion. Uniformity creates a level playing field for children, reduces distractions and encourages discipline, shared identity and respect for rules. Allowing plain black trainers as part of our school uniform allows us to balance a tidy, uniform appearance with physical comfort.

Summer uniform can be worn until October half term, then children need to be in winter uniform from the start of Term 2.

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Term 1 - Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October

Term 2 - Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 18th December

Term 3 - Monday 4th January - Thursday 11th February

Term 4 - Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th March

Term 5 - Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May

Term 6 - Monday 7th June - Tuesday 20th July

INSET DAYS 2026-2027 (school closed to children)

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 2nd November

Friday 12th February

Wednesday 21st July

PARENTMAIL

Please make sure that you are able to access Parentmail, as this is our main method of communication. A lot of office time last year was spent chasing consents or informing parents about information they had missed, because they had not read the information and newsletters sent via parentmail or seen the reminders.

This year, we will chase once for any consent that is outstanding for trips, but if we do not have a response then unfortunately it may mean that your child will be unable to take part. We cannot continue to spend so much time chasing consent and delivering messages that are easily accessible on Parentmail. Thank you for your support in this matter.

If you have an issue with Parentmail, please sort this out urgently with Miss Wells in the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11th September - Water Safety Workshops for all children

Tuesday 15th September - Author Visit to Shark Class

Wednesday 16th September - Shark Class visit to the Town Hall to see the Mayor

Wednesday 16th September - Year 1 Beach School

Wednesday 16th September - FESI Schools worship on The Harbour Arm for Years 2-6

Monday 21st September - Kickstart Drumming assembly

Wednesday 23rd September - Year 2 Beach School

Thursday 24th September - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 25th September - NHS Lancaster Model for Year 6

Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th September - Bikeability for Year 5/6 (only those who have signed up and registered)

Friday 2nd October - Individual School Photos

Monday 5th October - Harvest Mass

Tuesday 6th October - Swimming for Penguin Class starts

Wednesday 7th October - Beach School Year 3

Tuesday 13th October - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 14th October - Year 4 Beach School

Tuesday 20th October - Parent Presentation 'Supporting your child through our screen obsessed world'

Wednesday 21st October - Beach School Year 5

Thursday 22nd October - Beach School Year 6

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After school club is up and running again. A reminder that the club runs from 3.15pm - 5.30pm and costs £7.50 per session, which includes a light snack. Payment for club

should be made in advance or on the day. Places need to be booked in advance via ParentMail. Miss Cornell and Miss Rayner have lots of lovely activities planned and we will send out the timetable next week.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club continues to operate from 7.30am each morning and costs £2.50 until 8.00am. Please book places in advance via ParentMail.

If your child is attending the free breakfast club session from 8.00am, these do not need to be booked, please just arrive at the hall at 8.00am. Children must arrive before 8.10am, if they require food.

TRIPS

We appreciate that all families are feeling the financial pinch right now as the cost of everyday living keeps rising. As a school, we really value the positive impact that school trips and visitors to school have on children's learning and we really want to ensure that the children continue to have these experiences. However, we also appreciate that parents need to know well in advance the cost of trips so that they can budget. By the end of this term, you will have a list for the whole year of the trips, visits and workshops that your child will be taking part in along with approximate costings. As a school we always subsidise any trips we organise and appreciate the contributions that parents make in order that we can offer these important experiences to children.

IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION

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.

HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON

In order to do our bit to protect the environment, we will do our best to send as little paper home as possible. All parents are sent a link on admission to sign up for ParentMail and this should be checked at least daily, as most updates and important messages are sent via ParentMail. We also have a private Facebook page which only parents/carers are permitted to join. Search St Peter's School Folkestone and request

to join the page. Please make sure you answer the security question with your child's full name. If you have not received your ParentMail link or you have forgotten your login details, please speak to Miss Wells in the office.

NO TOYS

A gentle reminder that children are not permitted to bring in any toys to school.

EARRINGS

Children are allowed to wear earrings to school, but are only permitted to wear a plain stud earring (silver or gold). Please remove all hoops, coloured earrings and earrings that are not a plain stud.

Children **are encouraged not** to wear earrings during PE lessons and these can NO LONGER be taped over. Parents should remove children's earrings on PE days. If you are unable to remove the earrings, parents need to sign a disclaimer in advance, which is available from the office.

HOMEWORK

Homework was sent home last week for Years 1-6 and is due in on Monday 19th 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.

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

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Look out for the Parent information letter, which has been sent home. It sets out what your children will be learning over the next two terms and also has contact details for your child's teacher should you need them.

CLUBS

Elite are running free sports clubs on a Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm and on a Friday 3.15pm - 4.15pm, please sign up via the Elite Sport website (see letter sent out via Parentmail). If you need any help signing up for clubs, please see Miss Wells in the office.

IROCK

Irock will 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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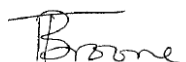
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Have a lovely weekend



Mrs Toni Browne (Headteacher)