



## NEWSLETTER WEEK 1 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.

### 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.

### UNIFORM

Thank you to all those who have returned to school in the correct uniform. A reminder that children are only allowed to wear plimsolls/trainers on PE days. Summer uniform can be worn until October half term, then children need to be in winter uniform. A reminder that children should have **white button up shirts on and not white t-shirts and should also be wearing a tie (unless wearing a summer dress)**. All children should have black school shoes NOT boots.

### 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July**

## **PARENTMAIL**

ParentMail is our main method of communication with parents. **Please make sure that you have the APP downloaded and that you check it daily for any notifications.** If you are struggling to get the APP on your phone or to login, then you need to see Miss Wells in the office as a matter of urgency.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September - Bikeability

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Sharks Triennial Walk

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Year 2 Beach School

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Seahorses Iron Age Workshop at Folkestone Museum

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September - PESE Test

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Sharks Tudor Dress Up day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Seahorses Triennial Workshop at The Quarterhouse

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 Beach School

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Sharks Triennial workshop at The Quarterhouse

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Year 4 Beach School

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - FLU Vaccinations

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - FESI Worship event in The Goods Yard - (Seahorses and Sharks)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September - School Photos

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Penguins Dinosaur and fossil workshop at Folkestone museum

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Year 3 Beach School

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Mass (parents/carers welcome)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 Beach School

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Seahorses Triennial Workshop

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

## **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 £3.50 per session. Please book places in advance via ParentMail.

## **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 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.

## **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.

## **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. 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 will be sent home next week for Years 1-6 and 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.

**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 will be sent home next week. 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**

We have a free football club running on a Monday after school from 3.15 - 4.15pm run by Hayley from Next Generation Sports. Elite are also running Dance club on a Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm and Archery 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](#)

## **EMAIL CONTACTS**

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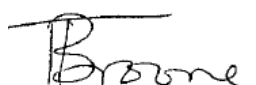
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Have a lovely weekend



Mrs Toni Browne (Headteacher)