



## NEWSLETTER WEEK 1 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, which is already planned to be a busy term with lots of sports activities and educational visits. Please make sure that you have noted some changes to the PE timetable:-

Penguins - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Turtles - Monday

Dolphins - Monday

Seahorses - Monday and Friday

Sharks - Tuesday and Friday

Our school value for this term is Friendship.

'Encourage each one and build each other up'

1 Thessalonians 5:11

'The only way to have a friend is to be one'

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### TERM DATES 2026

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**

## **MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

A reminder that parents need to provide evidence of all medical appointments in order for them to be authorised. We are unable to authorise absence for a whole day to attend an appointment, unless there are exceptional reasons. Children should only be taken out of school to attend the appointment and then returned afterwards. Where the appointment is later in the morning (after 9.00am), children should be brought into school to be registered and then collected to attend the appointment.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. At St Peter's we have several Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs Browne, Mrs Goodwin and Ms Tuckett. If you have any concerns about your own child, or about another child in our school community, please report it to one of the named designated safeguarding leads. Our safeguarding leads are available on the gate at the start and end of each day, but can also be contacted via email (please see contact details below), or by calling the school office.

All children were shown the NSPCC assembly at the end of last term and Dolphins and Sharks had a volunteer from the NSPCC visit them on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

## **ABSENCE**

If your child is absent from school, please make sure you have let the office know either by phoning the school office or reporting it via parentmail. Where a child is absent for 3 or more days, we will require medical evidence e.g. evidence of an e-consult or visit to the GP/walk in centre. Parents should keep the school updated on a daily basis.

When we do not hear from parents/carers and we are unable to make contact via phone, a member of staff will carry out a home visit for safeguarding reasons.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A reminder that our school tie is part of our uniform policy and all children should be wearing one. Children should also be wearing black school shoes and NOT trainers, unless it is a PE day. PE kit is a royal blue tracksuit at this time of the year and is available in the uniform shop. Children should not be wearing leggings or other coloured tracksuit bottoms, as they are not part of our school uniform.

We also ask that hair bands/clips are plain, as we are seeing an increasing number of large, colourful hairbands being worn to school, which become a distraction.

## **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 or traces of nuts.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, please note that this is a day later than the official world book day. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character on that day and we will be organising lots of fun activities for the children to take part in. If children do not wish to dress up, they should come in their normal school uniform.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the children will be visiting Waterstones on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to spend their World Book Day voucher.

## BREAK THE RULES DAY

Well done to school council and Mrs Goodwin for organising 'Break the rules day'. They raised £184.00! Thank you for your support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 beach school (PM)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 beach school (AM)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Waterstones Visits (all classes)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 6 beach school

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March (am) - Year 6 out at The Three Hills - Safety in Action workshop

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - [World Book Day celebrations - Dress as your favourite book character.](#)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 Beach school (PM)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March (am) Seahorses visit to Folkestone Museum

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March (all day) - Seahorses out at Quicksticks competition

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March (am) - Turtles out at Folkestone Museum

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March (all day) - Quidditch Day for the whole school

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Grammar and Spelling Competition for Shark Class (details to follow)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March (pm) - Sharks out at Folkestone Museum

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (all day) - Whole school Archery Workshops (PE kits)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March (pm) - Year 4 beach school (AM)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - Irock concert

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (all day) - Sharks out at The Three Hills - handball competition (PE kits)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am - Palm Sunday Mass (all welcome)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Year 1 beach school

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (all day) - Seahorses out at The Three Hills - handball competition (PE kit)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Dolphin Class trip to Dover Castle

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm - Confirmations in the Church

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday - school closed  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 3.15 - 5.15pm - Spectacular Science Family workshop (details to follow)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Turtle and Dolphin Class trip to Tyland Barn  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Seahorses Golf at Etchinghill (AM)  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - SATS for Year 6  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Class Photos  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 6 Residential  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Multiplication check for Year 4  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Turtles and Dolphins Tennis at Hythe Tennis Club (PM)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics screening check for Year 1  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 3.15 - 5.15pm - Mask Making family workshop (details to follow)  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - St Peter's Day Mass  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm - Sharks Production  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 1.45pm - Awards ceremony and leavers' assembly (everyone welcome)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 9.00am - Leavers' Mass (everyone welcome)

## EMAIL CONTACTS

Mrs Browne (Headteacher) - [headteacher@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk)

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Ms Tuckett (SENCO) - [inclusion@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk)

Miss Wells (Office Manager) - [finance@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk) (Please note this email account is not monitored on a Friday)

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Best wishes

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Mrs Toni Browne (Headteacher)