



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future"
Jeremiah 29:11

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DIARY DATES

Fri 22 Oct	Surrey Schools INSET Day—school closed
w/c 25 Oct	Half Term
Mon 1 Nov	INSET Day—School closed for staff training
2-5 Nov	Book Week with Scholastic Book Fair in school hall NO After School clubs this week
Thurs 4 Nov <i>New</i>	9-10am Reading Open Morning for Parents
Fri 5 Nov	Book Week Dress Up Day: "My favourite book character is..." 3.15-5pm Friends Cinema Night
Fri 12 Nov	Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
w/c 15 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 19 Nov	Mufti Day: Children in Need—wear as many colourful spots as you can
Fri 26 Nov	8.45-9am Early Morning Open Classroom

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is always the longest half term of the year, so for many children (and parents) it will be a wonderful and welcome break to take a little time off and have a well-deserved rest next week. I would like to say how fantastic all the children have been this first half term, settling into new school routines and persevering even when things are very new or a little tricky.

This has been the first time that any of our children have been able to socialise outside of their own 'bubbles' for 18 months, so it has been especially special to see the new interactions as children have learned to make friends with different groups. As we are now moving back to normal, it can be easy for us to forget or not even realise that many of our children have spent a half or a third of their lives in lockdown, so the achievements and experiences they have created in this first half-term, truly have been brilliant.

I would also like to thank you for all your support along the way. It really shows how important the partnership between school and home is, where we can work together to support our children and community. I hope you have a fantastic half term, where you can have many quality moments with your children.
God Bless, *Lenia Greenaway*



HODGE : THE CATHEDRAL CAT

Last night I had the pleasure of going to the Eucharist at Southwark cathedral to welcome in the new academic year for our Diocesan schools. There I saw Hodge, the beautiful cathedral cat. I just thought I would share him with you, as I know many of you have pets, and as a cat owner myself, I know how they can take pride of place (or so they think!) in our homes. If you want to read more about Hodge, he has his own page on the Southwark Cathedral website:

<https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/visiting/hodge-the-cathedral-cat/>

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH THE CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

Great news! St Peter's C of E Infant School has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding round will start Sunday 24 October 2021 and will run for 12 months until 22 October 2022. During this time, every time you purchase Co-op branded products and services, 1p from every pound spent goes to support local causes like ours. Just select us as your local cause by visiting:

<https://co-operate.coop.co.uk/groups/st-peters-c-of-e-infant-school/>

We really hope that you and everyone you know will visit the Co-op website or download the Co-op app and select us as their Local Community Fund cause so we can continue to develop our outdoor learning spaces.



Parenting Smart (Place2Be)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children. Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- * Understanding sibling rivalry
- * My child tells lies—what does it mean, what should I do?
- * My child has trouble going to sleep
- * My child says 'I hate you!'
- * Cultural identity: who am I?

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

CLOCKS BACK: DARK NIGHTS AHEAD!

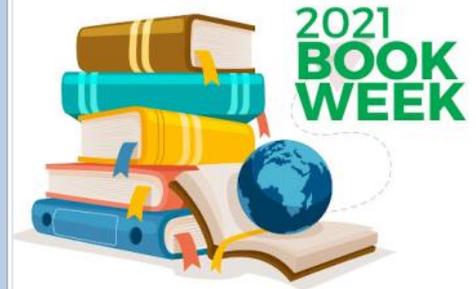
We will soon be turning the clocks back an hour (Sunday 31 October) and summer will sadly officially be over for this year— although it may already feel like it has! The resources below may be helpful to remind children, including older siblings, about road safety and keeping safe in the dark. Good news is...we get an extra hour sleep!

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents
www.rosopa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf

Parent Controls: Keeping our children safe online

With more and more parents working and feeling time poor, our children are spending more time on their devices. I would really like to stress the importance of parental controls so children are not being exposed to inappropriate language or images that can be found on numerous, supposedly innocent sites. The below website has an excellent overview of how to set up controls for a wealth of different devices. Please do have a look as this is so important for keeping our children safe.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>



TUES 2nd—FRI 5th NOVEMBER
WITH BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL HALL
WED, THURS 8.45am—9am
TUES, WED, THURS 3.15pm—3.40pm

LETTERS HOME and HOMEWORK



WHOLE SCHOOL

St Peter's Wrap Around Care via email
Covid Self Isolation Reminder Letter via email

Homework: Remembrance Day Activity

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

11am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER

2pm Toddler Praise

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

11am All Age Worship
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Dear Father God,

We thank You for our school family and our wider community.

We thank you for this half term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. ...

Help us to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others
Amen



HAPPY HALF TERM BIRTHDAYS TO...

Henry (age 6) and Harry (age 7)



Emergency information regarding the school will be announced on HEART RADIO 102.7FM and the school website

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