



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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As a school community we share in the sadness felt by all following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

We would like to express our deepest condolences to the Royal Family as well as our gratitude to Her Majesty for her life long service and commitment to us.

We join the Nation as we send our prayers at this time of loss.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK:

- Full PE Kit in school at all times
- Named wellies in school
- All items of uniform, coats, etc clearly named
- School Office is notified of any changes (contact details, school lunch arrangements, pick up/drop off arrangements)
- Book After School Clubs
- Medicines/Inhalers in school where needed
- Signed up for School Milk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Marnie (age 5), Noah (age 5), and Cian (age 7)



New is the year, new are the hopes, new is the resolution, new are the spirits

DIARY DATES



Mon 12 Sept	2.50pm "Meet your Teacher" session for Ladybirds' and Dragonflies' parents in classrooms
Thurs 15 Sept	2.45pm "Meet your Teacher & Welcome" session for BusyBees' parents in school hall
Wed 21 Sept	School Photographs (with pre-school age siblings from 8.45am by arrangement)
Thurs 29 Sept	9am Harvest Service @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge—All welcome
Fri 30 Sept	9-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning in school hall—All welcome
Mon 3 Oct	Dragonflies Class Trip to Nower Wood Education Centre
Tues 11 Oct	5-6pm Open Evening for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry
Wed 12 Oct	9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry
Tues 18 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment – details to follow
Thurs 20 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment – details to follow
w/c 24 Oct	Half Term
Fri 4 Nov	School Flu Vaccinations
Tues 15 Nov	5-6pm Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry
Wed 16 Nov	9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry
Mon 28 Nov	3.15pm Dragonflies Friendship Teatime in village hall—All welcome
Fri 16 Dec	9am Christmas Church Service @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge—All welcome

**** Please continue to check the school website regularly for updates to the calendar ****

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all. For some this will be a welcome back, and for others, this is 'Welcome to St Peter's School'. I hope you all thoroughly enjoy the first term of this academic year with us and see your child[ren] settling in, eager to be in school. I also hope the 'Back to School' routines haven't been too hard to adjust to. All of the children have been absolutely amazing—they have dazzled us with how well they have settled in and the way they have embraced learning and all things new!



The new BusyBees Class are phenomenal. They have very quickly found their feet and are settling to the rhythms of the school day. They have already joined in with our whole school Collective Worship and some of them met Reverend Ashton, who leads our Collective Worship on Wednesdays, when they came in. One of the children even asked why they hadn't been given homework yet! Wow! It was lovely to see Reverend Ashton who introduced himself to the children and talked out how we are all different and unique. He helped the children think about acceptance, making new friends and the fact that we are all special in our own ways. The world would be a very boring place indeed if we were all the same!

NUT & SEED FREE SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we continue to be a nut/seed free school. We have several children and staff members who are allergic to **nuts/seeds** and the reaction can be severe. It would be greatly appreciated if you would not put anything containing nuts or seeds into your child's lunch box or send anything containing nuts/seeds into school. This applies to any after school snacks which may be brought onto school premises. We would also ask that you do not include **pears, peaches or kiwi** fruits in packed lunches due to pupil allergies. Thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.

PARENT VIEW ONLINE

If you have any views or comments about St Peter's School as a whole you can post them on [Ofsted's Parent View](#) website.



THE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Like all schools, St Peter's has a very clear vision for the future. We always seek ways in which to move the school forward whilst, at the same time, continuing to present excellent teaching and learning opportunities for our children. The School Development Plan (SDP) provides a framework of our identified development priorities.

At St Peter's School our aims and vision for the school underpin all that we do, and these are embedded across all aspects of the SDP. The SDP therefore builds on a comprehensive review of current practice and progress made towards existing targets. It considers last year's plan, New National initiatives, and reports as well as internal and external audits. As you will appreciate this is a very comprehensive document which sets out the full strategic intent of the school. I have summarised this for you and it can be found on the school website.

MEET YOUR TEACHER



As a school we know that one of the keys to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents. We are very proud of our strong school community and are grateful for the support we have from our families. As you know, we would love for you to feel able to come into school a little more now that circumstances permit. Our doors are always open should you have any concerns and/or news to share with us.

To this end, we would like to invite you to an informal 'Meet your Teacher' session next week. The class teachers will share their topic webs for the first half term and tell you a little bit about the expectations of their classroom. These will be on the following days:

Monday 12 Sept @ 2.50pm

Miss Saines in Ladybirds Classroom / Mr Atterton in Dragonflies Classroom

Thursday 15 Sept @ 2.45pm

Mrs Vaquinhas (BusyBees) in the school hall

If you are unable to attend please don't worry; the Topic Webs and class newsletters will be on the school website for you to see.

CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

Welcome to Busy Bees (our Reception class)! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and that the children are enjoying the first week in their new class. We have to say, it is lovely to see them all looking so smart in their new uniforms! The children have coped exceptionally well in adjusting to their new routines in Reception, they have all played nicely together, and we have had a great week getting to know each other. We had a lovely time painting our portraits after sharing the storybook "The Colours of Us" together. We have also been exploring the different areas of our setting and meeting the members of our school. On Wednesday, we started going to Collective Worship in the school hall—something we will do daily from now on—and, this week, some of us met Reverend Ashton too. The children all behaved really well, sitting beautifully and listening very carefully. What a great start! I am very proud of them all.



BusyBees:
Painting our self portraits



Dragonflies: Exploring our sense of taste

LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had a brilliant first week back and have settled in well to all the new routines. We have been looking at the book 'The Little Red Hen' in English this week. We acted out the story in groups and we have been practicing our sentence writing by describing pictures from the story. In Maths we have been revisiting all our numbers up to 20—ordering them and practicing our number formation. In Science we have started our new topic learning all about the seasons. We discussed what happens to the weather in the different seasons and what clothes we might wear in each.

DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have settled very well into Year 2. They have learnt the new routines quickly and have really impressed us with their maturity. We have started our topic for this half term, focusing on London. We read the book 'The Queens Knickers' by Nicholas Allan and used this as a focus for our English. We have investigated numbers in Maths, recapping our knowledge of number bonds. In History we began learning about The Great Fire of London and can already remember lots of facts. In Science we started our Healthy Living topic by conducting a food tasting observational task.

WHAT'S IN STORE THIS TERM?

We have lots of wonderful things packed into this first term, so please keep an eye out for newsletters and school emails. Diary dates are published on the school calendar on our website as they are known and you are advised to check regularly for any updates. Please also look at our school term dates very carefully (as some of these are different to other counties) and consider these when making plans for family events and holidays.

School Photographs **Wednesday 21 September.**

If you would like a photo to be taken of your child before school with their pre-school age sibling please email the school office. This is by prior arrangement only please. If your child has a sibling(s) in the school a joint photo will automatically be taken as well as individual photos and does not need to be pre-booked.

Harvest Festival @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge **Thursday 29 September at 9am**

We are excited to be welcoming everyone to St Peter's Church for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 29 September. We ask that the children are dropped directly to the church (at the top of the hill on Tandridge Lane) for 8.45am (NOT TO SCHOOL) so we can start promptly at 9am. The children will be escorted to their seats by the class teachers and will remain with their classes throughout the service. Parents and siblings are very welcome to join us for the service and can sit in the side pews. We do understand that many of you may need to 'kiss and fly', so please don't feel bad if you can't make it. Children will be in the two middle sections of the church. After the service the children will walk back to school in their classes. If you are able to and would like to walk with the children please let your class teacher know. Please may I give a gentle reminder that you are role models so will need to walk on the pavements and not in the road, but I will give a little reminder in church!

As this is a time for giving and sharing, we always like to support the local community and offer donations of tinned foods and non-perishables. If you are able to donate items such as long life milk or fruit juices, porridge, tinned goods, pasta, rice, cereals, tea/coffee and biscuits that would be wonderful and very welcome. We will place collection boxes in school during next week for your donations.

On **Friday 30 September** we will be holding a fundraising cake and coffee morning with all the proceeds going towards the amazing **Macmillan** charity. We would really like as many of you to come along and spend some time having a chat and coffee/cake to raise funds for this cause. We ask that you please donate cakes for this event if you can, bringing them into the school hall on the day, so we have plenty to go around. If there are any volunteers to help with the morning that would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

I know there will be many tired children this weekend, so I hope you all enjoy a very well-deserved rest with lots of relaxing moments. Happy Autumn Term!
God bless. *Lenia Greenaway*

CHILD PROTECTION CONTACT CENTRE

At St Peter's we take the safety and well-being of every child very seriously. If you are ever concerned about a child please speak in confidence to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Greenaway or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Atterton.

If you feel you have not had a satisfactory response from us to any child protection issue, please phone the contact centre on:

Tel: 0300 200 1006

"Safeguarding is Everyone's Business"

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

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REMINDERS:

PARKING

I fully understand that parking can be tricky here at school especially during our 'rush hour' times but please also respect our neighbours and do not park in the bays at the top of the school. Some of the residents are disabled and use these bays for easy access to their houses rather than the car park at the bottom. You may find it easier to park at the Barley Mow and walk the short distance to school. If using the car park please ensure that you do not block the "circulation route" and remember to leave enough space for cars to move in and out of the car park. There should be **no parking on the zig zags** in front of school at **any time** as this obstructs the line of sight for those crossing the road and puts our children in danger. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

CLASS DOJO

Please may I remind parents that Class Dojo is a wonderful platform that we use to upload homework and for pupils to submit their home learning. This channel will be used for homework communications only. Please ensure **ALL** other communications to teachers are emailed to the school office, who will then pass on messages in the appropriate way. This is to prevent information getting lost in transit, to avoid unnecessary workloads and to ensure the office staff are fully aware of issues, absences, events etc as a safeguarding measure. Thank you.



ATTENDANCE

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, states that Headteachers may **NOT** grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in **exceptional** circumstances can they be approved. Parents who take their child out of school for 10 sessions (five days) or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, may each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority. The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority may prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each parent** is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each child** who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. **Leave of absence request forms can be downloaded from the school website from the News/Letters and Forms section or are available from the school office. A leave of absence request MUST be completed in advance for all planned absences.**

Dear Father God,
As our children go back to school, give them wisdom to make the right choices.
May they grow to be wise and win the favour of both men and God.
We pray that they trust in You to direct their paths.
Help them offer good counsel to their friends and those around them.
Thank you that you have given them a Spirit of power, love and a sound mind.
Increase their knowledge, insight and understanding.
Amen.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

PEGI RATING
7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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