



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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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



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

DIARY DATES

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| Mon 11 Sept | 2.45pm "Meet your Teacher" session for Ladybirds' and Dragonflies' parents in classrooms |
| Tues 19 Sept | 9.15am School Tours for Prospective Parents Sept 2024 Entry |
| Wed 20 Sept | School Photographs (with pre-school age siblings from 8.45am by arrangement) |
| Thurs 21 Sept | Dragonflies Class Trip to Nower Wood Education Centre |
| Fri 29 Sept | 9-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning in School Hall—All welcome |
| Fri 6 Oct | 9am Harvest Service @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge—All welcome |
| Tues 10 Oct | 5-6pm Open Evening for Prospective Parents Sept 2024 Entry |
| Wed 11 Oct | 9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2024 Entry |
| Tues 17 Oct | Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment – details to follow |
| Thurs 19 Oct | Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment – details to follow |
| w/c 23 Oct | Half Term |
| Mon 30 Oct | School Flu Vaccinations (YR—Y2) |
| Tues 14 Nov | 5-6pm Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry |
| Wed 15 Nov | 9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry |
| Mon 27 Nov | 3.15pm Dragonflies Friendship Teatime in village hall—All welcome |
| Fri 15 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 **

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Elsie (age 5), Finlay (age 5), Marnie (age 6) and Noah (age 6)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to St Peter's School. Whether you are returning to St Peter's or are a new member of our school family, we hope you all thoroughly enjoy the next year with us.

We hope you have all managed to have some amazing family times together over the summer, and the time to make lots of wonderful memories. We hope you will continue to make lots more of these with us here, at St Peter's, too.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new Busy Bees, both parents, carers, and children. We hope you have a wonderful three years with us. I think you will be amazed at how quickly this goes. We hope however, it doesn't go too quickly and that you enjoy lots of very special and celebratory times with your children.

There will be quite a lot of information coming out over the next week or two. Please do ask if you are unsure of anything. It can be a bit overwhelming, especially if this is your first school experience. Please remember 'no question is a silly question if you don't know the answer'. We have lots of wonderful things packed into this first term. Please keep an eye out for our newsletters and school emails. Please also look at our school term dates very carefully (as some of these may be different to other counties) so that holidays are not booked in term time. These are available on the school website www.stpetersinfant.org.

It was so wonderful to see the children very keen and eager to get into school on Monday with their lovely smiley faces. You could not ask for a better start to the new academic year. The children delighted us with tales of their adventures over the summer and all look happy, healthy, and I do have to say – taller! It was also lovely that the weather has been exceptionally kind to us – summer has finally arrived, so the children have been out and about exploring their surroundings.

The new Busy Bees children have been phenomenal. They have truly wowed us with their knowledge, manners, and general school readiness. They are happy, chatty and delightful. A true asset to our new parents already.

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.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut free school. We have several children and staff members who are allergic to nuts and the reaction can be severe. It would be greatly appreciated if you would not put anything containing nuts or sesame seed into your child's lunch box or send anything containing nuts or sesame seed into school. This applies to after-school snacks for clubs as well. Thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.



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 Year 1 & 2 parents 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.

This will be on **Monday 11 Sept @ 2.45pm**

Miss Saines in Ladybirds Classroom / Mr Atterton in Dragonflies Classroom

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.

For the Busy Bees Class parents, we will shortly be arranging a session for you to have a catch up and ask any questions that may have cropped up. The details of this will be sent to you in due course.

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](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view) website.





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.**

WHAT'S IN STORE THIS TERM?

School Photographs **Wednesday 20 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.

On **Friday 29 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 (homemade would be fantastic but we are also more than happy to accept shop-bought) 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.

Harvest Festival @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge **Friday 6 October at 9am**

We are excited to be welcoming everyone to St Peter's Church for our Harvest Festival on Friday 6 October. 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 not be able to stay, so please don't feel bad if you can't make it—the children will be fine and well looked after by staff. For our new parents who may not have experienced this before, this is a lovely service where the children will be singing and sharing Harvest pictures and prayers etc. At the end of the service if parents would like to walk back to the school with their child's class they are more than welcome, please do let your class teacher know if you are able to do this.

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 nearer the time for your donations.

You may have some very tired children at the end of their first week back at school so I hope you all have a wonderful weekend with your children. May it be very peaceful and relaxing for you all.

God bless, *Lenia Greenaway*

A BOOK IS A GIFT YOU CAN OPEN AGAIN AND AGAIN

You may have heard, or even seen, that over the summer the library area was being refurbished with the fantastic support of the Friends; especially Keren Gatty-Saunt, Claire Devey and Jennie Liddiard. We are just awaiting a few more pieces of furniture then the transformation will be complete. A new floor has been laid, new sink area with cupboards and the whole space looks so much bigger and brighter. It is going to be a wonderful area for the children to learn, read and share. Thank you all for your amazing fundraising through the Friends, which as you can definitely see, goes straight to the children.



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. Teachers will not respond to any messages sent on ClassDojo. Thank you.

FIRE PROCEDURES

A fire drill is held at least every half term. When the alarm sounds children and adults go out of the nearest exit and assemble on the playground. Teachers stay with their classes and all other adults go to the office staff (on the playground) who will make sure all are accounted for. If you are in, or in the vicinity of, the building when the alarm is raised please go to the playground immediately. It is imperative that, if you are helping in school, you sign in and out and, equally if your child arrives late or has to leave early you must sign them in or out at the school office.

SCHOOL DINNER

Please may we remind you that if there are any changes in packed lunches/dinners/dietary requirements that you email the school office straight away as all catering goes through the office to the kitchen. If this is not done the number of meals prepared for the children may be incorrect.

WELLIES AND SUNHATS

We will be continuing to get the children outside as often as possible. Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies and a sun hat to keep at school (if possible) – then they are ready for any weather we might get!

Dear Father God,

Bless our children, staff and parents with knowledge, patience, and strength.

Guide us in our learning journey and protect us along the way.

May this year be filled with achievements, friendships, and positive experiences.

In your loving name, we pray.
Amen.



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 Leads, Mr Atterton and Mrs Vaquinhos.

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

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

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National Online Safety

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SOUTH EAST SURREY DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

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Support Evening for Parents and Carers

‘Questions and Discussion’

Tuesday 19th September 2023. 7.30pm to 10pm

A chance for parents and carers to meet Committee members, who are themselves parents of dyslexic youngsters, and specialist dyslexia tutors, to talk about any concerns they have about dyslexia at home or in school.

Resources and books to help dyslexic pupils will be on display.

This meeting is free and open to all parents and carers who have an interest in dyslexia.

It would be helpful to know numbers beforehand but not essential. Contact sesdadyslexia@hotmail.com

Don't worry if you cannot make the meeting by 7.30pm. Join us when you can.