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"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."- Micah 6 v. 8

22/07/21

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the lovely welcome I have received this week, it is wonderful to be back. As with everything, my maternity leave seemed to go by in a flash; once restrictions were eased, Ruby and I went on the baby class circuit, doing everything from Action, Songs and Rhymes to Sign Language, it has been great fun. Ruby is now 10 months old and is extremely active; she is desperate to walk and constantly pulls herself onto her feet, using any available piece of furniture. She is having a wonderful time this week being cared for by my mum, before she starts nursery mid-August. I hope to bring her into school for an hour tomorrow afternoon, so that she can meet the children and see where mummy works!

Tomorrow we reach the end of another academic year, quite unlike anything we have ever seen before. I would like to thank every member of our school community for showing such incredible patience, resilience and strength during some of the most challenging of times. I don't think many holidays have been more well-deserved than the coming one. Whatever you have planned, please stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming many of you back to school on **2nd** September 2021.

For those leaving us on Friday, pupils and staff, thank you for your hard work and commitment to St Peter's, I wish you every success and happiness for the future.

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Johnston will join our leadership team from September as our new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Johnston, is an experienced deputy head, currently working in a school in Ruislip, she has been seconded to St Peter's for the coming academic year.

Please see below the names of the support staff who will be working alongside your child's class teacher in September:

Reception	Miss Miller, Ms Wheeler, Miss Friel and Miss Lovell

Year 1	Miss Preece, Mrs Todaro and Laura Henderson Child
Year 2	Miss Murphy and Miss Grundy
Year 3	Miss Russell and Miss Phelps
Year 4	Miss Cook and Ms Pitman and Miss Mason
Year 5	Mr Thomas, Miss Royer
Year 6	Mrs Adcock, Mr Glick and Miss Bell

Next Term

Although restrictions were eased on Monday, to ensure the continued safety of our pupils, parents and staff, we intend to continue our current drop-off and collection procedures at the beginning of next term; we will review them once the new academic year is fully underway.

Please see below the drop-off and collection times for your child from September. Please note that parents are required to leave their children at the school gate, rather than entering the playground.

Staggered Start Times

Time	Main Playground Gate	Main School Gate	Reception Gate
8:45	Year 2	Year 4	Reception
8:50	Year 5	Year 6	
8:55	Year 3		Year 1

Staggered Finish Times

Time	Main Playground Gate	Main School Gate	Reception Gate
3:15	Year 2	Year 4	Reception
3:20	Year 5	Year 6	
3:25	Year 3		Year 1

Leavers' Service

Tomorrow morning, we will hold a leavers' service in church for our Year 6 parents and their families; the rest of the children will remain in their classrooms and will join in with the service via live stream. This service is always such an emotional one, as the children look back over their time at St Peter's and share their fondest memories. Our current Year 6 class have been incredible this year; they have shown such strength of character, maturity and resilience, and have worked extremely hard - they will be greatly missed by us all. On behalf of the entire school community, I wish them every success as they begin the next chapter in their school careers. Well done Year 6 and good luck.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Yesterday we were treated to two fantastic performances of Mary Poppins. For the first time ever, I experienced being a member of the audience, having not been in school for any of the rehearsals, and I enjoyed every single second. The children were brilliant; they performed with such confidence, it was a real joy to watch. I am sure that I was not alone in feeling extremely emotional and very, very proud as I watched the children perform.

The children at our school are very special; they work hard and play hard and give their utmost to every task presented to them, yesterday being a prime example of this. The heat and the end of term tiredness did not show at all, as the children stood on the stage and performed to their audience – truly incredible. Well done St Peter's!

Special thanks to all of the staff for all of their hard work in helping to make our show possible, and an extra special silent cheer to our Year 6 team: Mr Thomas, Mrs Isaac and Miss Brook; Mrs Zalar and Mr Rob. Thanks also to the team of parents who erected the stage and took it down again – no mean feat, to our PTA team and last but not least to you, our parents and carers, for all of your support.

PGL

On Monday, Year 6 returned from a fabulous weekend away at PGL Barton Hall in Torquay, where they enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities including Giant Swing, abseiling, canoeing, and raft building. Upon arrival at the centre, the children had the opportunity to cool off in the outdoor pool and even tried their hands at a bit of water polo.

As always the children gave their all to every activity and enjoyed working together as a team, supporting one another when some of the challenges seemed a little daunting. Their behaviour throughout the visit was impeccable, and commented upon by the PGL staff. Lots of special memories were made last weekend, which the children will hopefully treasure for many years to come.

Thank you to Mr Thomas, Mrs Zalar and Miss Brook for accompanying the children on their visit.

Olympian visit

On Tuesday, we were very fortunate to receive a visit from Olympic athlete, Ezekiel Ewulo, known to all as Zeeks. Zeeks is a professional long jump athlete, who has competed for both Great Britain and for Nigeria; his proudest achievement to date is when he gained the British Indoor Long Jump Title. Zeeks delivered a fantastic virtual assembly to the children; he discussed how he came to be so successful and what his training regime consists of (lots of hard work and dedication to his sport). He then worked with each class to push them to their limits through a variety of physical activities. Zeeks was impressed with how brilliant all the children were in the event and has even promised that, if he is free, he will try and join us at our Sports Day next year, which would be wonderful.

Winning House Treat

On Monday, members of Keys enjoyed an afternoon of popcorn and juice whilst watching Aladdin. This was their reward for earning the most house points this term. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Clubs

Details regarding clubs will be emailed out to all parents at the beginning of next term.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer break.

Miss Frazer

01/09/21		INSET Day
02/09/21		Children return to school