Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world
"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6 v. 8

7th September 2020

It is truly wonderful to be able to welcome you all back to school this academic year. I can't tell you how lovely it was to see all of you arrive this morning and to walk around school to see the classrooms full of children learning with their friends. I would also like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new children and families who join our school this year; we are delighted that you have chosen St Peter's, and we very much look forward to getting to know you all in the coming days and weeks.

As a school, we have outlined all of the safety measures and systems of control that we have put in place in a letter dated 1st September, and if you haven't yet done so, we do urge you to read the letter carefully. We have to embrace our new normal, and ensure that we are following the new measures and guidelines in order to help keep our school community as safe as it can be. Whilst we hope it will be easy to follow these new measures at the beginning of the academic year, rules can be forgotten as day-to-day life gradually seems to become more normal, but we cannot forget that we are living in the time of a pandemic, and we kindly request that you continue to understand why these measures are in place. We thank you all for your continued support and patience.

In such times, good news is all the more special, and we are absolutely delighted to announce the exciting news that Miss Frazer gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Ruby Rose Frazer.

Ruby was born on the 31st August, weighing 8lbs and Mum and baby are both doing very well. We're all absolutely delighted with the happy news and we can't wait to meet her. A huge congratulations and a not-so-silent cheer from all of us!

Start of Day

We understand that the arrows on the gates this morning could have been quite confusing! The arrow shows the direction in which the queue should be (and not the direction the queue should be heading), but as a rule of thumb, please queue up on the side where your year group's sign is. So if the sign is on the left of the gate, queue up on the left of the gate. And I cannot believe I am asking this (!), but please also try not to arrive too early – please try to arrive for your time slot.

If you have children who are in different year groups, with the same start time at different gates, you will need to drop one child off at their designated gate, and then walk to the other child's designated gate and then drop that child off. The children will be able to enter at the same time, but will need to go through their own designated gate. Please read the letter dated 1st September for further information.

We thank you all for your co-operation.

Staffing

We are thrilled to announce that Mr Cotton and his fiancée Chantel were married over the summer holidays! A huge congratulations to them both and we wish them a lifetime of happiness.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our wonderful staff team, who have all worked tirelessly to ensure that the school is as safe as it can be. Many new measures have been put in place, and almost everything has needed to change, sometimes quite last minute in response to guidance changes, and the staff have responded positively, going above and beyond. I would like to especially thank Rob, our site manager, who has worked with incredible attention to detail to ensure that our school site is safe and secure, and also for his reluctant cameo in our re-opening video.

Following a few additional appointments over the summer holiday, please see below the list of adults who will be specifically working with each year group:

Year Group	Staffing
Reception	Mrs Noonan, Ms Wheeler, Mrs Pond-Jones, Ms Friel and Miss Child
Year 1	Miss Ioannou and Mrs Todaro
Year 2	Miss Murphy and Ms Browne
Year 3	Miss Russell, Ms Phelps and Ms Mason
Year 4	Miss Cook, Miss Jones and Ms Bell
Year 5	Mrs Adcock and Ms Royer
Year 6	Mr Thomas, Mrs Isaac and Miss Brook

Mrs Fox will continue to teach classes across the school and Mr Cotton (who is a coach from Kick London) will be based in school for five days per week. Mr Cotton will deliver PE sessions, including gymnastics and dance, to classes across the school and he will also deliver solution-focused mentoring sessions to targeted children across the school. In addition to this, Mr Cotton will also lead 5 after-school clubs per week and will deliver a weekly values-based assembly.

We are also absolutely delighted to welcome Mrs Jacqueline Munro to our team as our new School Business Manager. Many of you will know Mrs Munro as she is an integral part of our school community, as she has two children who attend St Peter's and she has been our PTA Secretary for three years. Mrs Munro brings an absolute wealth of experience with her from her background working in the financial sector, and as I am sure you will agree, she will be an asset to our team.

Values and Expectations

At St Peter's we hold extremely high expectations for every child in terms of their behaviour, attitudes and work ethic, all of which is underpinned by our strong Christian ethos with God at the centre of everything we do. We continue to have a no-tolerance approach to any form of bullying or racism, and teach children how to behave towards one another by looking at the bible and what Jesus taught us. This year we will be focusing upon the values of compassion, humility, justice, perseverance, wisdom and service; these values will underpin our teaching during our daily collective worship and our work in class. As a school, we work hard to teach and to model the core Christian values to our children, as we believe this will help them to become positive citizens of the future.

Open Evening

We will be running our Open Classroom event online this year, and they will be held at specific time slots across the evenings of Tuesday 15th September and Wednesday 16th September. This is an opportunity for you to virtually meet your child's class teacher, view the classroom and hear information about the year ahead. We will be using Google Meet, and during the day of the meeting, you will receive a link to the meeting and an information pack from the class teacher.

Below are the dates and time for the individual classes:

- **Reception** – Wednesday 16th September, 5:20pm – 5:40pm
- **Year 1** – Tuesday 15th September, 5:00pm – 5:20pm
- **Year 2** – Tuesday 15th September, 5:20pm – 5:40pm
- **Year 3** – Tuesday 15th September, 5:40pm – 6:00pm
- **Year 4** – Wednesday 16th September, 5:00pm – 5:20pm
- **Year 5** – Wednesday 16th September, 5:20pm – 5:40pm
- **Year 6** – Wednesday 16th September, 5:40pm – 6:00pm

Diary Dates

Ensuring that children have a full range of enrichment opportunities and activities to enhance their learning experiences is incredibly important at St Peter's. It has been a little bit more difficult to plan for this year with the safety measures that we have in place. However, we have tried our very hardest to ensure that these experiences happen, although they may not always be in the same format that they usually would have been.

You will note several events which are in bold, and are in red text with the word (provisional) next to them. This is due to the fact that if the guidance stays as it is, these events will not be able to happen as it wouldn't be safe for them to do so. We would instead aim to do something similar, where possible, but it would run in a different format.

There are also PTA-run events listed on the calendar, and these dates and events are provisional as our new PTA will need to agree them, the dates, and they may have their own different amazing ideas!

If there are changes in circumstances or guidance, events and dates may need to change last minute in response to this. We understand that it is frustrating for both children and parents when these changes happen and we will always notify you as far in advance as possible.

Your child's safety and well-being is at the heart of every decision we make and we thank you for your understanding.

Clubs

A clubs list for this term has been issued today, with you being able to sign up from tomorrow at 4pm. Clubs will resume the week commencing 14th September.

Breakfast club will be taking place in the art room, from 8:00am to 8:45am. If numbers grow too greatly, we may need to cap them, but we will be in contact if any changes to the signing up system need to be made.

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly at the beginning of the school day; arriving late is extremely disruptive to your child's learning and to the learning of others. Furthermore, a rushed start to the school day can be distressing for your child. Please also ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Attendance

Please avoid booking events and holidays which mean that children are required to take time out of school.

Please be mindful that the government has set a requirement for people returning from some countries to quarantine for 14 days on their return. The latest guidance on quarantine can be accessed here: Travel advice: coronavirus (COVID-19) Please be mindful of this when booking any getaways.

If you do need to quarantine, and require remote learning, please let the school know **as soon as possible** so that the teachers can put provision in place.

Thank you for your continued support.

No nuts please!

Just a quick reminder that we are a nut free school. Please double-check the ingredients before sending any snacks into school - particularly cereal bars - as sometimes they can contain hidden nuts which can be dangerous for other children. Thank you.

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take medicine during the school day, please ensure that it is handed in, in its original packaging via the school office; we need parental permission in order to administer any medication. For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to keep any medication in their bags.

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page:

https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/

This will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher.

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak, either via phone or video conferencing, to myself, Mrs Noonan or your child's class teacher. We are always here to help, and believe greatly in the importance of good communication between home and school.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Zalar

Date for the Half Term

Dates	Time	Description
07/09/20		**Children return to school**
WC 07/09/20		New Reception children to visit
11/09/20		Roald Dahl Day (activities in class)
WC 14/09/20		**Clubs to restart**
15/09/20	5pm – 6pm	Virtual Open Classroom - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
16/09/20	5pm – 6pm	Virtual Open Classroom – Rec, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
24/09/20		Talk Like A Pirate Day Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
25/09/20		EqualiTeach Workshops – Year 5 & Year 6
25/09/20		Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser
01/10/20		Black History Month
WC 05/10/20		International Walk to School Week
05/10/20	9:15am	Harvest Festival - Virtual
13/10/20		New RSE Curriculum – Parent Consultation - Virtual
16/10/20		Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card
22/10/20		Year 4 Class Assembly - Virtual
WC 26/10/20		**Half Term**