'Let your light shine before others, so they see your good works and give glory to God' *Matthew 5v16*

Rooted in Christian values, which underpin the school's ethos, pupils are inspired to strive for excellence within a thriving, inclusive community. We aim to enable every child to shine and aspire to reach their personal potential, whilst respecting and caring for one another and honouring God with their individual talents.

5th September 2022

Welcome back everyone; I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. I would like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new children, families and staff 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 weeks and months.

It is great to be back, what a glorious summer we have had. I spent most of my holiday out of London and on the beach; building sandcastles, eating ice cream and avoiding seaweed - Ruby refers to it as a monster and therefore is a little scared!

As you will see from the attached dates list, we have lots of exciting events and enrichment opportunities planned for the year ahead. The list will be added to as the year progresses and additional trips and events are planned.

Vision and Values

Our new vision statement and values are now displayed on our website, and in the coming weeks our school signage and letter heads will also be updated. Contrary to how our values were previously taught, we will no longer focus solely upon one value each half term, instead our new values of **kindness**, **perseverance**, **respect**, **courage**, **thankfulness** and **service** will be taught, reflected upon and referred to continually throughout the academic year.
In order to introduce our new values to the children, we intend to hold a 'Values Day' tomorrow in school.

Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of our pupils is the responsibility of every staff member at St Peter's. Regular training is provided to all of our staff to ensure they are able to act swiftly, effectively and compassionately should they be made aware of a safeguarding concern. This academic year, Mrs Johnston, our Deputy Headteacher, will continue in the role of Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Noonan and Miss Milligan will assume the role of Deputy Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Veryan Exelby will remain as our Safeguarding Governor.

Update/General Housekeeping

Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing the correct school uniform (see website for details) and with all of the equipment they require for the school day.
At the end of the school day, children will be brought to the following gates and dismissed by their class teachers at the following times (see below). We have staggered the collection times slightly to reduce congestion at the gates and to support parents/carers who have to collect more than one child. For health and safety reasons, please can we ask that you move away from the school gate as soon as

you have collected your child, to ensure that there is adequate space on the pavement for people to pass by.

Time	Main Playground Gate	Main School Gate	Reception Gate
3:20			Reception
3:25	Year 2		Year 1
3:30	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 4 and Year 6	

From next Monday, we will welcome a new music teacher to St Peter's - Mr Jones. Mr Jones is a member of the Pelican Team, he replaces Miss Ailsa, who left Pelican over the summer to pursue other opportunities.
PE lessons began today with our new Sports Coach Mr Fullerton. Mr Fullerton is already known to the children as he did several cover days for us last term and also helped out at Sports Day. Mr Fullerton joins us via PSD Sports (Primary Sporting Development); we are delighted to welcome him onto our staff team.
Please note that children attending after-school sports clubs will be required to wear their school PE kit; other kits or items such as football shirts should not be worn in school.
Please send a full water bottle into school with your child each day. These bottles should only contain water; juice and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.
Toys are not allowed in school, please ensure that they are kept safely at home.

Open Classroom
Please come along to our Open Classroom event on **Thursday 15th September**. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to meet your child's class teacher, view their classroom and collect information about the year ahead. All classrooms will be open between 3.45pm and 5.30pm, so you can call in at a time which is convenient for you.

Catering
The menus for this half term are displayed on our website https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Meals
We are currently looking to recruit someone to work alongside our wonderful Head Chef Rewa in the school kitchen. We are also looking to appoint an additional midday meals supervisor. If you are interested in either of these roles, or know anyone who might be suitable, please contact Mrs Munro via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Attendance
Attached is a list of term dates; please make a note of these dates and avoid booking events and holidays which mean that children are required to take time out of school. Please note that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time.

Punctuality
Please remember that gates will be opened at **8.45am** for children to go straight into their classrooms in readiness for the beginning of the school day: **8.55am** for children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and **9am** for children in Reception. Please ensure that your child arrives on time as arriving late is not only disruptive and often upsetting for your child, but can also disrupt the learning of others. Please also ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day: **3.20pm** for children in Reception; **3.25pm** for children in Year 1 and Year 2 and **3.30pm** for children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Clubs

A clubs list for this term will be sent out shortly. Clubs will resume the week commencing **12th September**.

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. Our new Medical Lead this year is Mrs Johnston; should your child have any serious medical issues you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

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.

Twitter

Please check out our account: ***@St_Peters_CE***

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak, in the first instance, to 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,

Miss Frazer

01/09/22		**INSET Day**
02/09/22		**INSET Day**
05/09/22		**Children to return to school**
05/09/22		East and South Asian Heritage Month
06/09/22		**Values Day**
08/09/22		International Literacy Day
WC 12/09/22		**Clubs to restart**
12/09/22		Year 5 PGL Meeting
15/09/22	3.30 – 5.30pm	Open Classroom Event
19/09/22	5pm	Reception Phonics Meeting