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

2nd September 2021

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 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 weeks and months.

It is great to be back; we have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead, and very much hope that this academic year will see a return to normal service, with children in their classrooms learning face to face with their teachers and support staff. We also hope to be able to reintroduce all of our enrichment activities, educational trips and visits we so love here at St Peter's; we will of course closely follow government guidance, and the safety of our school community will remain our priority.

Congratulations

I am delighted to inform you that during the summer break Mrs Noonan gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Maximilian Alexander Noonan (Max) was born on 18th August weighing nine and a half pounds; both mummy and baby are doing extremely well. Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Noonan on the birth of baby Max, we hope to meet him very soon.

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 new Deputy Headteacher, will take over the role of Safeguarding Lead. Miss Murphy and Mr Thomas will assume the role of Deputy Safeguarding Leads, and Mrs Veryan Exelby will remain as our Safeguarding Governor.

COVID-19 Safety Measures

The health and safety of all members of our school community will always remain our number one priority, whilst delivering face to face, high quality education for all of our pupils.
Although the government have now relaxed their stringent guidance, we will continue to take action to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our school, through the implementation of the following control measures:

- School staff will continue to test twice weekly until the end of September when additional guidance will be provided.
- Public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases will continue to be followed. **Pupils, staff and other adults should not come to school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19, e.g. if they are required to quarantine. Anyone developing symptoms at school will be sent home and will be required to follow public health advice https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection**
  Please note that we will no longer be informing the entire class bubble if one member of the class is sent home with symptoms.
- We will continue to limit the number of people coming onto the school premises. We ask that parents only come onto the school site to meet with staff, following prior arrangement. Teaching staff can be contacted via communications@stpetersce.lbhf,sch.uk. Please mark the email for the attention of the class teacher you would like to speak to. Appointments to see either myself or Mrs Johnston should be arranged via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk
- We plan to restrict the number of class groups gathering together in the hall for events such as collective worship and hymn practice.
- Good hygiene will continue to be promoted and prioritised; hand sanitisers will be readily available in all classrooms and communal spaces. Children, staff and visitors will be required to sanitise their hands upon entering the school building.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes will remain in place.
- Occupied spaces will continue to be kept well ventilated.

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.
PE lessons will begin next week with our new Sports Coach, Mr Correia. So that your child is fully prepared for their PE lessons, please ensure that their full school PE kit is in school from Monday.
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 make sure they are kept safely at home.

Drop off and collections

As explained at the end of last term, to ensure the continued safety of our pupils, parents and staff following the summer break, we intend to continue the drop-off and collection procedures which were in place at the end of last term until **Monday 13th September.** After this time, provided advice remains unchanged, we will put new procedures in place (details to follow).

Please note that parents are required to leave their children at the school gate, rather than entering the playground.

Staggered Start Times until Monday 13th September

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

Values and Expectations

At St Peter's we hold extremely high expectations for every child in terms of their behaviour, attitude 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 again this year; sessions will be held at specific time slots across the evenings of **Tuesday 14th** and **Thursday 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. Meetings will take place using Google Meet; 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 – Thursday 16th September, 5:20pm – 5:40pm
- Year 1 – Tuesday 14th September, 5:00pm – 5:20pm
- Year 2 – Tuesday 14th September, 5:20pm – 5:40pm
- Year 3 – Tuesday 14th September, 5:40pm – 6:00pm
- Year 4 – Thursday 16th September, 5:00pm – 5:20pm
- Year 5 – Thursday 16th September, 5:20pm – 5:40pm
- Year 6 – Thursday 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. At the beginning of next week, we will send out a list of the key days for the year ahead, a list which we hope to add to as the year progresses. Please note however, that we will be closely following government guidance, and if things change we may be required to cancel or postpone events, sometimes at short notice, if it would be unsafe to proceed.

We are fully committed to enriching the education of our pupils, and therefore will always endeavour to be creative in our thinking, and if we are forced to change an event we will try to run it in a different format where possible. We thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

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 be mindful that the government has set a requirement for people returning from some countries to quarantine upon their return. The latest guidance on quarantine can be accessed here: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

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.

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.

Clubs

A clubs list for this term will be issued at the beginning of next week. Clubs will resume the week commencing **13th 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 that you need to share with us, please contact her via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Mrs Johnston will write to everyone formally to introduce herself later this week.

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, 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

Diary dates

01/09/21		**INSET Day**
02/09/21		**Children return to school**
13/09/21		Roald Dahl Day
WC 13/09/21		**Clubs to restart**
14/09/21	5pm-6pm	Virtual Open Classroom – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
16/09/21	5pm-6pm	Virtual Open Classroom – Reception, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6