

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Together as a school family, we live, love and learn in Jesus' footsteps School Newsletter 34

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Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

Important Information for All Parents but Especially Parents of Children in Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday 9th June, Gavin Williamson (Education Secretary) made this announcement: "While we are not able to welcome all primary children back for a full month before the summer, we continue to work with the sector on the next steps, where we'd like to see schools who have the capacity, to bring back more children in those smaller class sizes, if they are able to do before the summer holidays.... we will be working to bring all children back to school in September".

Currently we are offering full time education to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, and full/part time education to vulnerable and critical worker children. Critical worker children only attend on the days when their parents are working, therefore some will access part time education. The children who have returned have been fabulous, very quickly adjusting to the new school structure and routines; many thanks to you for preparing them so well for their return.

We do not currently have the capacity to open any additional 'bubbles', but if this changes due to new government guidance we will respond accordingly, keeping you fully informed. We are truly saddened that we are unable to have our whole school together and miss you all – school is not the same without you! BUT, while we can't see you in person, we thought that we could get in touch with you all by phone! From Monday, all our teachers will be making phone contact with those who are not in school across all the year groups. The teachers will speak to you and your child/ren. The first contact call will be at some point over the next week. The call will focus on you and your child/ren's wellbeing, achievements and successes during lockdown, how you are getting on with the home learning, any worries you/your child has and what your child is looking forward to when he/she returns to school. The teachers are really looking forward to speaking to you.

Finally, please continue to pray for all affected in any way by this Coronavirus pandemic. I would like to leave you with these beautiful words from Psalms 139:2-6, given to me by Mrs Andrews (Y4 TA):

"You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!"

**Holding you in love and prayer,

Mrs Baron Headteacher

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the help@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk email address is available for PASTORAL SUPPORT. This includes parenting support, requesting food parcels, advice with regards to finances, abusive relationships, domestic violence and any safeguarding concerns.

Please be assured that all information is treated in the strictest of confidence and only accessed by Mrs Baron and Mrs Desando.



FR LIAM - UPDATE

I was speaking to Fr Liam this morning and he asked me to pass on his love and prayers to everyone in our school community. Fr Liam has his last of 12 chemotherapy treatments this week. He will have a further scan in the coming weeks, the results of which will determine what if any further treatment will be need. The hope is that there will be no need for any apart from routine checks. Fr Liam says, "I am well and am looking forward to being able to resume, in due course, pastoral duties limited though they may have to be for a while. I continue to be so grateful, supported and encouraged by all your prayers, thoughts and good wishes. Thank you!"

NEW CLASS TEACHERS IN SEPTEMBER

In the w/c 6th July we will inform all parents who their child's new teacher will be in September. The teachers will record a video message introducing themselves to the children and the topic they will be studying on their return to school. We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to school.



CHELTENHAM SCIENCE FESTIVAL

The staff and special guests of Cheltenham Science Festival wanted to ensure that the awe and wonder of Science and the world around us could still be enjoyed from the comfort of our own homes this year with a special 'At Home' Science Festival. The sessions from each day have been recorded for your education and enjoyment while learning from home. The entire playlist can be accessed here https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg6DPnDG64xPze9fTyyDSc0DFta7sC8O4. We would love to see any examples of what you have learnt or tried at home emailed in to the homelearning@ email address. Enjoy!



The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust have designed and published some home learning and family fun resources to support your child's Science Home Learning in addition to giving you some fun ideas for games and activities. These can all be enjoyed both inside the comfort of your own home or instead outside if you have access to an outdoor area at home or nearby. The resources can all be accessed free of charge from the WWT website here. We hope you enjoy completing some fun activities together as a family. https://www.wwt.org.uk/discover-wetlands/home-learning-and-family-fun#

Carol Baron Headteacher









