



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



EARLY FINISH REMINDER

Just a reminder that we finish at 12.30pm on Friday 17th July, for the summer break.

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE IN SEPTEMBER – IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESPONSE NEEDED

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that **all** primary school children are able to return to school in September. It will be one big family reunion and we just can't wait to see you all again! I know I mentioned this in last week's Newsletter but we are very excited about this - it will be wonderful. Yesterday the DfE released the guidance for schools for the autumn term and another publication for parents/carers which can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

We know that our families will react differently to this news, so we want you to know that we are here to help you and your children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. We would really appreciate it if all families could let us know how you and your child are feeling about returning to school (eg Happy, worried, really anxious) by emailing us at:

return@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk We will monitor this email address daily and respond to you within 24 hours. We want to help make the return to school a successful one for all our children and parents/carers. In addition, if it helps, you can request to make an appointment with us (social distancing and strict hygiene will be observed) in the first week of the summer holidays (Monday 20 – Fri 24 July) at school. We will meet you at the entrance to school and talk you through the school day from start to finish. We will walk you to your child's classroom and let you see what the classrooms look like. We will answer all your queries and hopefully this will help to take away any anxieties you and/or your child/ren may have. Alternatively, we can do a home visit any time between now and Friday 17th July 2020. Please do email us so that we can meet your needs and make the return to school in September a positive experience for you and your child/ren.

As part of our return to school curriculum, we have planned a 10 week programme (one full afternoon session every week) promoting the 5 ways to wellbeing as we are very mindful that addressing mental health and wellbeing is a top priority.

For those returning to school for the first time since 20th March, it is important that all parents/carers and your children know there will be some key changes, so please share this information with them (in your own words) so they know what to expect.

Staggered start and finishing times

- Please arrive at your allocated arrival time, forming an orderly queue (yellow stripes ensure you are observing social distancing) outside the main school gates. It is really important that parents arrive on time with their child/children. If you have children in more than one of these year groups, please arrive at the earliest allocated time and we will admit all children at the same time. Arrival times are:
8.35am: Y5 & 6 arrival
8.40am: Y1&2 arrival
8.45am: Y3 & Y4 arrival

- When you get to the front of the line, your child/children will have to apply hand sanitiser to their hands (parents must provide their children with hand sanitiser) before being admitted to school. Parents are not allowed on the school site, so any questions or queries will need to be phoned through/emailed to the school office – this is in line with government advice.
- Teachers/TAs will greet the children and take them to their class base.
- Parents should arrive in time to collect their child/children, remembering to use the same queueing system.
3.05pm: Year 1 & Year 2
3.10pm: Year 3 & Year 4
3.15pm: Year 5 & Year 6
Unfortunately parents are not allowed on the school site unless they have an appointment.

Class groups and classrooms

There will be 30 children in every class. Please be assured that our focus is on settling the children back into school. We will send a SchoolPing on Wednesday with details of your child's new teacher for September.

Within the classrooms, the desks will be spaced apart and all desks will be facing the front of the classroom. Every child will have a drawer with their own pencil, scissors, pritt stick etc. Children will not be allowed to share any resources. Doors and windows will be open so that the classrooms are well ventilated. Children will also access learning outside the classroom, weather permitting.

Break and Lunch times including UIFSM & FSM

Each class will be allocated an outdoor space in which to play. They will be allocated specific play resources which will be cleaned after use. Reception, Y1 and Y2 children are entitled to UIFSM. Some children in KS2 will be entitled to FSM. Once we have clarification from our catering company about the menu for the Autumn term we will share this with you. All children will eat their lunch either in the classroom or picnic style (adhering to social distancing) outside in their allocated play area. If hot dinners are on offer, then these children will eat in the dining room – social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place. Staggered lunch times will be in operation to reduce contact between children, keeping everyone safe.

Hygiene

Having applied hand sanitiser on arrival, children will then wash their hands on entry to the classroom. Children will be asked to wash their hands frequently throughout the day. Children are welcome to bring in hand moisturiser which they can apply after hand washing but they must not share their hand cream with any other child in their class group. Teachers will remind children about all the hygiene initiatives that they need to observe throughout the day, for example sneezing, coughing, touching their face etc.

Hygiene will also include regular disinfecting of surfaces, door handles, toilets etc throughout the day. For example, before and after the children eat their packed lunch, the teacher will disinfect the tables.

The wearing of a face mask in school is not recommended but the adult supporting a child with possible symptoms of coronavirus will put on PPE which includes a clear face shield. We will always talk to the children and tell them what we are wearing so that they understand and don't get scared or alarmed.

What will happen to the rest of the group if a child in their group is sent home with symptoms of coronavirus?

The governments advice on this is very clear. The adults will disinfect the child's desk and any resources, door handles, toilets used by the child. The child's parents will be reminded that they can get their child tested and will be encouraged and supported to access this. The children/adults in the class group will stay on in school. They do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves or the child who was sent home subsequently tests positive. If this is the case the rest of the class group including the adults will be sent home and advised to isolate for 14 days. Their household members do not have to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms. If the child who was sent home has a test and it is negative, he/she can return to school.

Please be assured that we have been operating a very safe school since 1 June and all social distancing and hygiene measures are fully in place and fully observed by all.

Finally, I would like to leave you with this prayer:

Lord, I give you St. Peter's family and thank you for them.

I thank you for everything that they are and for all their gifts and talents.

I thank you for the many things that they have given to others

And for all the kindness that they have shown me.

Lord, at the beginning of time You breathed Your life into creation

May you breathe Your life into them now so that each step they take is filled with Your faith

Each thought that they think if filled with Your hope

And each moment they live is filled with Your love.

May they fully know Your life and fully live in your love this day and every day. Amen

NEW CLASSES AND END OF YEAR REPORTS

We will send a SchoolPing to all parents on Wednesday 8th July with a video and information about your child's new class teacher in September. Reports and your child's books are also available for collection on Wednesday between 10am – 12 noon and 3.30 – 5pm. (Please see Schoolping letter dated 29th June 2020 for more information.) Thank you.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year, the Summer Reading Challenge's Silly Squad will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books! The Summer Reading Challenge website is free to access and features games, quizzes and downloadable activities that incentivise and encourage children to take part in reading related activities.

The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun so we would love all the children to create a login and enjoy all that the website has to offer. We would love to hear all about the new books that your children have been enjoying.

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

YEARS 4, 5 & 6 WELLBEING SURVEY

Dear Parents of **Years 4, 5 & 6,**

During the COVID-19 lockdown, our school is taking part in a survey about the effects of lockdown on children's wellbeing (general health and happiness). We have been offered the opportunity to be involved in the survey for children and young people, organised by the University of Oxford, this aims to help us understand the impact of COVID -19 on the mental wellbeing of our pupils. The feedback which we hope to receive will be **invaluable** to us as a school and **crucial** to our planning of a reconnection curriculum including the **WELLBEING** of our children. Unless you have opted out you will have been sent login details to your **messages inbox** via SchoolPing on 22nd June 2020. If your child would like to take part in this anonymous survey, please follow the link provided in your SchoolPing messages by **Friday 17th July** - please note that this date has been extended.

Many thanks in advance for your support and help with this survey,

Mrs Pollard PSHE Lead

Carol Baron
Headteacher

