

St Peter's News



10th April 2020

This week in our school community ...

Dear Children and Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and have been managing to enjoy the lovely weather from home. Well done to the children who have been sending in their Science Selfies, we have seen some great ideas. There is a reminder of the Science Selfie Challenge inside the newsletter along with information about some of the resources available for parents to access at home.

If the route of your daily walk takes you past school, you may have noticed the rainbows attached to the fence along the Pit Path. These were painted by the children of critical workers who are being cared for at school and are lovely way to remind us that there will be joyful times ahead. This Sunday is one of those joyful times, as we celebrate Easter in our homes. I hope you all have a happy day together.

Yours sincerely,

Richard McKenzie

Headteacher

Storytime Magazine Offer



We have teamed up with Story Time Magazine to offer home delivery of their monthly story magazine for a reduced price of £2 per issue during the Covid-19 lockdown. The magazine is aimed at reader's aged from 5-9 years old, with a mix of stories, non-fiction, puzzles and games. You can see past issues of Story Time magazine here: <https://www.storytimemagazine.com/>

The offer is for 5 issues, at a cost of £10 per family, delivered direct to your home, with a home learning guide emailed direct to parents. If you would like to sign up for this offer, please complete [this form](#) by 12 noon on Monday.

The £10 charge per family is available as a payment item on ParentPay. It will appear on all children's accounts please ignore it if you would not like to take up the offer. Children who are in receipt of free school meals can take advantage of this offer at no charge to their families.

****Please Note**** The offer for children in receipt of Free School Meals is for those families who receive certain benefits and have had the FSM check. This is not the same as children in Reception to Y2 who have a school meal every day as part of the universal entitlement. If you are not sure if your child is entitled to FSM, please email office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

Free online reading books for children



Oxford Owl have released hundreds of free e-books for your children to read on any electronic device. All you need to do is create a free account as a parent and you will receive access to their 'ebooks'. There is an impressive range of texts that the children can access at a range of reading levels. You can filter them to select the books per age group or by phonics phase. Find more information here: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

St Peter's Virtual School

[Click HERE to visit the Virtual School](#)

Easter Mass - Live

While we may not be able to attend Mass at the moment, we can still share in the Mass together online.

Our Lady & St Peter's will be live streaming Mass each day and over Holy Week & Easter

Good Friday (Day of fasting & abstinence) 3.00 pm - The Lord's Passion

Sunday: **Easter Day:**
9.45 Morning Prayer 10.00 am - Mass

All Masses and other services are retained as recordings. Click on the picture to visit their YouTube channel.





#OnlineSafetyAtHome

From Thinkuknow



With children being at home, and likely to be using mobile and internet enabled devices more than usual this could be a difficult time for parents. ThinkUKnow has developed resources to help you learn about online safety at home with your child.

You can access Parent's and Carers Help sheets, which contains key online safety advice and links to further resources, as well as support services. You can also download home activity packs for each age range. Each pack contains two 15 minute activities to do with your child, using Thinkuknow resources. Click on the picture or visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for more information.

Science Selfie

While you are at home! Have a look!

Science is all around you!

It could be in the kitchen, bathroom, in a plant pot or out in the garden?

Take a photo of you and some exciting science you have come across at home or in the garden. Maybe you are making potions in the kitchen, planting in the garden, hunting for mini beasts or devising your own investigation?

Reception & KS1 please post your selfie on Tapestry and title it **Science Selfie with your name and class.** Ask an adult to write down what you told them about the science you have been exploring.

KS2 email your photo and a small write up to a.williams@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk or m.tredger@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

State subject as science selfie with name and class.

All entries will form part of our St Peter's Science Selfie Book!

We can't wait to see your entries!

Ideas?: <https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/collection/science-experiments>



Supporting families in challenging financial circumstances

We understand that the Covid-19 pandemic is having a dramatic effect on the lives of many families around the country. If your family circumstances have changed, or you are in need of support – we can help you.

Supermarket Vouchers:

The Government has developed a national scheme to provide supermarket vouchers for families of pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meal. Eligible families will be able to choose an eGift card to the value of £15 each week for every child eligible from one of the following supermarkets:

- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- M&S

The voucher scheme will be administered by school. Eligible families will receive instructions on how to use this scheme to create an eGift card, which can be downloaded and used online or in shops by presenting a barcode. If you do not have access to the internet, we can print and post a gift card to you. Families who are already receiving free school meals, or have previously received a voucher for their child do not need to do anything, we will be in touch in the next few days with more information.

If you are not currently registered for free school meals, then you should consider if you could be eligible.

You can contact us at any time to request that we check your child's eligibility for free school meals and the supermarket voucher scheme. If your circumstances have changed or change in the future – please tell us.

Your child may be able to get free school meals/ supermarket vouchers if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To check if your child would be eligible for free school meals and the supermarket voucher scheme you should email office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk with:

- Your full name
- Your date of birth
- Your National Insurance Number

We will then enter these details into the Surrey Free School Meals checker. It is important to know that as a school:

- We are only told 'Yes this child is eligible/ No this child is not eligible'
- We do not receive any information about your income or which benefits you are receiving.

Other financial support:

If you are not eligible for the free school meal /supermarket voucher scheme but are experiencing financial hardship, we can access various funds to help you. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mr McKenzie or email head@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk and he will be able to help. Any help offered will be treated confidentially.

Foodbanks:

If ANY family with a child at St Peter's is in crisis, or would benefit from a Foodbank voucher or other support, please contact us. The Foodbank have now moved to a delivery only model and aim to deliver food parcels to families in need within 2 days.

When you contact us to request support from the Foodbank, we need to know:

- Your home address and contact number
- how many people are in your family?
- do you have any allergies?
- do you have pets?
- do you need nappies?
- do you need feminine hygiene products?

For help with Foodbanks contact:

Mrs Shabankareh senco@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk
Mr McKenzie head@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk or
Mrs McDonnell deputy@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

FOR PARENTS

A SPECIAL COVID MESSAGE

When your child is ill or injured it is very difficult to decide if/when to call your child's GP, NHS 111 or go the Accident and Emergency Department (A&E). During the current situation and while the government is asking everyone to stay at home, it can be confusing to know what to do. Here is some guidance:



FOR ADVICE ON COVID-19 AND
CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES/INJURIES
VISIT WWW.NHS.UK

Designed by primary and
secondary care clinicians from
Barts Health & North-East
London STP

YOU SHOULD GO TO A&E AND/OR CALL 999 IMMEDIATELY IF

APPEARANCE

- ▶ Pale/mottled/ashen/blue colour
- ▶ Collapsed/unresponsive/loss of consciousness
- ▶ No obvious pulse or heartbeat
- ▶ Severe allergic reaction

BEHAVIOUR

- ▶ Extreme irritability/pain/sleepiness
(can be woken but falls asleep immediately)
- ▶ Seizure/jerking movements/fit

BREATHING

- ▶ Sucking in and out between ribs
- ▶ Flaring nostrils
- ▶ Extremely fast breathing
- ▶ Noisy breathing

OTHER

- ▶ Bleeding from an injury, that doesn't stop after 10 minutes of pressure

YOU SHOULD GO TO A&E IF

APPEARANCE

- ▶ Dizziness/feeling faint
- ▶ Rash that does not fade when you press it

BEHAVIOUR

- ▶ Severe constant tummy pain

OTHER

- ▶ Burn
- ▶ Possible broken bone

OTHER

- ▶ Swallowed foreign objects
(especially magnets/batteries)
- ▶ Temperature higher than 38°C in a baby
younger than three months old
- ▶ Your child has special health care needs and
you have a plan that tells you to go to A&E
- ▶ Feels abnormally cold to touch
- ▶ Expressing suicidal/significant selfharm thoughts

YOU SHOULD CALL YOUR GP IF

APPEARANCE

- ▶ Mild/mod allergic reaction (known or suspected)
- ▶ New rash that fades when you press on it

BEHAVIOUR

- ▶ Mild irritability/sleepier than normal
- ▶ Severe tummy pain that comes and goes
- ▶ Vomiting and diarrhoea
- ▶ Not passed urine for more than 12 hours

BREATHING

- ▶ Wheezing/fast breathing

OTHER

- ▶ Temperature >39°C (age 3-12 months)
- ▶ Temperature over 38°C for more than 7 days
- ▶ Accidental overdose of medication or other substances
- ▶ Ear pain for more than 2 days
- ▶ Emotional distress, that can't be reassured

YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH 111 OR YOUR COMMUNITY PHARMACIST IF

APPEARANCE

- ▶ Pink eyes/red eyes

BEHAVIOUR

- ▶ Ear pain for less than 2 days
- ▶ Mild tummy pain that comes and goes

BREATHING

- ▶ Cough
- ▶ Runny nose

OTHER

- ▶ Temperature over 38°C for less than 7 days