

Awards and Certificates return next Friday.

St Peter's News



7th January 2022

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

On behalf of all the staff, may I wish you a warm welcome back to school and a special welcome to any new families joining our school. I would also like to express our thanks for the many kind words and good wishes that we received at Christmas, and hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

During our first Inset day, 12 members of staff qualified as Paediatric First Aiders. We are very proud of them all. Congratulations to: Mrs Hussey, Mrs Cardy, Mrs Latham, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Roberts, Miss Nicholls, Mrs Williams, Mrs Hall, Miss Scott, Miss Devlin and Mrs Davies.

Thank you also to Mr Jacek and his team for preparing the site and building so that it was looking spick and span for the children's return on Thursday.

You will have received an email earlier this week with details of the extra curricular activities on offer

this term. Thank you to all the staff who have offered their time to run the clubs - it is much appreciated.

As the closing date for new admissions to school approaches, I would like to remind parents that, as a Catholic school, the Governing Body of St Peter's is responsible for deciding the order of priority for admissions to our school.

To enable the Governing Body to do this, prospective parents are asked to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return it directly to the school office. This form allows the Governors to put all applicants in order of priority for admission in line with the published Admission Policy.

Please note that, while completion of the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is not mandatory, if a completed SIF is not received, the Governing Body will only be able to consider the application based on information provided to Surrey County Council in your online application.

Unless parents are applying under oversubscription criterion 8, 9, 10, or 11, not submitting a completed SIF could result in your child being allocated a lower priority ranking. If you have children already at St Peter's, you must still complete a SIF for any younger siblings.

Copies of the Supplementary Information Form are available from the school office and can be downloaded from our website.

Finally, Happy Birthday to Mrs James (a member of our lunchtime team) who is celebrating a special birthday this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Richard McKenzie

Headteacher

Coming up next week...

10.01.22 - First Gymnastics Club session (YR-2) successful children have been informed via email.

14.01.22 - First Boxercise Club session (YR3-6) successful children have been informed via email.

17.01.22 - All other Teacher led clubs start this week.

From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday we celebrate the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**, which marks the end of the Christmas liturgical season.

In this week's Gospel ([Luke 3:15-16,21-22](#)) we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that he might be the Messiah. John the Baptist says that he has baptised with water, but that someone will come and baptise with the Holy Spirit. At our Baptism we were made children of the heavenly Father. You may wish to pray together that we will each remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Please try to read the Gospel with your child.



Epiphany

We began our new term on Thursday with a liturgy for the feast of Epiphany. The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Wise Men. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. The gifts of the Wise Men have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because, in giving them, the Wise Men acknowledge that Jesus is our Saviour. The children heard the Gospel story of the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus, and were encouraged to think about the gifts that they would offer Him in their lives.



Don't Be Late - Beat The Gate!



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School Safeguarding Team

If you are worried about something that your own, or another child has told you, or you think that they may be at risk of harm, please contact our Designated Safeguarding team:

Mr. McKenzie
(Lead)
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Supporting Families

We are able to offer support to any families experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact us in confidence and we will do whatever we can to help you.

Being at school in time and ready to start learning is really important for children. A reminder of our morning timings is below.

- 8.45am - gates open for all children, (please say goodbye to your children before the gate where there will be staff ready to greet them and supervise their entry into school.)
- **8.59am prompt - gates locked**
- 9.00am - school starts

If you arrive after 9.00am you will need to take your child to the office and they will be marked as late. Families that repeatedly arrive late will be monitored by the Educational Inclusion Team. Even being late by 5 minutes a day can really affect your child - perhaps make your resolution for 2022 to 'Not be late and beat the gate!'

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days of school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days of school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days of school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days of school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days of school	123 lessons

Covid Isolation Rules Update

What to do if your child is showing one of the main symptoms of COVID-19:

Book a PCR test via the NHS website and isolate immediately. Any child who has a temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste/ smell at school will be sent home and you will be asked to arrange a test.

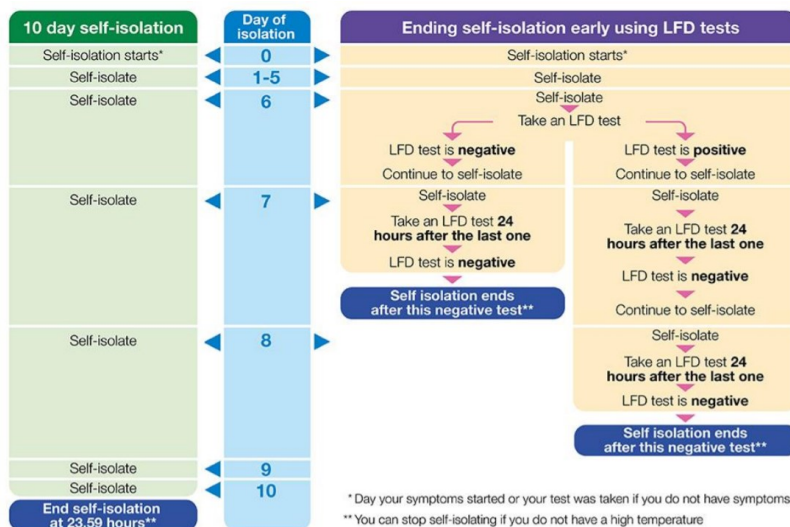
What to do if your child tested positive for COVID-19*:

If a rapid lateral flow test is taken on days 6 and 7 following the onset of symptoms (or the positive test date if asymptomatic) and:

- both tests are negative
- both tests were taken at least 24 hours apart
- they do not have a high temperature

children can return to school on day 7, (not day 8 as schools were previously advised).

* under the new rules, these actions are the same whether the positive result comes from asymptomatic LFD testing, or a PCR test taken after symptoms develop.



Congratulations

To Mrs Hartfield and her husband, who received an early Christmas present when baby Emilia (Millie) Hartfield was born on 23rd December.

Mum and baby are doing very well and Millie is settling into family life at home. We send them all our very best wishes, and look forward to meeting the new arrival soon.



Dates for your diary

10.01.22 Gymnastics Club (YR-2) starts—3.20-4.15pm (successful children have been informed via email)

14.01.22 Boxercise Club (Y3-6) starts—3.20-4.15pm (successful children have been informed via email)

17.01.22 All other Teacher-Led clubs start this week

11.02.22 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

Monday 14th - Friday 18th February Half Term Holiday

21.02.22 All children return to school

01.04.22 School finishes for Easter Holidays at 1pm

Monday 4th April to Monday 19th April 2022—Easter Holiday

19.04.22 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

20.04.22 All children return to school

02.05.22 May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed for children

Monday 30th - Friday 3rd June - Half Term Holiday

21.07.22 School closes for the end of the School Year at 1pm

22.07.22 Additional day holiday due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (rolled over from May Half Term)