



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

We reach another Friday! There is little news to tell you about this week, but I do need to give you a few reminders, just to try and keep everything running smoothly.

I do want to share with parents that we took a cautious approach to reopening, with only 1 class per bubble. I had hoped we would be able to make those bubbles bigger quickly. However, with the infection rate rising both locally and nationally, it's not something I can do at the moment.

The latest information is that infections locally are rising. It's really important that we don't become lax with our handwashing and distancing.

As a generalisation, the children have found this week more difficult from previous ones. I think they are getting tired and what was new and exciting is now no longer new and exciting. The weekend is a good chance for a rest and recuperation, and we start afresh again on Monday!

I wish you all a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

## **Wet weather:**

The days are becoming wetter and colder. We continue to use the outside for PE as much as possible and will throughout the winter. Therefore, it would be helpful if children brought a change of shoes for PE, in their school bag, if the day is looking particularly wet!

We have some class bubbles being dismissed from outside at the end of the day. We don't have an option of dismissing children from undercover at the moment, however we are looking at safe alternative options and will update you as soon as we can. In the meantime, please make sure your child has the right outdoor clothing to put on at the end of the day for when you collect them.

## **Ventilation:**

Currently, we are keeping windows and at times doors open in school, to make sure it is well ventilated. The heating is on, keeping the building at a decent temperature at the moment. As it gets colder, we will

begin to close the windows some of the time but can't shut them all the time. Therefore, you might find your child needs more layers than normal.

### **Parking:**

We have reports of parents parking in the bus stop again. Please don't park there, it is needed for the safe drop off and collection of children on school transport.

I have also had complaints again from local residents about parking, in particular blocking driveways around the Newill Grove area. We and local residents are making parking enforcement aware of this – so I am just letting you know.

### **Pick up time and bubbles:**

As you are aware, we keep children in class bubbles when they are at school. This is to minimise the risk of infection spread. We know that children attend sports clubs and other events where they are in bubbles and are completely supportive of that.

A way that parents can reduce the risk of infection spread is keeping their children socially distanced from other children who are outside their own family. If you can help with this as you leave the school site, that would be appreciated.

### **October half-term holiday care:**

Some parents have asked us about this. We have been trying to get some further advice about if this should run at the moment. When we have some guidance, we can look if it will be possible and in what format, but until then I would advise you to assume that we will not be able to offer half term childcare.

### **School Fruit:**

School fruit delivery has now recommenced for Reception and Key Stage 1 children. These pupils are now being provided with a piece of fresh fruit each day.

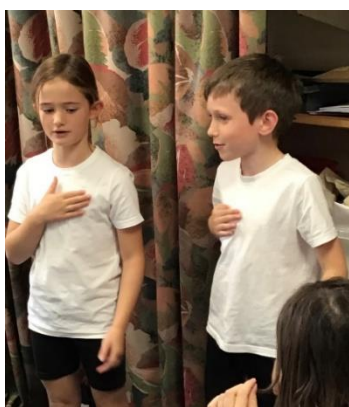
### **World Mental Health Day**

It is World Mental Health Day on the 10th October. School are going to mark this day on Friday 9th October with a series of activities, which focus on positivity and coping strategies. We are also asking children to wear an outfit that they love, but please no pyjamas, studded boots or heels! If your child is doing PE on that day, please make sure that they can move around freely and safely in their chosen clothing. Next term we will be organising a fundraiser to support Young Minds, but we do not require a donation on Friday 9th October.

Thank you.

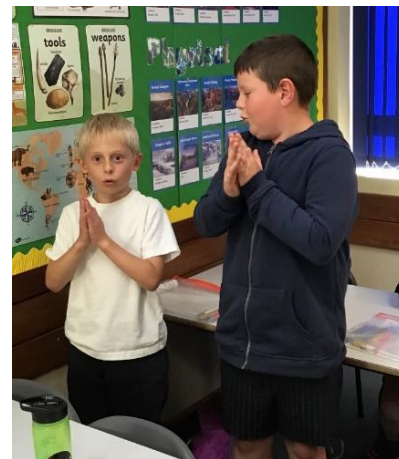
## UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

### This week in year 3...



**Music!**

We have been learning about beat and pulse. We practised keeping the four beats in a bar in familiar songs. Then in pairs, we created our own phrases and bars and performed these in class.



## Crossbar!

We put the football skills we have been learning into practise and played some mini matches!



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Christmas Cards for schools deadline
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School reopens after half term
w/c Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Harvest Festival Celebrations in school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Operation Christmas Child Donations into school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term starts