



St Peter's Eaton Square C. of E. Primary School

# Weekly News

Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Attendance** and **punctuality** is crucial for the children's progress and wellbeing at school.  
Many thanks for all your support and efforts.

### This week's best class record of...

Attendance goes to **Year 6 Yellow 100%**

Punctuality goes to **RBO 99%**

**WELL DONE EVERYONE**

## St Peter's Information

### School Dinner Money

As the half term approaches please be mindful that all dinner money payments for this Autumn term 1 should be paid before Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. This only applies to children in full time Nursery and Years 3-6 who have a school dinner. The amount for this term is **£66.00** and this can be paid by cash/cheque at the school office or online [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

### St Peters Future Events

**9<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 assembly at St Peter's Church 9:30am– all parents welcome to attend

**9<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 Secondary transfer meeting afterschool 3:30pm

**10<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception vision & hearing screening at school

**14<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 2 Fire Concert trip

**15<sup>th</sup> October** – School Council trip to Westminster Abbey

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual pupil photos, full school uniform required

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – Black History Month Workshops at school

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of term, **school closes at 2pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term week

**28<sup>th</sup> October** – School reopen for Autumn term 2

**5<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent consultations 3:30 – 6pm

**7<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 War Horse Theatre Trip – leave school at 12:30pm & parents collect at 6pm

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**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 assembly at St Peter's Church 9:30am – all parents welcome to attend

**14<sup>th</sup> November** – Nursery & Reception 2020 Open day 10am & 5pm

**20<sup>th</sup> November** – House singing at St Peter's Church 9:30am – all parents welcome to attend

**6<sup>th</sup> December** – NHS Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 6

## Head's Message

School attendance on **Census Day** yesterday was a very solid **98.2%** so well done St Peter's and please, please keep it up!

Ms Soliman organised the first **St Peter's Poetry Slam** on National Poetry Day. All year groups recited either well know poems or wrote their own wonderful creations. It was great fun, very slick, a huge success and will definitely be an annual fixture. Many thanks to all the teachers and teaching assistants for all the additional work and well done to all the children.

We celebrated **Harvest Festival** in church with Fr Ralph and Rev Julie. Sadly I was at a Heads' meeting but I understand that two children from each class hung prayer apples on a wonderful tree created by parents and Rev Julie. All children then placed their donations on the altar. Many thanks to all families for your generosity. Andrew Hollingworth from **The Passage**, our local charity and hostel for the homeless, gave a little talk, which he will follow up in our Monday Collective worship.

Staff CPD included curriculum, NQT Online safety, Children and Staff Well Being and High Needs funding.

You may be aware that **Mrs Shayler** had kindly taken on the acting SENCo role as well as her duties as Assistant Head. I am pleased to write that this appointment has now been made substantive.

Sadly we say goodbye to **Mr Kit** today. Kit has worked at St Peter's for 4 years supporting individual and groups of children in class as a gifted and highly valued teaching assistant. More than this his artistic talent, puppetry skills, drama and video mastery has been enjoyed by all children and staff. He will be sorely missed but we wish him well for the future. *Parting is such sweet sorrow!* (Kit - probably a misquote from Romeo and Juliet but you know what we mean.)

Finally, schools been asked by Westminster and Public Health England to do all we can to support the **immunisation programme**. I hope to collaborate with other local schools to organise parent seminars and we will be passing on relevant information from PHE. This week the UK lost its **measles eliminated status** and no longer has a herd immunity, which had previously been achieved by a 95% take up on MMR vaccinations. This has now dropped to 65%, which is close to 1960s figures. Measles is a highly infectious and serious disease. PHE advises that families check that all children and adults have had both vaccinations and to contact your GP surgeries if you are unsure. *Protect others by protecting yourself.*

Have a great weekend.

*Miles Ridley*

### **Extinction Rebellion protests.**

Westminster has been advised by the Metropolitan Police that there may be disruptions in the area from Sunday 6 Oct to Sunday 20 Oct. This [link](#) shows the affected area (outlined in brown) and the individual location of various protests, mostly at government buildings. Importantly, Lambeth and Westminster Bridge are likely to be closed for much of the period and Waterloo and Vauxhall Bridges will be very congested. You may wish to plan an alternative route to and from school next week.