



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

# News from St Peter's

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

## Head's Message

Dear parents/carers

I can hardly believe that we have reached the end of a term. It seems like only yesterday that Mrs Sharples-Owen and I embarked on our journey of leadership at St Peter's. We launched immediately in January into an ambitious programme of 'blended learning' involving high quality live lessons from our teachers and packs of booklets to supplement this for pupils at home. Despite some initial teething problems with logins and devices – it is true to say that our staff have made our remote learning offer a huge success.

Our teaching staff have worked tirelessly to support each and every pupil, with additional support being offered to our most vulnerable pupils. A huge thank you to our dedicated and compassionate Learning Support Assistants and Teaching Assistants who have nurtured our most vulnerable pupils and cared for all our pupils attending school at this time.

As well as all the teaching staff and teaching assistants I must mention Ms Ahmed, our Midday Meals Supervisor. Come rain or shine, Ms Ahmed ensures that lunch sittings run smoothly and that our children are safe and happy on the playground. She regularly enjoys a game of badminton, skipping or football with the children modelling good sportsmanship and fair play for all – as well as popping a plaster on the odd bump and scrape!

And last but not least, I have to mention Francess, Awa, Hortence and Sopi – our kitchen team. They have cooked and cleaned throughout, ensuring delicious healthy home-cooked meals for all our pupils in school and preparing food parcels for our families in need. Thank you ladies!

It has been a challenging but immensely rewarding few weeks and I wanted to thank you all for your commitment to your child's learning whilst I know many of you are also working from home yourselves. This commitment is borne out in the very high percentages of children's engagement and attendance at each day's lessons – over 90% for all classes! Well done everyone!

Best wishes

*Mrs Shayler*

## House Credits

We are really looking forward to counting up everyone's House Credits very soon. We know that all of your teachers have been counting these up and you should all be very proud of what you are managing to achieve! We very certainly are!



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## Well done!

The teachers would like to send out a little message to all of their pupils below:

### **Reception: Horseguards & Birdcage –**

We have had a busy half term in Early Years, full of active learning! We have loved exploring the signs of winter, and the snow has been particularly exciting! We have also loved seeing your fantastic dragon creations! Thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm! Happy Chinese New Year to you all!

**Ms Soliman & Ms Derrick**

### **Year 1: Chester & Buckingham –**

We have loved every minute of teaching you all online so far. Seeing all of your smiling faces every day is definitely a highlight! The fun and energy you all bring to our lessons is just amazing and we could not be prouder of your positive attitudes to these new challenges. We have been blown away by the quality of work you are all producing at home - especially your nocturnal animal fact files, London landmark models and LS Lowry city collages.

It's been so rewarding watching you all develop your growth mind-sets too! We have all been learning from our mistakes, tackling challenges with positivity and showing incredible perseverance!

We are very proud of our resilient and resourceful year.

**Miss Hind, Mr Tamayao & Miss May**

### **Year 2: Ebury & Wilton –**

Well done for all your hard work this half term Year 2! I'm so proud of all your hard work so far and have especially enjoyed your alien poems and your "drawing on the head" artwork.

Have a great half term holiday!

**Ms Weston**

Thank you 2 Wilton for a wonderful half term of online learning. We have so many great moments to look back on together; laughing together reading funny alien poems, our weekly animal quiz and our fabulous Chinese lessons taught by Xavier and Chelsea! Have a great, well deserved half term break!

**Ms Belizario**

### **Year 3: Belgrave & Victoria –**

Whilst nothing can replace a room full of eager learners, we feel so lucky to have such a wonderful group of children, backed by an amazing team of parents. We have been so proud of all of the hard work and resilience that such young children have shown. The highlight of the day is seeing all the smiling faces during registration, seeing the amazing work that has been produced and slimming down the 'can you unmute yourself' to twice a lesson now. Thank you to the parents for how hard they have worked and how supportive they have been, you and the children are all heroes and you all make St Peter's the fantastic school that it is.

**Mr Cannon & Ms Lau**



**Year 4: Cadogan & Eaton –**

4 Eaton, thank you for all the effort you have put into online learning this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed our online lessons seeing all the incredible creations you have made in our afternoon registers.

You have shown perseverance and positivity when faced with new challenges. I hope you all have a wonderful break and a well-earned rest!

**Ms Peters**

4 Cadogan, the highlight of my day is always our afternoon registers. In these calls, we've shared: artwork, poems, persuasive writing, science experiments, our feelings, pets, incredible performances (we have even attempted to sing together over Teams - unsuccessfully!), the list goes on and on!

Thank you for your resilience this term!

**Ms Graham**

**Year 5: Parliament & Sloane –**

This half term has been unusual to say the least! Despite all of the challenges, the families and pupils of Year 5 have exceeded all expectations through their engagement, participation and enthusiasm. It has been a joy to work as a team (on MS Teams!) with pupils and parents.

It is incredible how much all the children have achieved; writing reference texts and poems, learning about perimeter and area, completing a range of scientific investigations, not to mention beautiful art work, dance routines and prayers.

Now, more than ever, our mission statement rings true: Together, we will realise the potential God has given us.

**Mrs Poskett & Mrs le Court de Billot**

**Year 6: Grosvenor –**

In Year 6 this half term, we have spent a lot of time in the past! We began our term by beginning to read the novel *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo and using it as an inspiration for writing a diary entry and a news article for the Wipers Times. We have also looked at quite a few non-fiction books (*The Story of World War One* and *You Wouldn't Want to be in the Trenches of World War One*) to help us in gathering information for our non-chronological reports, which we will be wrapping up tomorrow! Overall, it's been an interesting half term in Year 6 - whether we're reading about battles in the trenches of WW1 or fighting our own against technology in our online learning journeys!

Have a restful break everyone!

**Ms Potter**



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## **PTA Chair Update: Recent activities, AGM and Treasurer vacancy**

As PTA Chair I am delighted to share the following update about recent activities by the PTA before the Christmas break.

### **PTA Virtual Christmas Fair 2020**

Despite the challenges with the ongoing pandemic the PTA is proud to report that virtual Christmas Fair comprising of a silent auction, live video conferencing prize raffle draw and end of year festive dress up day achieved a fund raising total of over £2k. The final figure to be announced once the proceeds of the last day of term Christmas dress up charity day is processed.

On behalf of the PTA I would like to express my thanks with much gratitude to the all those who put in so much of their time and energy in making it all possible and such a success. In particular, the generosity of all those that donated the prizes including some big ticket items and of course the generosity of the whole school community in both bidding and purchasing the raffle tickets.

The support of PTA committee members has been commendable and if I may - Angela Griffin-Lovesey PTA Secretary (and her two little helpers) have been instrumental and deserve a special mention.

The funds raised will all be ultimately carefully reinvested back into the school. THANK YOU EVERYONE this has been an overwhelming school community effort!

### **PTA AGM & Treasury Vacancy**

The PTA will look to hold a AGM meeting in the near future subject to evolving pandemic rules to report on past year activities and achievements including a financial summary and election of a new Treasurer.

The PTA reports that Joachim Gerhard has left his elected post as Treasurer at the last quarter of 2020. I am thankful for his contribution calling on this vast professional experience and wish him and family all the best with their move to Germany. I am therefore actively seeking a new Treasurer to fulfil this vacancy.

Please do get in touch if you are interested and can spare some time in this rewarding role. You do not necessarily need any accounting, auditing, financial or banking experience although this would be very helpful!



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The PTA is wishing to highlight a positive slight change of direction in not just continuing as a traditional charity platform for fund raising to reinvest in various school enrichment activities and infrastructure investments but also to explore ways in which we can leverage our whole school community to provide support to you as most appropriate and required given the ongoing pandemic impacted challenging times. The PTA will look to maximise our utility and purpose within our constitutional framework.

To this end the committee welcome your continued support and would be happy to discuss ways in which we can do more to elevate our offering and purpose and best assist given the changing pandemic landscape.

As always I can be contacted via Classlist, WhatsApp or via the school and look forward to hearing from you and to serve the PTA.

With warmest regards and stay safe!

Simon Chung  
PTA Chair

## St Peters Future Events

**w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Parent Teacher Consultation Week

**22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Department for Education Announcement on schools

**8<sup>th</sup> March** – Possibly reopening of the school

**1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holidays



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## Half Term Ideas

We know that this half term, may be a little strange but here are a few ideas of exciting things you might like to do with your children at home.

### London Attractions

#### The British Library

The British Library has a great on-line literary based craft page for young bookworms.

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/themes/all-activities>

#### ZSL London Zoo - "The Zoo to You"

Take a peek and meet some of the wonderful animals that reside at ZSL London Zoo and

learn fun facts about some of the most fascinating and endangered animals in the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfEa-k51vomRQbC1GDR9pIC7FfPZVY7qT>

#### SEA LIFE London Aquarium

Holding one of Europe's biggest collections of global marine life, the Sea Life Centre have created some great live streams, it's a wonderful way to meet some of the 7,000 sea creatures that call this aquarium home.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/SEALIFELondonAquarium/>

#### London Royal Observatory

Solar System Discovery: Virtual Planetarium

The London Royal Observatory is presenting a daily on-line planetarium show.

Times: School Holidays | 11am & 1pm

Ages: 7+

£5 per device.

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/solar-system-discovery-virtual-planetarium-show>

### London Museums & Galleries

#### Museum of London

With fun print outs and the creation of arts and crafts, this is a fun way for young historians to learn about the city's history.

As you explore, you will see there are activities for all age groups.

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/families/fun-home>



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### **National History Museum**

From dinosaurs to nature, a range of fun activities to keep young explorers busy.

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/try-this-at-home.html>

### **Horniman Museum**

Some great videos and tours of exhibitions ranging from ancient history to musical instruments.

<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/schools/learning-at-home/>

### **Tate Kids**

On the Tate website there are a range of activities to keep young budding artists busy including games, quizzes and crafts.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

## **Entertainment**

### **Warner Bros Tour – The Making of Harry Potter**

For Harry Potter Fans parts of the studio tour have gone on-line - it's magical and I enjoyed it too!!

<https://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk/at-home/>

## **Dance & Music**

### **Saddlers Wells – London**

Get moving around the living room with dance workshops for children aged 2 to 6 years.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAC0ZTI5pkuzlbdGtV\\_-bimq6JL5ArVit](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAC0ZTI5pkuzlbdGtV_-bimq6JL5ArVit)

### **London Symphony Orchestra: Space ... but not as we know it**

A free on-line concert suitable for school and family groups that caters for 7 to 12 year olds.

Presenter Rachel Leach explores the separation of sounds, how music travels around an orchestra in this one-hour family concert with the London Symphony Orchestra.

<https://lso.co.uk/whats-on/alwaysplaying/digitalactivities/space.html>



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# ZOOM FENCING CLASSES

Wednesdays 16:00-16:30  
(3-6 years old)

Wednesdays 16:30-17:30  
(6-18 years old)



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