



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

We have sent out various pieces of communication as we've gone along this week.

There are some reminders for you below though.

I need to make a bit of a plea. Our school office has been incredibly busy over the last week or so. Whilst we are always very happy to help, there are often queries related to things that have already been sent out. You'll have noticed that we have been trying to get more of our paper work and responses through collection systems like Google forms and MCAS – generally this has been successful. But I need to ask parents to please check back at the information we have sent out before contacting the school office for help. This will reduce the number of phone calls and emails we get. Ultimately, we know that when things get really busy, we don't spend as long checking things as we would normally and this is when mistakes happen.

We have set up year group emails, where you can get in touch with teachers about remote learning directly. These are:

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| <a href="mailto:year6.stpeters@taw.org.uk">year6.stpeters@taw.org.uk</a> | Year 6    |
| <a href="mailto:year2.stpeters@taw.org.uk">year2.stpeters@taw.org.uk</a> | Year 2    |
| <a href="mailto:year4.stpeters@taw.org.uk">year4.stpeters@taw.org.uk</a> | Year 4    |
| <a href="mailto:year5.stpeters@taw.org.uk">year5.stpeters@taw.org.uk</a> | Year 5    |
| <a href="mailto:year1.stpeters@taw.org.uk">year1.stpeters@taw.org.uk</a> | Year 1    |
| <a href="mailto:year3.stpeters@taw.org.uk">year3.stpeters@taw.org.uk</a> | Year 3    |
| <a href="mailto:Yearr.stpeters@taw.org.uk">Yearr.stpeters@taw.org.uk</a> | Reception |

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

### **Covid Symptom Study App:**

On Wednesday we wrote to you to tell you we have signed the school up for the covid symptom study app – also known as the ZOE app. This works in the same way as the version for adults, but will give researchers and school information about children's health and viral transfer. There has been information in the media about how children may carry the covid infection without displaying classic symptoms.

To get meaningful information from this, 30% or more of the school population needs to be signed up. At the time of writing, about 10% have signed up. Therefore, please download the Zoe app and sign up to give reports on your children. Our school specific code is BDMTUUB . There was an issue on Wednesday afternoon where 602 were not showing, this should now be fixed but please let us know if you discover 602 is missing.

### **Learning conference:**

Lots of teachers are involved in Learning Conferences over the next 2 weeks, many starting at 3.30pm. Therefore, teachers might not have the capacity to talk to you at the end of the day. Just as a reminder, children are available to collect from 3.10pm when the gates open and we expect all children to be collected by 3.20pm.

Thank you to those of you who have given us the phone number to use for your learning conference telephone appointments. For those of you who haven't, teachers will need to spend the first part of your allocated time trying the different phone numbers we hold for each child until we reach the right person. You can make sure we get straight through to the right person by giving us the number to call. You can do this [here](#).

As a reminder for parents, phone calls may come from the main school number, a number you don't recognise (which is another internal school number) or a withheld/ unknown number.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch is happening in bubbles, in the classrooms this year. There is a separate letter with details and the link to place your orders. An order needs to be placed for all children who want a meal on this day by 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Save the Children Christmas Day**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be supporting Save the Children. Traditionally they take part in a Christmas Jumper day, however we are conscious not to incur additional expense on parents. So this year, we are encouraging the children to wear something Christmassy to add to their usual non-uniform choices. This could be some tinsel, a pre-existing Christmas top or something glittery. Please reuse where possible. If you do not have any of these items it is fine to just come in non-uniform, but the clothing needs to be warm and practical! We will be setting up a Just Giving page via. Save the Children, so that we can collect any voluntary donations through a safe and cashless system. Details of this will be shared nearer the event. The day will give children the chance to take part in some festive activities, learn about the charity we are supporting and hopefully raise money in the process.

## Flu Vaccines

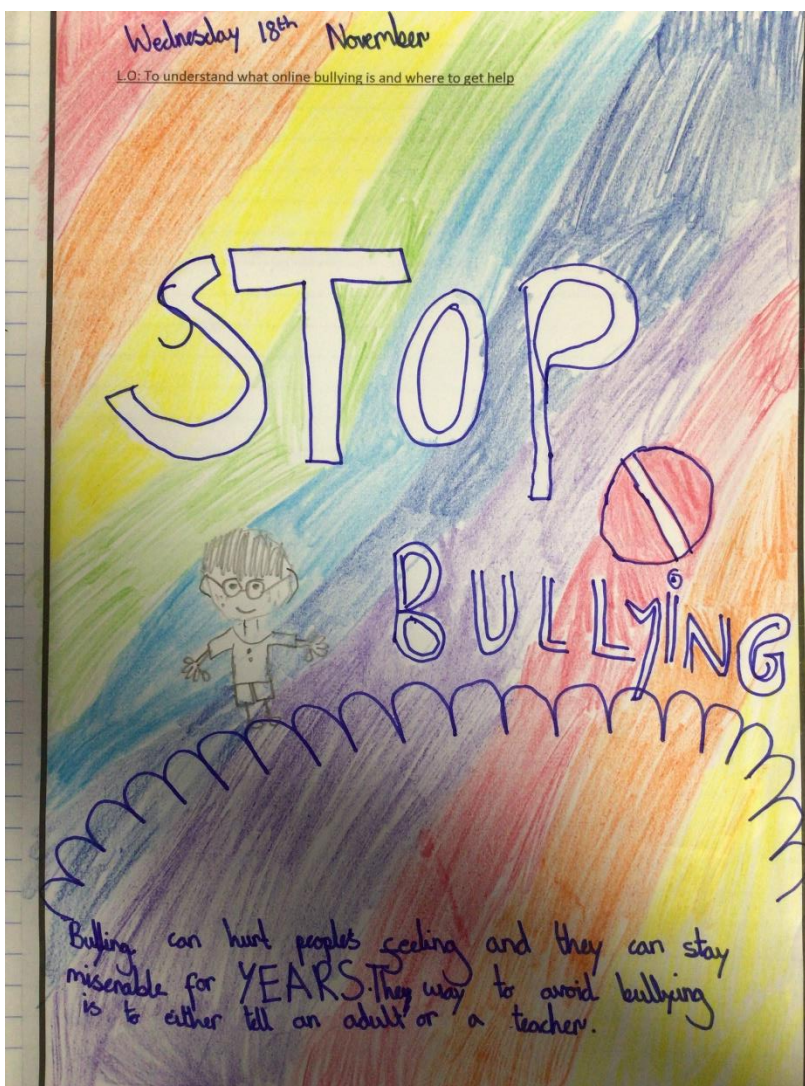
The nurses will be in school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November to carry out the flu vaccination programme, if you want your child to receive the vaccine we MUST have the consent form in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November if you haven't already returned it.

## UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

### Anti-bullying week

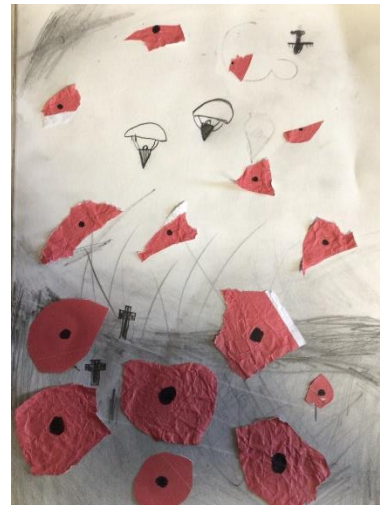
This week has been Anti-Bullying week. Across school children have been learning about what bullying is, and the different forms it can take. We have also discussed where children can seek advice and help if they are experiencing bullying. The older children have been looking at what online bullying is and how it is important to show an adult that they trust any unkind messages, so that they can deal with the issue and report users. Further support can be found on <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Below is a poster designed by one of 502.



## Remembrance Art

In art this half term 5O2 are learning about tone. For Remembrance Day we were inspired by the artwork of Jacqueline Hurley and aimed to use our new tonal knowledge to recreate our own pictures. We then added 3D poppies to them as the only form of colour. The outcomes have been amazing and the children are very proud.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

| Date   | Event  |
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| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                 | Christmas Lunch  |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                   | Save The Children Christmas Day – more details to follow |
| 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                                       |