



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

I feel that our communication with you is dominated by coronavirus! Which in reality is going to be the case for a while! We are asking adults to wear face masks at drop off and collection from Monday – full details of this below.

Let's try and look at something more encouraging now though! This week, we have started giving out 'Special Mentions' at the end of each week. These are for children who have particularly impressed us this week or over a period of time. So, if your child comes home with a Special Mention postcard, it is something to celebrate.

Now that we are all back in school, we are resuming our Head Teacher Awards! Look out for the first awards of the new year coming through your letter box during half-term! Final decisions are being made this coming week, so there is still time to give teachers some difficult decisions to make!

I continue to be really impressed with how well the children have settled and adapted to new ways of working having come back to school. It's been hard for them and I know some children have found it really difficult not being able to play with friends in other bubbles. But the enthusiasm and hard work the children have shown is superb. We ordered skipping ropes for all the bubbles back in the summer and they have now arrived. There has been some great skipping going on across school.

Can I also say a big thank you to you as parents. The vast majority of you are following all our school systems and whilst I know the coronavirus rules are a real frustration, you've been really understanding and supportive.

I hope you all have a good weekend. Stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

### **Coronavirus:**

You will no doubt have seen the press reports that Telford and Wrekin expect to enter tier 2 restrictions soon. The information statistics were released last night that shows a quadrupling of cases in Telford and Wrekin over the last 4 weeks. Due to the local increase in the virus, from Monday, we are asking all adults to wear masks at the main drop off and pick up times (except if you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons). For drop off and pick up from wrap around care, you don't need to wear a mask, because there are so few people on site at this time and it's very easy to social distance.

Please also see our letter yesterday about handwashing and distancing.

In summary:

From Monday, adults need to wear a face mask for drop off and collection of pupils.

### **Work for children absent from school:**

We have a number of children who need to self-isolate at the moment linked to coronavirus. Work that isolating children need to complete is added to MCAS each week and there is learning there for each day. Work can be photographed and sent into teachers via the school email address.

### **Email addresses:**

We have had a few emails sent to the Google account that we run our surveys and Google forms from. This isn't a monitored email address – we only use it for the form collections we do. If you need to email school, please use the [stpetersbratton@taw.org.uk](mailto:stpetersbratton@taw.org.uk) email. Thank you.

### **Smoking:**

We've had some complaints about people smoking in the queue to enter the school site. Can we ask you not to smoke in or around the school site please.

### **Ventilation:**

Part of our risk assessment for coronavirus is to ensure good ventilation in schools. As the weather has got colder, the heating has gone on and remains on until 6pm each day. However, windows are open and will need to remain open whilst the building is occupied (unless the guidance changes).

Therefore, I thought it might be helpful to highlight school fleeces that are available <https://www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk/product/st-peters-primary-fleece/>

I know some children really don't feel the cold, but others do and might find this helpful. Children can wear these in class if they want. If you do buy one, please do make sure it is named!

### **Lost property:**

We have lots of lost property left over from before the summer – it didn't go when we put it out over the summer. If it is dry next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> October), we will put the boxes and rails out on the field at the end of the day. If it's wet, we won't. Please use the hand sanitiser before and after you have looked through.

### **Apples:**

We have gathered some apples from our school orchard, if you would like some, they are in a box outside the school office. There are some plastic bags available if you would like to take some home.

### **Sports News:**

Annabelle, in 3G1, has been signed up for Shrewsbury Town Girls Development Academy for football, she is extremely proud of her efforts and has work hard to get offered a place.

Well done Annabelle!



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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