



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

We reach the end of term and what a term it has been!

It was wonderful to see everyone back in September and to stay in school throughout the autumn. I'm delighted schools have been able to stay open through this time. All the children adapted to new ways of working and I've been so impressed with them throughout this term. They need a good break over the holidays.

You as parents have been really supportive of school throughout this time, adapting to our new procedures and for that I thank you. It's truly appreciated.

I know all the staff have been delighted to see the children back but are now worn out and need a good break and I know you will join me in thanking them for all their hard work and efforts this term.

Although a Christmas far from normal, I hope you are able to spend some time together as a family over the Christmas break. Maybe, making some new traditions where old ones aren't possible this year.

We look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

I wish you a very happy and safe Christmas.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

## **Reporting Coronavirus over the holidays:**

Parents will probably be aware of news stories about schools being on call over Christmas and what the arrangements are for reporting cases.

I am remaining on call up to and including Christmas Eve and, whilst I actually enjoy talking to you as parents, I sincerely hope I don't hear from or about any of you once school has closed!

But if I do need to hear from you, here are how those arrangements work.

Mark Davis  
Head Teacher

## **Arrangements for reporting coronavirus cases over the school holiday:**

**You only need to tell us about confirmed positive cases. You do not need to tell us your child is getting a test.**

**We also only need to know about positive cases, where your child showed symptoms in the 48 hours after school ended or tests completed in these 48 hours if your child is asymptomatic.**

For any pupil who becomes symptomatic more than 48 hours after school ends, track and trace will support you. They will contact school if needed.

The email address to use is [stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com) which will be checked each day up to and including Christmas Eve. It will then not be checked until we return in January.

If your child is isolating when we return in January, please phone the school office on the morning of Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> to let us know.

## **Attendance:**

Just a reminder for parents that children are expected to be in school on time at the start of the school day and collected on time at the end of day.

Start of day – doors open at 8.45am. Children need to be in school for 9am.

End of day – end of day is 3.15pm. Gates open and children go to collection points at 3.10pm. Children must be collected by 3.20pm unless booked into wraparound care.

We have been more flexible with this over the last term while we adapted to our new situation. We do now need parents to stick to these arrangements and ensure their children are in school on time and are collected on time. We will be monitoring attendance closely in January and following the official policies for those who are late into school or collected late from school.

## **Wrap around care**

For those children using wrap around care you will need to make your bookings 7 days in advance please. From January, any child not prebooked on My Child At School will not be accepted into club. If you have an emergency requirement for wrap around care please can you call the school office and we will try to help you.

## **Information about groups:**

Throughout the initial return to school and since September, we have kept to single bubbles for wrap around care. This has meant we have run 7 wrap around care groups during the autumn term. We can't continue to do this as we cannot physically staff it – the arrangement involves at least 7 staff before and after school every day. Even with using casual staff, we cannot make this work any longer and trying to recruit to these roles at the moment is proving difficult. What we are going to do from January is to run in 3 groups.

A Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 group – who will access using the main wing doors for Y1/2.

A Year 3 and Year 4 group – who use the same door as now

A Year 5 and Year 6 group – who use the same door as now

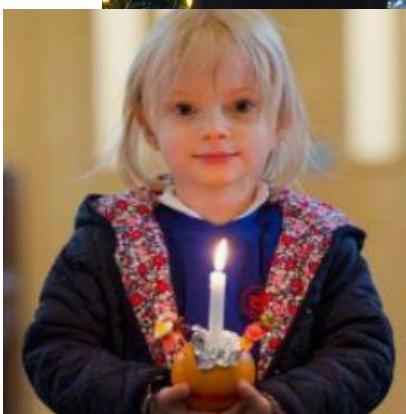
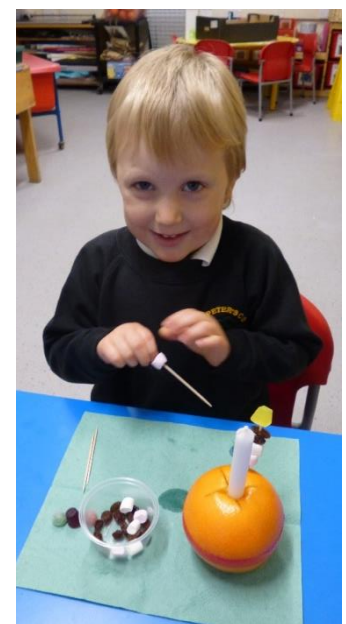
When inside, we will keep the separate classes at separate tables wherever possible, therefore keeping the protection of the separate bubble. We are not yet in the position to open wrap around to all children from each year group. Wrap around only remains open to children in the wrap around bubbles.

We are also going to continue with the payment in arrears system that we currently operate, for the moment. We will move to a pay ahead using the booking system, but I don't think now is the time to introduce that. I expect to make this change for September 2021.

## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

### Christingle Service

We are so very much looking forward to our Christingle Service on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Our Christingles are on their way in the making ready for the service and plans are in place to gather safely in our bubbles. It was so tempting not to taste a sweet... See if you can remember what each part of the Christingle represents!



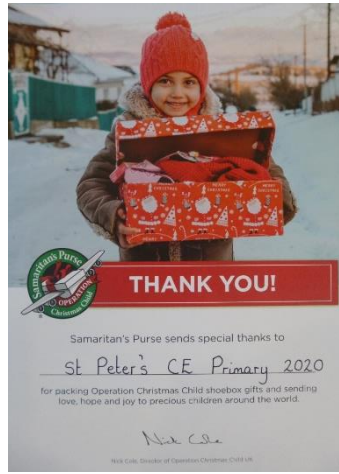




A very BIG thank you to all the children and parents who made up a shoe box for Samaritan's Purse. A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact! You have helped to bring JOY to children all over the world. See if you can spot yours... I wonder which country yours will end up in?





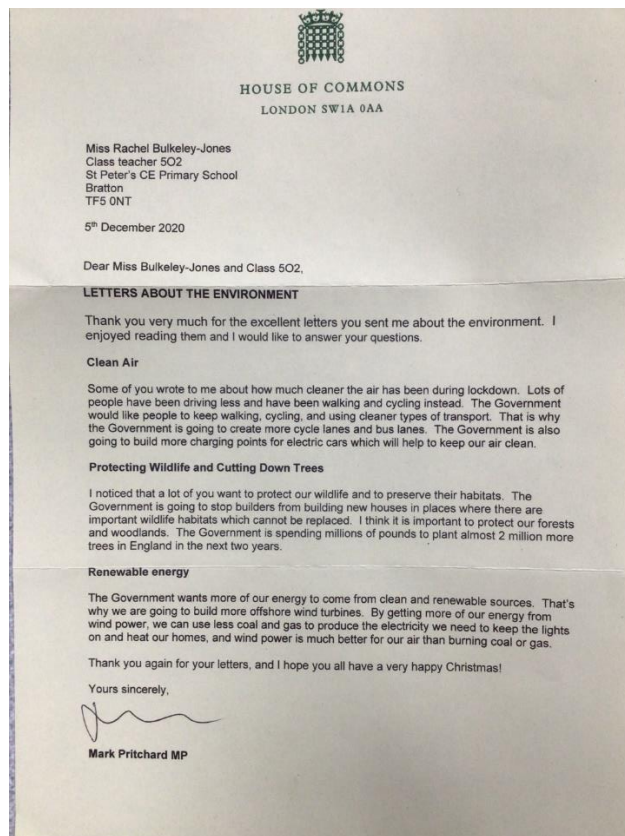


## UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

### Class 502

#### Letters to the MP

During the first couple of weeks this term as a school we used the text *Here We Are* as a focus for our English work. As part of this year 5 looked at the positive impacts lockdown had had on the environment. They considered how a reduction in people's movements and a change 'normal' led to advantages for the environment. They then considered how these positive impacts could be maintained going forward. 502 wrote letters to our local MP Mr Pritchard to highlight their ideas about what the government could do to maintain these gains. This week they were absolutely thrilled to receive a reply from him. He thanked them for their ideas and addressed a number of the points they raised. This was a great opportunity for the children to show how important their voice is and the impact they can have.



## Year 1 crafts

On our return to school we will be making a craft animal. Please could year one children bring a toilet roll middle or a kitchen roll middle with them on the **first day back** after the holiday. If you are able to send in spare tubes as well we would be most grateful.

Thank you

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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