



St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

Clerkenwell

Diocese of Westminster

Headteacher: Miss Tracey Peters



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year 2022 – 2023. The children are excited to be back. They look very smart in their new uniforms. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday.

This week has ended in great sadness with the death of Queen Elizabeth II. At assembly today, we prayed for her and her family. I include the prayer below:

We thank God for the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

For her service to our country

For her example of dignity and duty.

Comfort her family and guide our country at this sad time.

Amen

From Monday, there will be a book of condolences in the main entrance. You are most welcome to come in and leave a message.

Floods in Pakistan

Since the start of the rainy season in June, Pakistan has been hit with extreme monsoon rainfall - more than twice the monthly average. Now, more than a third of the country is completely submerged by the heaviest recorded rainfall in a decade. The floods have submerged vital infrastructure and farmland, killing livestock and destroying two million acres of crops, threatening future harvests.

United Nations have estimated about 33 million people have been affected, with one million homes destroyed. **We are having a non-uniform day (mufti day) 23rd September to raise funds. On that day, please bring a £1 or more donation.**

Dates for your diary

Curriculum Meetings (face to face)

- Tuesday 20th September -8.30am Year 1
- Tuesday 20th September - 2.30pm Reception
- Wednesday 21st September - 8.30am Year 5
- Thursday 22nd September – 8.30am Year 6
- Thursday 22nd September - 2.45pm Nursery
- Tuesday 27th September – 8.30am Year 2
- Wednesday 28th September - 8.30am Year 4
- Thursday 29th September - 8.30am Year 3

Assemblies

- Thursday 6th October Year 4 - 9.15am
- Thursday 13th October Year 6 – 9.15am
- Thursday 20th October Year 5 – 9.15am



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- Thursday 10th November Year 3 – 9.15am
- Thursday 17th November Year 2 – 9.15am
- Thursday 1st December Year 1 – 9.30am (Christmas)
- Tuesday 6th December Reception 9.30am (Christmas)
- Thursday 8th December Nursery 9.30am (Christmas)

- Monday 5th December Year 2/3 Christmas Production 2pm
- Year 4/5/6 Carol Service date and time to be confirmed

Whole Mass at St Peter & St Paul Parish Church Amwell Street - 3rd October 9.30am

Uniform

By now, anyone who requested, have been, issued with a uniform voucher to buy either a jumper or cardigan and a tie. After that, uniform items are purchased by yourselves. Please ensure your child's name, is clearly labelled in their uniform. I have one nameless brand new jumper waiting for its owner to collect it! Thanks to the PTA who have funded this school initiative.

Please be reminded the school has a non –jewellery policy. For safety, no one should come to school with earrings, necklaces or bracelets. A digital or analogue watch is allowed. Please keep Apple watches and Fitbits at home.

Thank you for your continuing support with regard to this policy

Parent/Carer Conduct

There are times when we can become easily frustrated and annoyed about things that are sometimes out of the school's control. If an issue is brought to our attention, we will always do our utmost to solve the problem. Please be mindful of how you speak to staff on the playground, on the phone and in the office. Our mission statement 'to love one another' is sometimes not being upheld and causes unnecessary distress.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation with regard to this matter.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please be reminded that we operate a **soft start from 8.30am** and **school starts at 8.45am** and **finishes at 3pm** (Nursery 2.45pm).

Any requests for leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis taking into account individual circumstances and should be made in writing using the school template. This can be obtained from the school office. The grid below helps to see the impact on a child's education due to absence.



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	Percentage of attendance	Days of Absence	Impact
Good Attendance	96-100%	0-8 days absent over the school year	Best chance of success in education
Poor Attendance	80-90%	19- 29 days absent over the school year	Reduced chance of success in education
Very Poor Attendance	75-80%	38-47 days absent over the school year	Safeguarding Concern
Extremely Poor Attendance	Below 75%	More than 47 days absent over the school year	Serious impact on education and life chances

Fruit Scheme

Please note the fruit scheme is only funded for EYFS and Key Stage 1. We encourage our children in Key Stage 2 to bring their own fruit to school. They normally have their fruit at break time.

Boosters, homework and Study Clubs

Boosters, homework and Study Clubs will start the week beginning 19th September 2022. Details to follow.

Swimming

Swimming for two weeks resumes next week. Year 6 will start the new term off.

Please continue to keep in your prayers

- the people of Ukraine
- the people of Pakistan

'Take care of God's creation. But above all take of people in need. Let us care for one another.' Pope Francis

Have a good weekend!

Kind Regards,

Miss T Peters and Mrs F Gormley