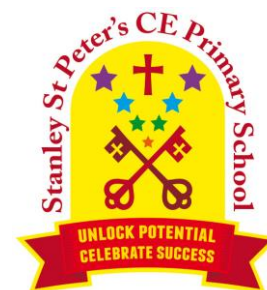


Friday, 10th September, 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful first week back we have all had! The children have spent the last 3 days reconnecting with each other and our staff, and they have been learning all about their class artist. They have produced some fabulous work and I cannot wait for you to see it when you join us in school for the many events we intend to hold this year.

BOY (Beginning of Year) Meetings

I would like to reassure parents that wish to attend these that we are taking all necessary precautions. The BOY meetings will be held in the newly cleaned and decorated hall and seating will be socially distanced. The hall will be well ventilated and we would like to ask that all parents that are not medically exempt **please wear a mask** whilst you are on our site (just as a precaution as we are aware that we have a number of parents that are considered vulnerable to COVID).

House Teams

We have introduced 'House Teams' this year. Every child and every member of staff has been allocated to a team and there will be a multitude of opportunities for them to earn points for their teams throughout the year.

After consulting with the staff and the children, we decided to name them after the Saints of each of the four countries in the United Kingdom.

Our houses are:

St Andrew – Scotland – Blue
St David – Wales – Yellow
St George – England – Red
St Patrick – Ireland - Green

The children met in their teams today (outdoors) and voted for their house captains and vice captains. Congratulations to the Y6 children selected for this role – please look after your badges as they will not be replaced if you lose them!

Lunchtime Improvements

I sent a questionnaire to all the children at the end of last academic year about their lunchtime experiences. The main feedback points that I got was that the school lunches looked unappealing, that children would like to listen to music in the dining hall and that they would like more activities on offer on the playground.

We have therefore made a number of changes to lunchtimes.

Music will be played in the dining hall – many thanks to the parent that donated the sound system for this!

Children have been invited to apply for the VERY important role of 'Lunchtime Buddies'. The buddies will run activities in the playground and help out in the dining hall. We have had an awful lot of applications so if your child has applied and has not been successful this term, they will be considered for next term so please don't worry.

Each playground will now have 'zones' which run a variety of activities led by our Lunchtime Buddies.

We are sad to see Mrs Bailey (our former cook) leave and wish her lots of luck in her new endeavours, but we are delighted to welcome our new cook, Mrs Edwards. Our School Parliament and Class MPs (when elected next week) will meet with Mrs Edwards and our catering company on 22nd September to outline what they would like to see on the new menu (they will also be doing some taste testing on behalf of their peers).

The midday supervisors have composed 5 behaviours that they would like to see when the children are in the dining hall which exhibit our school rules of 'Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible'.

These are as follows:

1. Line up calmly and sensibly
2. Remember please and thank you
3. Speak quietly
4. Try new things
5. Tidy your plates and cutlery away

Children seen displaying these behaviours in the dining hall will receive a 'Golden Ticket' which they will write their names on and place into a special box. Each Friday, I will draw 6 tickets from the box and those children will sit at the 'Golden Table' for their lunch on that day. The Golden Table will be weighted on hand and foot and will be beautifully decorated! (I have gone all out – it will look like a table set for a wedding!)

Finally, I have made it compulsory for every child taking a school lunch to have either a portion of vegetables or some salad on their plate. I would like to make it clear that the children will NOT be forced to eat these, but they will be encouraged to do so.

Home Learning

May I remind you that ALL children who are isolating and are well enough, should be completing home learning tasks set by their teachers.

Our home learning pages can be found here <https://stanley-st-peters-church-of-england-vc-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/home-learning-pages/> which is within the Children's tab of our website.

Once on this webpage, click on the relevant year group folder and then click the 'Home Learning 2021-2022' folder. Each week will have its own folder within that page.

If you require any assistance with home learning or you need to loan IT equipment in order for your child to access this, please call the office on 01924 663641.

Queries related to home learning content should be emailed to the relevant teacher whose email address is detailed on the year group home learning pages.

Phew! I know that is a lot of information to take in so if you would like to discuss any of this with me, please give me a call or drop me an email on mwiggins@stanleystpeters.co.uk.

I hope you all have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday!

Kind regards,

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