

# St Peter's Newsletter

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## Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents,

As it is St Francis' Feast day on Sunday, this week, pupils have been particularly attentive to our environment in the season of creation. This pandemic has shone a spotlight on the inequalities which exist in our own country and its various communities. As we begin, however tenuously, to recover from the effects of the pandemic, pupils have been encouraged to recognise opportunities to rebuild in a better way. With their help, a greener, more environmentally friendly future is possible.

Carrying on this theme of equality, I had the pleasure of meeting our new female pupil leadership team this week. Every single one of them were a credit to their parents as they spoke eloquently and with confidence. It struck me how much they were passionate about fighting against inequality and supporting the most vulnerable. Next week, I plan to meet the males who were selected to represent our school community and I am sure I will be equally impressed.

Finally, thank you for your continued support while we do our best to balance the health and safety of your child/ren, but at the same time exposing them to a fulfilling, challenging and engaging curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff, who every single day, go the extra mile and 'chip in' with offers of undertaking extra duties, ensuring the bubbles are kept separate, supporting vulnerable children's pastoral or medical needs, delivering lessons and revision sessions both in the classroom and remotely, via Teams, or exploring ways we can still offer pupils extra curricular opportunities safely. We are truly blessed here at St Peter's to have such a committed and caring staff, supported by our fantastic families.

*Alaine Murphy*

## Year of the Word



"In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1

## English & Maths A- level Presentation

All parents of pupils in Year 13 studying either English Literature A-level or Maths A-level will be shortly receiving a link to a presentation focusing on preparing your child for their exams in the summer. It will contain an overview of the course, what the exam format will be and a summary of ways you can support your child at home with their studies. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or would like more details about how to support your child at home.

Mr Mallon & Mr Tudor

## Consideration

Please remind your child to be careful and considerate when walking or cycling to and from school. They must ensure they are leaving space for other pedestrians to pass them safely on the pavements, especially regarding social distancing.



*Faith is our Foundation*

## Health and Safety

Thank you for your continued support during these unpredictable times. At the time of writing we have had two positive cases of COVID-19. It was a joy to see those pupils self-isolating return to school this week. As we move closer to half-term, can I ask that all pupils have a school jumper and a warm coat. Ventilation is an important consideration in reducing the chance of COVID infection; doors and windows will continue to be open despite the cooler days.

## Cooking in style

The food room at St Peter's has had a re-furb! It's now fresh and modern and will enable pupils to explore and develop culinary skills while learning about healthy eating habits.



## Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. *Jeremiah 29:12.*

In good times and bad times, normal life and a global pandemic, prayer is always a good idea! We have a new staff prayer group at St Peter's, where we can gather, share, and pray for ourselves, the school and the wider community. There are five of us so far meeting at 4pm on a Monday, so a nice start to the week. Praying through online meeting platforms has certainly become the norm in this Covid-19 word, but nothing gets in the way of God! Ms Rai

## Faith is our Foundation

At St Peter's, we are always looking for ways to put into practise 'Faith is our Foundation'. Due to the refurb of the food room, we had six stoves that were in excellent condition but obsolete. These stoves were gifted to the following charity Angel Foundation UKJa. The stoves were gratefully received and distributed to the following schools across Jamaica's rural district:

- New Stony Hill Technical High School, Kingston;
- Lethe Primary school, St. James;
- Mount Pleasant Primary School, Portland;
- Unity Infant Primary School, Lawrence Tavern.

## Note for all Year 11 pupils: Your English Department has gone viral!

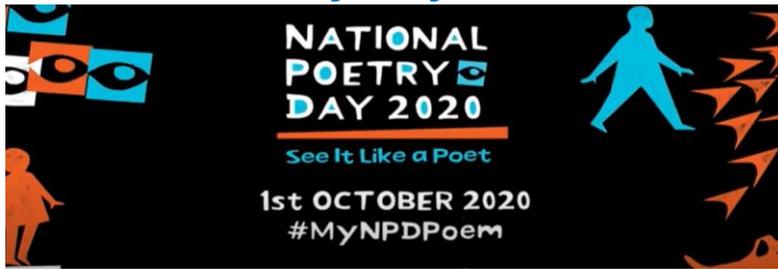
Now more than ever, we want to provide our pupils with the information and tools they need to be successful in their exams. We are delighted to share our brand new, bespoke YouTube channel created by the teachers of St Peter's English department, specifically for our pupils. Our department are regularly uploading videos focussed on everything our pupils need to know ready for their forthcoming examinations. Starting with the poems that were taught on Teams during lockdown, you will be able to find videos which will guide you through every single text and exam including hints and tips for how to approach them. Whether your child is struggling with revision or not, we believe this is an incredible new resource for our pupils and allows us to support their learning more than we have ever been able to do before.

Please **subscribe** to our YouTube page [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHJ\\_rgc00TxParKNWSyWYlQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHJ_rgc00TxParKNWSyWYlQ) to find our existing videos and to receive **notifications** for all future uploads.

## Mass times in our Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)  
[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)  
[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church](#)  
[Olton Friary](#)  
[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church](#)

# National Poetry Day



On Thursday, St Peter's celebrated National Poetry Day 2020. Each form had the opportunity to enjoy, discover and share their thoughts on poetry. They listened to Nikita Gill's latest contribution that focused on the possibilities of poetry and they also experienced the charismatic Gyles Brandeth talking about the way poetry can connect people before listening to Malika Booker's poem written about her mother's visions for her children.

In their English lessons, Year 7 and 8 classes have had the chance to talk in more detail about what poetry means to them and have flexed their creative imaginations by writing a five-line poem aided by the talented poet Simon Mole on YouTube. The 2020 theme was vision and we hope this small slice of creativity has enabled our students to see things differently.

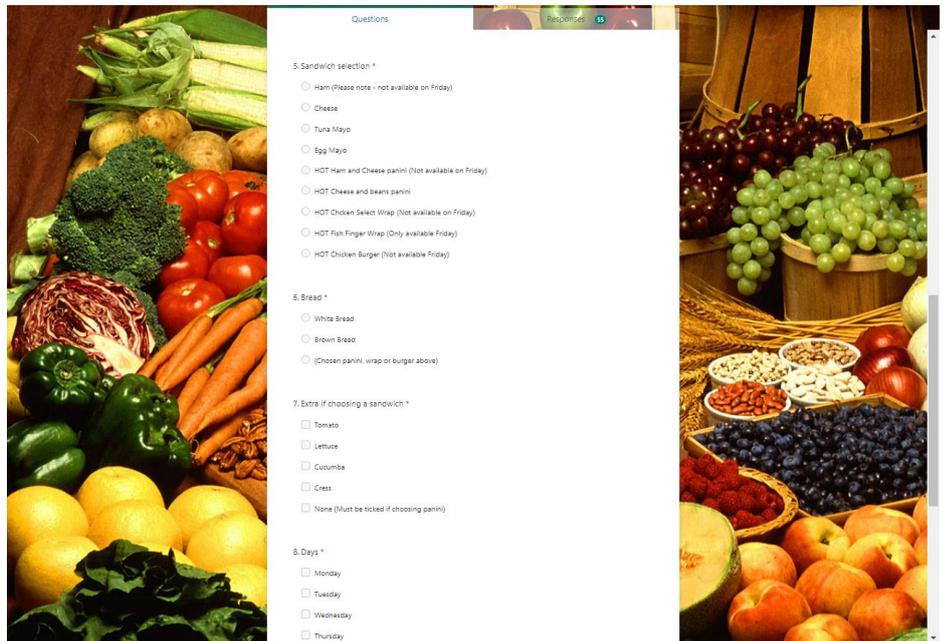
## Lunch order

Families are welcome to pre-order a lunch from the school canteen. We are asking for this to be pre-ordered each week so that we can operate a 'grab and go' system to ensure that the service is efficient, pupils have enough time to eat but our 'bubbles' are protected.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK](#)

This will take you to Microsoft Forms where after entering basic details, you can choose from a range of hot and cold options.

An extended menu is now in operation including Rustic Tomato Pasta Pots. A letter with more details is sent out each week, usually on Wednesday, but can also be viewed [here](#). Pupils can purchase a bottle of water from their form group's serving point. We ask parents to make sure that their ParentPay account is 'topped' up with the necessary funds.



**World Mission Month:** "October is when Pope Francis asks every member of the Catholic community around the world to recognise themselves as a missionary disciple, working and praying together to share the joy, peace, hope and love of God with everyone, everywhere. Further information is available to download from the **Mission Together** website: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/missionmonth/>. They include our popular **Mission Month Calendar**, **Five Fact Assemblies on St. Therese of Lisieux**, patroness of Mission and **St. John Henry Newman**, England's newest saint. Pupils are encouraged to pray the Rosary by following our online child-led **Mission Rosary** and to share with the world their hope and joy in the **#MyMission #OurMission** Activity."

## Subject Awards

In recognition of some excellent work during lockdown and the summer term, the listed pupils have been nominated by their subject teachers. Many congratulations to you all.

Name	Year Group (LAST YEAR)	Subject
Evie R	Year 8	Drama
Hannah A	Year 8	Music
Lewis S	Year 8	Mathematics
Mollie A	Year 8	Food Technology
Rosie S	Year 8	History
Finbar C	Year 9	History
Grace B	Year 9	English
Joe B	Year 9	Music
Katie T	Year 9	English
Kyle M	Year 9	Mathematics
Niamh M	Year 9	English
Tom M	Year 9	Drama
Alice M	Year 10	Design and Technology
Daniel S	Year 10	English
Emily N	Year 10	Science
Emma-May H	Year 10	Mathematics
Lucy R	Year 10	History
Madeleine B	Year 10	Art & Design
Abi J	Year 11	History
Aine H	Year 11	Mathematics
Cain W	Year 11	English

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Cain W	Year 11	Mathematics
Chloe W	Year 11	Health and Social Care
Eamon D	Year 11	Applied Business
Harry W	Year 11	Business
Matt C	Year 11	Science
Phoebe W	Year 11	English
Ella P	Year 12	Science
Evie H	Year 12	Drama
Sarah P	Year 12	Science
Abigail M	Year 13	Psychology
Anna L	Year 13	Drama
Caitlin H	Year 13	Health and Social Care
Calum F	Year 13	Business
Ella R	Year 13	Criminology
Hannah S	Year 13	PE
Joe B	Year 13	Science
Johanna B	Year 13	Drama
Kiran H	Year 13	Sociology
Molly S	Year 13	Mathematics
Natasha D	Year 13	English
Rory D	Year 13	Business

## CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM...



Do you have a child/adolescent with autism aged over 11?  
Would you like to share your experiences to support others?  
We are running an online programme that offers you the opportunity to:

- Share your experiences of raising a child with autism.
- Understand how to use your experiences to benefit others.
- Build resilience with regard to supporting others.
- Develop your understanding of relevant legislation, rights and support networks.
- Develop your understanding of peer support and the associated benefits.

Sessions will be delivered online.  
Dates and times will be confirmed, as these will be reliant on your availability.



For further information and to book your place, please contact us on:  
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Telephone: 07968141919 or 07508345685



## Support for parents of children with Autism

Please contact Fox Training Solutions for further information and to book your place for this course.

## #helloyellow Day

To support our young people's mental health on World Mental Health day, all of our staff will be wearing something yellow on Friday 9th October to show our young people they are not alone.

Further information can be found here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>