

## **Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Dates for the summer term**

With the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions, we are starting to plan for the second half of the summer term. These are tentative dates which will be confirmed later in the term, but we would like to share our plans with you.

- INSET day 18<sup>th</sup> June- School closed for staff training
- New parents EYFS information evening- 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Open evening – 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Sports day – 8<sup>th</sup> July (reserve 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Year 6 production -14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Move up morning – 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Leavers Church Service 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Parent/carer picnic- 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **Parent phone calls**

We are advised to limit visitors to school in May and early June. Therefore, in place of Parents' Evenings we will be offering 10 minute phone consultations in June. This worked well in the Autumn term. You will be receiving a letter from your child's class teacher shortly enabling you to book a consultation call.

### **Governor news**

Hi, my name is Dominic Irwin, and I joined the St Peters Primary School Governing Committee in January 2021 as a Parent Governor. I have two children at the school (in year 3 and year 5) who both joined in September 2018 having recently returned from living overseas in the Middle East.

When I heard about the chance to become a parent governor, I thought it would be a fantastic opportunity to be involved in my children's education, develop my understand of how the school operates including the challenges that it faces, and to contribute any relevant experience that I have to help it provide the best education for the children that attend it.

I head up a project delivery team in an asset management firm, a role that requires financial budgeting, resource management, planning, delivery and managing stakeholders, and I will look to use these skills wherever I can in my role as Parent Governor. Since joining in January, I have had the chance to meet the Board of Governors and attend several committee meetings and have been so impressed with how the school has adapted to working during these difficult times. I look forward to continuing to learn how the school functions and working with the team to provide value where I can.

### **Getting in touch with the governors**

As Governors it is critical that we are connected with the parents and carers of children at St Peter's so that we can receive feedback on how you feel the school is doing. Positive feedback is

encouraging and will be shared with all staff. However, as a school we always want to do better and we recognise that there are opportunities for improvement. There are a number of ways in which you can get in touch including:

- Governor Postcards located in the foyer where you can write your question or comment and post in the governor post box
- Written correspondence to the governor postbox in the foyer
- via email to the Chair of Governors Linda Weston at linda.weston@st-peterscofe.Essex.sch.uk
- via email to the Vice Chair of Governors Amanda Jackson at amanda.jackson@st-peterscofe.Essex.sch.uk
- Anonymously via email to admin@st-peterscofe.Essex.sch.uk (please mark for the attention of governors and if you want the correspondence to be anonymous)

### **Our Learning**

#### **EYFS superhero day**

The children in Mulberry Class have been learning about super heroes this term, both fictional and real life such as our doctors and nurses. We enjoyed seeing the wide range of heroes in school on their superhero day last week.



#### **Super Hero Police officers and their dogs**

On Wednesday the children in Mulberry class met some amazing police dogs. From a safe distance they were able to watch a demonstration of their skills in tracking and even catching criminals.



## Year 5/6 shapes

The children in Year 5/6 were very proud of the complex 3D shape nets that they constructed last week. They also had to name the properties of these shapes.



## Black out poems

In Year 5/6 we have created blackout poems based on our class novel –Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephania. We took pages from the book that we liked, and circled words and phrases that stood out to us. Then we drew designs on top. These are some of the finished poems.

By Chloe



## LA news

### **Self-Testing for Families**

Everyone in Essex is now able to collect self-test kits from participating libraries and pharmacies. Regular self-testing among school communities will help keep all children and their families safe as we move along the roadmap out of lockdown.

Please encourage parents and guardians to collect free packs of self-test kits for their families. Alternatively, they can order them online.

Find out where you can collect self-test kits near you on the [Essex County Council](#) website, or order self-test kits online from [GOV.UK](#).

If they test positive from a self-test kit or develop symptoms, they should [book a follow-up test on GOV.UK](#) or call 119.

You may also like to remind families that there is [financial support available if they need to self-isolate](#). The criteria has recently been extended so that parents and guardians are eligible if they

need to take time off work to look after a child or young person who is self-isolating. They must also meet the other criteria.