

Newsletter

6th September 2020

Dear parents,

Welcome back! It has been a real pleasure to see all our children returning to school this week and to see the excitement with which they have greeted their friends – and teachers!

Many thanks to the parents who played an active part over the summer in getting the outside environment as smart as possible and free from weeds. This has been greatly appreciated by children and staff alike and we are all making the most of the outside areas whenever possible

The new normal

The staff worked hard over the summer holidays to ensure all the classrooms comply with the school's risk assessments and that we are doing everything we can to keep our children, adults and school families safe. Going forwards this will be a whole community effort. Please can you help by:

- Keeping to the time allocation for drop off and collection times
- Following the one-way system for drop off and collection times and maintaining social distancing whilst outside the school perimeter ie the park and pavements
- Reducing congestion at drop off and collection times by walking to school, if possible (this is particularly challenging when families are trying to enter and exit Station Road at the same time due to the staggered drop offs)
- Ensuring only one adult per family comes on site during drop off and collection to keep numbers to a minimum
- Ensuring your child does not attend school if they (or any family member) has a new continuous cough or a temperature or a sudden loss of taste or smell

In the event of a child or family member having COVID 19 symptoms it is your responsibility to arrange for testing.

See: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Use the NHS 111 online system if you are worried about symptoms or unsure what to do: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

If your child seems very unwell, is getting worse or if you think there is something seriously wrong,

Note the isolation period if your child has COVID 19 has now need extended from 7 to 10 days and 14 days for all other family members

PE Days

We are asking children to arrive in PE kits on the days that they have PE:

Day	Class
Monday	Acorns (Reception and year 1) and Limes (year 1 and 2)
Wednesday	Willows (year 3 and 4) and Alders 6 (year 6)
Friday	Alders 5 (year 5)

As the children are now based in their classrooms all day, we will be using the outside areas as much as possible. Please ensure your child has an appropriate coat on wet / cold days and that they have wellie boots in school so that they can use the field and forest school area.

Wrap Around Care

We are delighted to now be able to offer before and after school care from 7:45 am and up to 5:30 pm Monday to Thursday and 5pm on Friday. This will be run by Miss Penfold and Rob and Mark from Pro Stars. They have lots of fun activities planned for the children and will also be offering children who are staying after school the opportunity to have support with homework/catch up activities.

If your child attends breakfast club, we ask that children are dropped off no later than 8:20am to avoid clashing with our new staggered drop off times.

We are also offering a sports club for a bubble at a time, after school until 4pm (£4 per session to be booked for the whole half term). We will review Clubs every half term to ensure the children have a wide variety across the year.

Day	Year	Sport's club
Monday	5	Archery
Tuesday	2	Fitness and Dodgeball
Wednesday	1	Fitness and Tri-golf
Thursday	6	Cross Country
Friday	3 and 4	Football Skills

Sports Clubs start from the 7th of September. Breakfast, After-school and sports clubs for Pre-School - Year 5 are available to book via School Money now <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=20190314>. Year 6 sports club will be available to book Monday, a text will be sent to notify parents/carers booking is open. We now accept childcare voucher schemes, including 'Tax-Free Childcare' to pay for all clubs, if you wish to pay by childcare vouchers please contact Mrs Young to discuss earlybirds@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk. **If your child attends the sports club they will need to bring their PE kit to school on their club day!**

Drop off and collection for all clubs is the school hall, accessed via the field gate.

Many thanks to Mrs Young for the work that she has put in, helping to set this up. If you have any questions regarding clubs please contact Mrs Young: earlybirds@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk .

Curriculum

Over the next week or so we will be focusing on settling the children back in to school and completing assessments so that we can identify where the children are after a period of home learning. So that we can continue to work together to support your children we will be providing you with some feedback in relation to these at the end of September.

Where children are at home waiting for test result or having to self-isolate we will continue to provide remote learning.

This month's value ~ Perseverance



Roots- Growth -Flight