

# NEWS from the Primary Phase



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow – we have made it to the end of what has been a challenging year for everyone! I would like to say a heart-felt ‘thank you’ to you all for your support since March. Your messages during lockdown really made a difference and I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words in e-mails, cards and gifts this past week. St. Peter’s is a truly special community and difficult times, in particular, shine a light on this.

I would also like to thank every member of the primary phase team – they have just been absolutely incredible. I take my hat off to the teachers for the way in which they have managed to balance full-time teaching in school with sustaining our distance learning provision. Our wonderful teaching assistants have juggled supporting children in their bubbles, with providing feedback to others via our online platforms, as well as carrying out rigorous cleaning routines! The fantastic office and pastoral team have been working to support our families in any way that they can, as well as ferrying a constant stream of supplies to our bubbles (where the movement of other staff around the school has been so limited) – I know that their Fitbit steps have been off the scale! Every member of the primary phase team has gone above and beyond to ensure the very best for our children and I really cannot express my appreciation enough.

I was delighted to hear about the success of our ‘Meet the Teacher’ Zoom sessions last week. I know that the feedback from staff was extremely positive and they were thrilled to have been able to interact with their new classes in some way. I hope that you all received the promised ‘All About Me’ sheet for your child’s new teacher on Friday, along with the ‘Social Story’ that will help you to prepare them for their return to school in September.

As Mr Doyle has said, we will be in touch with the finer details of our plans for September towards the end of the summer holidays. However, I recognise that many of you will be thinking ahead and may need to plan drop-offs and school pick-ups around your work schedule or other commitments. Therefore, I have included my proposed plan to stagger the start and finish times for each class ‘bubble’:

Class	Start Time	Parent Route	Drop-Off Point	Pick-Up Time
RSR	8:00	Main Path	Gate to EYFS outside area	2:30
RKH	8:10	Main Path		2:40
1JD	8:00	Car Park and Playground	Door leading into infant block from playground	2:30
1AS	8:10	Car Park and Playground	Year 2 cloakroom door	2:40
2LM	8:20	Car Park and Playground	Gate to Year 2 outside area	2:50
2KP	8:30	Car Park and Playground		3:00
3BF	8:20	Main Path	3BF external classroom door	2:50
3JB	8:30	Main Path	3JB external classroom door	3:00
4BD	8:40	Main Path	4TM external classroom door	3:10
4TM	8:50	Main Path	4BD external classroom door	3:20
5AM	8:50	Main Path	Fire Escape (outside 4BD), leading up to Year 5 area	3:20
5RA	9:00	Main Path		3:30
6ER	8:40	Car Park and Playground	External door leading from covered walkway into Year 6 stairwell	3:10
6JR	8:50	Car Park and Playground		3:20

From September, we will be able to operate our Breakfast Club once again (from 7:45am) and St. Claire’s will be providing their After School Club care. New systems will be introduced to reduce mixing across year

groups. Please note that **there will be no use of the school car park** (including for Breakfast Club users), so this will need to be factored into your plans.

There were a number of birthdays in our final week of term. Happy birthday to Nicholas G (who is now 5), Diana M and Alessio C-B (who both turned 6), and Freya E (who is now 9). I hope you all had a wonderful day! This week Drake S-H and Michael A will be 5, James P will be 7, Alex W-R is 8, Alfie B and Antonella are 9, and Toby W turns 10! I hope you all enjoy your special day too – fingers crossed the sun will continue shining!

Please read on to find some useful information for the summer holiday period. I wish you all a safe and happy break and really look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best wishes,

Liz Wogan

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### **A Message from Mr Doyle** (sent out on Friday via e-mail)

Dear Parents and Carers

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, I wanted to give you an update regarding the full opening of schools from September. Throughout the last few months, guidance from the government has been updated regularly, and so the plans we are sharing today will be reviewed before the end of the summer holiday. We will be presenting detailed guidance to the governing body in late August, and will share this with you once it has been scrutinised and approved.

Here is a video explaining some of the measures we have in place for the full opening of school in September (please note it will NOT play on Internet Explorer):

<https://www.loom.com/share/8987c900c9684bc3a49fa05d4ddd357b>

In the video, a form for any questions is referred to:

<https://tinyurl.com/y42eo3na>

The guidance for parents and carers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Kind regards

**Ben Doyle**

## **Useful Information**

### **Wellbeing**

On the subject of wellbeing, there are some great free resources from the big life journal about children's mental health and self-esteem:

<https://biglifejournal-uk.co.uk/pages/freebies>

### **Ideas for the summer**

**E-parenting** has some good ideas for the summer:

<http://www.eparenting.co.uk/celebrations/summer.php>



## Raring2go!

This summer, 'Raring2go' have put together a digital magazine in order to get lots of useful information out to parents. They hope to help keep everyone healthy both physically and mentally as well as supporting some of the local businesses too.

This issue covers topics like:

- *Holiday Clubs*
- *Cycling (and Bikeability courses)*
- *Keeping the beaches clean*
- *Places to go and what attractions are doing to keep visitors safe*
- *An opportunity to win tickets to the New Forest Wildlife Park*
- *Summer Reading Challenge*
- *Support for parents struggling with anxiety about their children returning to school*

The digital magazine can be accessed via the following link:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bournemouth/summer/>

**Unite Stage Academy** is a local performing arts school. They are delighted to announce that they are able to hold their summer school in a safe environment at their studios. Please see the flyer below for further details:



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## **Beach Safety**

### **A message from the RNLI:**

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, there will be less lifeguards at beaches across the UK. We are sharing beach safety messages for children and their parents so they can understand how to keep their children safe.



 HM Coastguard

 Lifeboats

**BEACH LIFEGUARDS  
CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE  
THIS SUMMER**

**PROTECT  
YOUR FAMILY**

▼

**FOLLOW  
SAFETY ADVICE**

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**SAVE LIVES**

**In an emergency dial 999 for the Coastguard**

Please watch the following video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UKUx0bdL4J9qS86xqdChBJOs8FVIY8db/view>

There is some more information at the link here: <https://rnli.org/youth-education/water-safety-from-home>