



St Peter's
Church of England (Aided) Primary School
Henfield
Unlocking the potential in everyone

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH!

Summer Term 2021: Week 13 (Friday 23rd July 2021)

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of an extremely challenging year! Throughout the many obstacles that have come our way, we have always tried to ensure that our children get the best learning opportunities despite the exceptional circumstances. Thanks to a stoic effort from yourselves, the staff and the children we successfully navigated the stress and challenges of remote learning and being in a school where we couldn't do all the usual things that we would normally do. Everyone's efforts have really paid off because academically our children are not far off where we would have expected them to be and have made very good progress all things considered.

We have also been able to measure good progress in our pupils' emotional well-being too thanks to Thrive. Only when children are in a secure place emotionally are they ready to learn. Therefore I am confident that it won't be long before everyone is back on track. I am so proud of our children's resilience and ability to adapt. On tough days, I have found going into our classrooms and being surrounded by smiling, enthusiastic and engaged children the best tonic ever!

Have a wonderful summer and let's pray that next year is refreshingly 'normal'!

Mrs Maurice

Year 1 Wish list

If you have a clear out over the summer and come across any of these items, Year 1 would love to take them off your hands!

- cable reels
- Logs - not too big so that children can lift them
- crates
- rocks and pebbles
- drapes, old curtains, old tablecloths
- wicker baskets
- taupaulins
- empty washed catering sized tins
- old fashioned suitcases
- hats / ties / dressing up clothes
- dollies /prams/ dolly clothes
- playmobil
- carpet roll tubes
- drain pipes
- toy cars

Wood for Forest School

Mrs Flood-Murphy and Mr Tombling go through a lot of wood during Forest School, so if you are doing any garden clearing and have any wood that you need to get rid of they would be glad to take it off your hands!



★ Welcome to the St Peter's Summer virtual reading hub, packed full of stories, reviews and all things reading. We hope you enjoy.
Happy Reading! Mrs Hill and Mrs B

What is Mrs B reading? Click on the mystery book to listen to a story...

Summer Reading

Don't forget to sign up for the library's summer reading scheme. Mrs Hill and Mrs Boghurst have also put together a virtual summer reading hub which can be found on our website. <https://stpetershenfield.org.uk/reading/>.

Can you help us win £5,000 of National Look Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:
<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Look after your wellbeing this summer - choose one, two or three activities to complete each week and tick them off as you go! Share your favourite activities on social media and tag @ThriveApproach in your post.

Thrive's 6 weeks of summer

1. Nature week

Make a bird feeder. Find a toilet roll tube and cover it in peanut butter*. Roll it in bird seed until covered, and then thread a piece of string through the tube and tie a knot. It's ready to go! Hang where birds can enjoy, and you can watch them.

Use the Thrive Rainbow colour hunt and take it outside to a beach, park or your garden. Draw, write or even collect what you find.

Have a digital detox and plan a day out somewhere new to you. Your plan could include how you get there, what to take for lunch, any items you might need (walking boots for a hike, or towels for the beach). Once you've planned it, invite your friends and family.

2. Mindfulness week

Enjoy time outside and take note of what surrounds you. Notice the sounds, smells, colours and textures. How does your body feel when you are walking? Try describing this to who you are with.

Take time eating your food and appreciate the taste, texture and smell of what you're eating.

Take photos throughout the day of things you are grateful for - they can be big or small. Reflect on your pictures at the end of the day. You could ask friends and family to do the challenge too and share your pictures with each other.

3. Music week

Have a game of musical statues or musical bumps!

Make your own musical instrument. It could be a replica of a real instrument or one of your own imagination! Use items such as boxes, elastic bands, tubes, beads and string and have fun!

Create a playlist of your favourite songs. They could be songs that remind you of people, holidays, events or just songs you really like. Why not create different playlists; one for fun and dancing, one for relaxing and one for motivation.

4. Art week

Make your own paintbrushes by collecting sticks, grass, leaves and petals. Attach the grass, leaves or petals to the stick with string and away you go! Explore the different patterns and textures the paintbrushes can create.

Recreate the cover of your favourite book. Use anything from crayons to modelling clay and have some fun. Think about why this book is so special to you.

Make a tin foil sculpture. Set a time limit of 1 hour and see what you come up with. Why not invite friends and family to make their own sculptures too!

5. Sports week

Set up an obstacle course; you could jump over pillows, do a hopscotch, crawl through a tunnel or balance a ball on a racket. Or, visit a local park and use the equipment there to plan out your course.

Create your own sports day and invite friends to join in the fun. Plan sports with items you already have; balloon tennis, pillowcase race, hula hooping or mark out a long jump. Any activity that you enjoy! You could make certificates for your friends that join in.

Set yourself a target of achieving a daily step goal. See if you can beat your previous day's goal. Why not get your friends and family to join in and encourage each other to get those steps in.

6. Kindness week

Find a rock or stone and paint it with a happy message. On your next walk, leave it somewhere for someone else to find and re-hide to pass on the positive message!

Create a kindness jar; find a jar (or box or bag!), paper and pencil. When you do something nice, or someone does something nice for you, write it down and add it to the jar. When it's full, take all the pieces of paper out and enjoy reading all the acts of kindness you've shared in.

Offer to do a chore for a family member, friend or neighbour who might need some extra help.

Yay, you've completed Thrive's 6 weeks of summer! Celebrate by downloading your certificate from thriveapproach.com/resources**

*Or a peanut butter alternative of your choice
**Available from 23 August

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Attendance Alligator

Octopus	98.97%
Starfish	98.60%
Puffins	96.93%
Seahorses	97.96%
Dolphins	97.43%
Turtles	98.31%
Sharks	96.51%
Stingrays	97.05%
Orcas	97.57%
Swordfish	96.90%
Penguins	95.95%
Seals	96.19%
Pelicans	96.40%
Polar Bears	95.02%

TERM DATES

September 21/22

Mon 6 th :	Start of Term
Tue 7 th :	YR 21/22 Octopus Open Hour
Wed 8 th :	YR 21/22 Starfish Open Hour
	Y1/Y2 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm
Thur 9 th :	Y3/Y4 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm
Fri 10 th :	Y5/Y6 Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm

Mon 20th: YR start full-time

Tues 21st: YR Welcome Meeting, 6.00pm

October

Tue 5 th :	JP Photographic, Individual photos
Tue 19 th :	Parents Evening, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thur 21 st :	Parents Evening, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
w/b 25 th :	Half-term

Your Trak

St. Peter's Metres

Total miles: 116.49

Octopus:	24.1 miles
Starfish:	13.97 miles
Dolphins:	17.4 miles
Turtles:	22.4 miles
Stingray:	11 miles
Swordfish:	45.4 miles
Seals:	28.6 miles
Penguins:	39.61 miles

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13