



## Year 7 Welcome Liturgy

We have had to adapt the format of our Year 7 welcome liturgy and this has taken place in RE lessons, rather than as a year group in the School Hall. Our chaplain, Mrs Goodfellow led the students in lighting candles and individual students read prayers. The purpose of this is to welcome all students, whatever their own faith, into our school community so all students feel part of the spiritual life of our school. Thank you to all the Year 7 students for taking part so actively and to Mrs Goodfellow and the RE department for organising this.

## Thank you

Once again this week, we have been so impressed with the responsible way in which our students are conducting themselves around school. Following the reminder about masks last week, very few students have forgotten them. Well done for this and please remember that masks can be purchased for 25p from Student Services if students do forget.

## Social Distancing

We continue to emphasise the importance of social distancing where possible. I would ask parents to remind students that they need to keep 2m away from members of staff at all times. This can be quite difficult for students to get used to, however to protect everyone in school it is important that we keep reminding them.

## Year 6

There will be no Open Evenings for Year 6 parents this year. Instead, we have produced a school video which will be on our website early next week. Prospectuses will be sent to our feeder schools. The deadline for secondary school applications is 31 October. You need to apply directly to the Local Authority for a place. Any parents wishing to apply for their child also need to remember to complete and submit the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return it to school.

Kate Pereira

## Stop

**Notice** how you are feeling at this moment, or any sensations in your body

**Feel your feet** on the ground and let the ground anchor you

**Feel the sensations of breathing** in your nose or chest / stomach as you breathe in and out

**...and Be**



## The Bible – Gideon’s Experience

Today we were given something very important and special. Mrs Goodfellow, our Chaplain, came to RE and told us about mass and lit candles whilst saying a prayer. We had a Year 7 liturgy. People in my class read some prayers whilst the candles (to represent the houses) were lit. Serene, relaxing music was playing in the background whilst we said the Lord’s Prayer and our school prayer.

Most importantly, we were given a beautiful bible each, containing the New Testament and Psalms. As soon as we got them, we all began to look through them and read extracts. The Bibles had red zebra stripes and the writing was gold with a gold picture on the front. They were small but the right size for our hands. Thank you Dr Karangi and Mrs Goodfellow for giving us such a great experience and welcoming us into the school in this way.

Isabella-Lily Dolbear Zaleska - W7b

## Covid 19

### What you need to tell us!

If you are self-isolating or quarantining please contact the school and give us the following information:

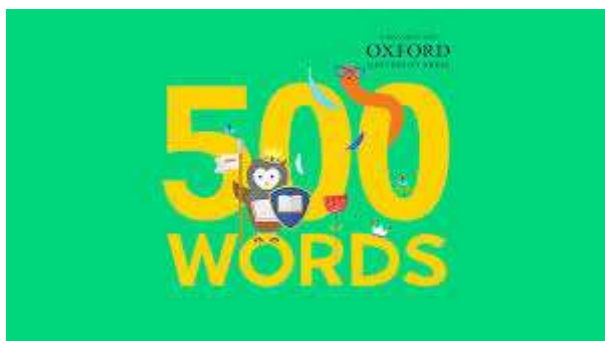
- Your child’s Name and Tutor Group
- Reason for isolation/ quarantine
- Date of expected return to school

**Phone on 01733 343646**  
or use the  
**Gateway app**

## Literacy Corner

The 500 Words competition is open until Monday, 5 October. All you need to do is write a story in 500 words based on a specific theme. This year's theme was '500 words – Black Lives Matter'. The winner will receive a prize. The winner of this year's competition was 'Kristofer Was Quiet In School Today' by Lucy. Read the story, found on the w drive in Teams or the link below, to get some inspiration. Don't forget the deadline for submitting your story is on Monday. You can submit your stories to Miss Meagher on Teams. Good luck!

<https://500words.me/finalist-stories/kristofer-was-quiet-in-school-today>



## Word of the Week

Next week's word of the week (WOW) is 'Equality'. Don't forget to use it in lessons, where appropriate, to get some extra merits!

### Equality

*noun*

1. The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.

"an organization aiming to promote racial equality"

- Synonyms: fairness, justness,
- Opposite: inequality

2. MATHEMATICS: a symbolic expression of the fact that two quantities are equal; an equation.

## PE Lessons

A reminder that all jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. Students need to remove all piercings, watches etc. before their lesson as it a health and safety hazard; this includes stud earrings. Students must place any items in their bags, as staff cannot handle students' jewellery.

## Queensgate reminds shoppers to 'Cover Up'

A campaign has been launched to make sure shoppers wear a face covering, titled #CoverUpPeterborough. This initiative is to highlight the importance of wearing a face covering within Queensgate shopping centre, and the positive health and safety benefits for the local community.

This is in line with government guidance, which makes it mandatory to wear a face covering when inside a shopping centre to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. While there are exemptions related to age, health or disability, the rule applies to all visitors whilst inside the shops and when walking in the mall.

Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health for Peterborough City Council has said: "We are keen to remind people that Coronavirus hasn't gone away and we urge people to ensure they are wearing face coverings, maintaining social distancing, and regularly cleaning their hands whilst in shopping centres. We fully support this campaign. By shopping safely we can continue to fight the virus while also helping the local economy to continue to recover."

We would encourage all families to remember this guidance and use masks indoors in public areas. We have been so impressed with how our students are wearing their masks in the corridors around school and on public transport and we encourage you to continue to protect your families and other people wherever you are in Peterborough.



### Covid-19 Related Absence from School

A Quick Guide for Parents can be found on the school website

<https://www.stjohnfishersschool.org.uk/september-opening/>

**Academic Tutoring: Post 16 from 5 - 16 October 2020**