



St Peter's Newsletter, January

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Parent Forum



Following on from our Parent Forum last term, and the parent survey sent out at the beginning of the year, our Parent Action Plan can be found on the link below.

[SP Parent Forum Action Plan.docx](#)

This will enable us to be transparent and accountable about the actions we will be taking based on your feedback. We have used a RAG rating system to evaluate progress:

- Red - unsuccessful
- Amber/yellow - some progress made
- Green - good progress made
- Blank - not actioned yet

We appreciate all feedback, be it positive or constructive, so please share it when you see Mr Castledine, Mr Seex or any of the school staff.

We have two more parent forum sessions this year if you would like to join us to discuss how we can make our school even better.

- Monday 11th March, 2.15pm
- Thursday 20th June, 5pm

School Council



We were so pleased to see the number of children in each class who put themselves forward for a position on our school council. Class teachers have been blown away by the children's application forms and presentations to their peers. We saw such a fantastic range of presentations from rousing speeches, power points, poems and even a presentation involving the humble potato!

The children in each class completed a secret ballot and voted for their school council representatives. Congratulations to all those children that were successful and a huge well done to everyone who put themselves forward.

We are delighted to introduce you to the representatives of St Peter's CofE Primary Academy school council:

Y1/2 - Alfie, Georgia, Freddie and Freya

Y3/4 - Isla and Joseph

Y4/5 - Ava and George

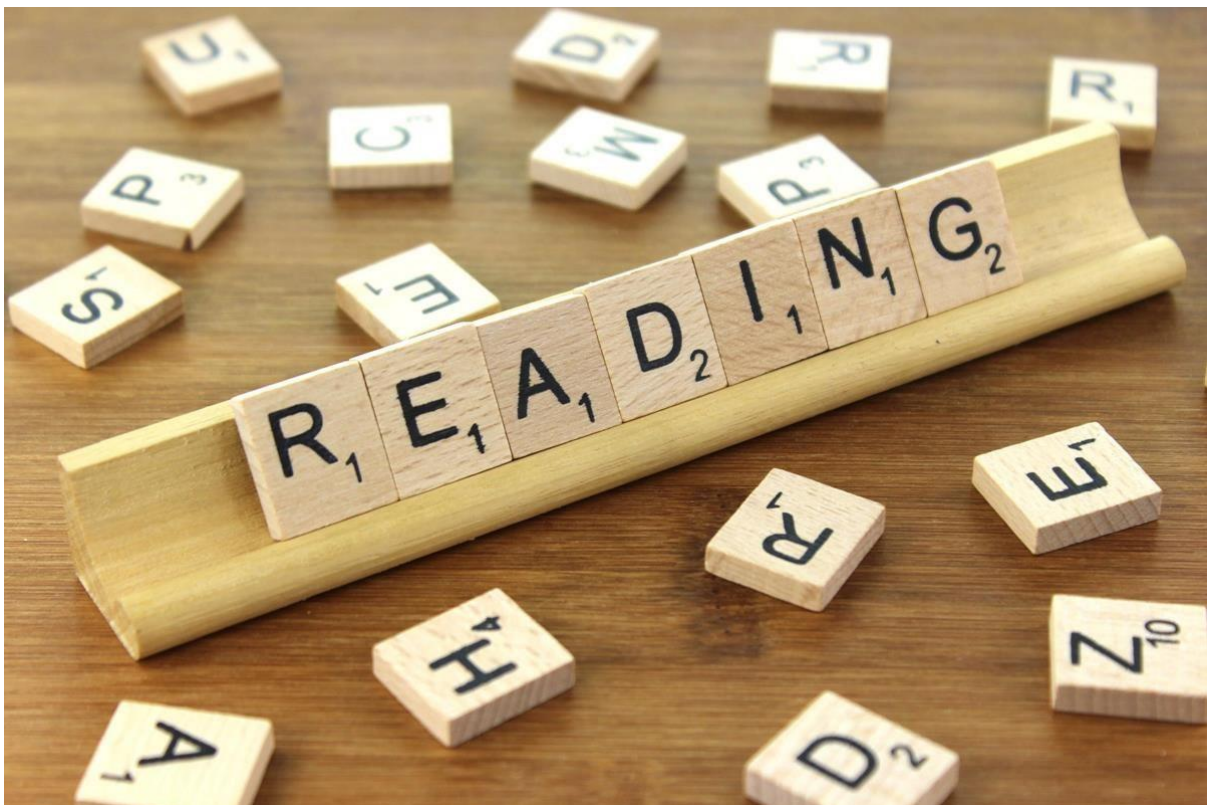
Y5/6 - James and Emilia

We do understand that there may have been some children who were disappointed not to be chosen but for those children who will be at St Peter's next academic year, they will have another opportunity to apply then.

Everyone who applied should be extremely proud of themselves!

There are also lots of further opportunities for children to be involved in leadership roles such as Reading Ambassadors, Play Leaders and Spiritual Ambassadors (Worship Team).

Reading Volunteers



Reading is really important. It allows children to access the full curriculum. Some children need a little more practise than others, which is where you can really support us.

We are asking for volunteers to come in and read with our wonderful children. We will provide training and process the DBS (background check). If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Mr Castledine via the school office.

Please note that we would be asking for a regular commitment, eg every Monday afternoon, so that we can timetable this and support you in ensuring that the session is productive. Any time that you are able to give will be gratefully received.

Thank you in advance.

New Sports Coach and clubs

We have been extremely pleased to begin our partnership with Progressive Kids this half term in providing what we hope will become a successful wrap around care programme here at St Peter's CofE Primary Academy.

All of the children from Reception up to Year 6 now have a choice of taking part in after school sports clubs every day of the week from 3:20p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Monday - NERF wars club

Tuesday - Football Club

Wednesday - Multi-Sports club

Thursday- Dance club

Friday - Dodgeball club

The after-school clubs not only provide a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop new skills and interests, but also promote a healthy and active lifestyle in a safe and supportive environment.

Alongside this, Progressive Kids will also be operating a wrap around care service with a breakfast club (7:40 - 8:40 a.m.) and after school provision (3:20 - 5:30p.m.) There are always 2 coaches after school which means that even if your child doesn't want to attend the after school sport's club, the provision is still there for your child to attend the wrap around care service. This is known as PS Kids and includes a range of activities from arts and crafts, a variety of sports such as table tennis and toys such as train sets for our younger children to enjoy.

Simply visit:<https://progressive-sports.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=home> and follow the easy steps to book your child onto their desired club.

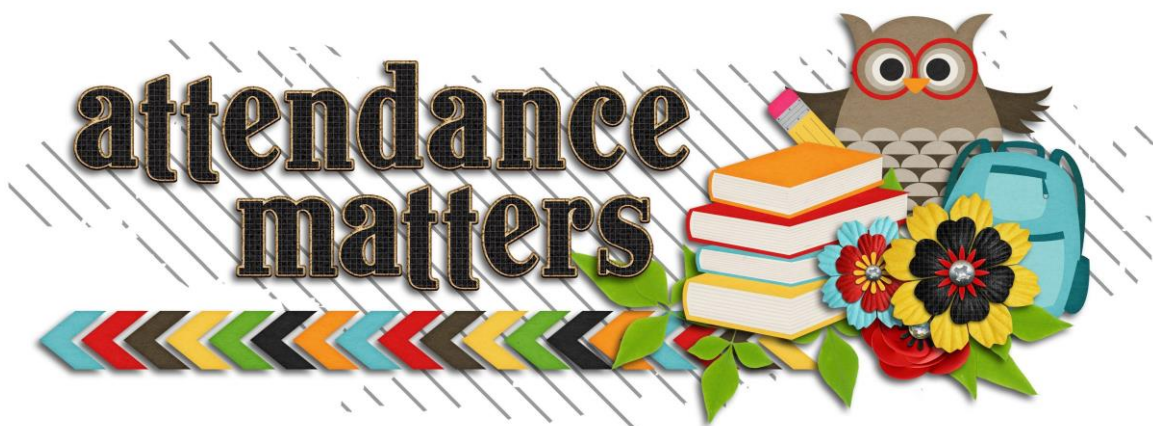
The feedback we have received from children and parents regarding the clubs and our sports coach, Mr Ingham, have been extremely positive and we look forward to continuing to grow the numbers of children attending the provision.



1 - Hi, my name is Jake Ingham and I am delighted to be able to come and join the St Peter's team and help provide high quality after school provision including wrap around care. It has been a pleasure to get to know the children on the playground during lunchtimes and I have been especially pleased to see the numbers of children attending our after school clubs grow in only a short period of time. For example, we have tripled the number of children attending NERF wars on a Monday after school in just 3 weeks.

I would love to see even more children attending breakfast clubs and after school clubs. Keep an eye out for our special promotions such as 'Golden Tickets' which give all of the children a chance to try out a session at our clubs for free. I'll be out on the playground each morning so if you would like any further information about our provision you would be more than welcome to come and have a chat with me.

Attendance



At St Peter's Cof E Primary Academy we know that good school attendance is a key factor in children's academic and social progress in school. We know there are good reasons for many of the absences that have occurred; if someone is unwell, it is right that they stay at home to rest and recover as quickly as possible. If you need advice about whether your child can attend school whilst they are experiencing symptoms of an illness, the NHS have published some helpful advice around common childhood illnesses and attendance at school: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

There are sometimes exceptional reasons why a child may not be able to attend school such as medical appointments. The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short; 'unavoidable' should be taken to mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time. Schools would not typically authorise absence for situations such as family holidays/cheaper holiday dates; visits arranged by family members during school time; and visiting relatives either abroad or in the UK.

The Impact of Lower Attendance

There are only 190 school days in a year and once that time has passed, children do not get it back. Lessons are planned in sequences that often build cumulatively and if children miss part of a sequence, it can be like trying to complete a jigsaw puzzle without all the pieces.

Overall Attendance Level - Number of days missed each year

- 97%+ 5 days or less
- 95% 9.5 days
- 90% 19 days – equivalent to 1 day off every two weeks
- 85% 27.5 days
- 80% 38 days – equivalent to 1 day off every week

The government classifies any pupil who has attendance levels below 90% as 'persistently absent'.

We will regularly share updates about each classes attendance at school via class dojo at the end of each week. We are also introducing an attendance reward system which will give the class with the highest weekly attendance figure an extra 'golden' break time at the start of each week.

We are always keen to support our families to improve school attendance. Class teachers alongside Mr Castledine and Mr Seex are happy to meet to discuss any concerns and help overcome barriers for individuals and families. We know that every set of circumstances is different and drawing up a plan together to help support your child can make a big difference not just to attendance but wider enjoyment of school life.

By working together we look forward to helping St Peter's children make the most of their educational opportunities.

School Dinners Feedback

Our new catering suppliers will be sending out a survey after Christmas to hear from you. In the meantime, if you have anything you want to share, you can contact them using the details below:

Rebecca Davies, Area Manager, Edwards and Ward

Email: rdavies@edwardsandward.co.uk

Absence Reporting

Gentle Reminder: If your child is unwell, please call the school office on 01543 372060 to report it. The teachers do not have access to their Class Dojo messages whilst teaching so the message may be

missed if it does not go to the office. This is also the case when someone different may be teaching the class such as supply teachers.

Parking

To keep everyone safe, please park considerately. Where possible, parking a couple of minutes walk from the school can reduce congestion and help ensure that everyone is safe. A reminder that there should be no parking or dropping off on the yellow zig-zag lines.

We have asked the PCSOs to have a regular presence to support with this so that everyone can remain safe.

Key Dates - Spring

We are currently developing a communication strategy to ensure you have as much notice as possible for all upcoming events. In the meantime, please see below for key dates for your diary in the first half-term.

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - Chinese New Year – ‘Year of the Dragon’ – children invited to wear traditional/bright clothing

Friday 9th February – Children break up for half term @ 3:20p.m.

Monday 19th February - Children return to the Academy

Friday 1st March - St David’s Day

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Monday 11th March, 2.15pm - Parent Forum

Friday 8th March - Mother’s Day Lunch for Rec/Y6 parents

Wk beginning Monday 11th March - Parents Evening (Dates and times for this to be confirmed)

Mon 18th March - St Patricks Day – children invited to wear ‘green’ clothing

Wed 20th March – Rec and KS1 Easter Service (Times to be confirmed)

Friday 22nd - KS2 Easter Service @ St Peter’s Church (Times to be confirmed)

Fri 22nd March – Children break up for Easter holidays

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