



# St Peter's Newsletter, November

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## Executive Headteacher's Message



We've had a great month at St Peter's with lots going on. This included a 2 day external review from one of our Academy Trust partners as part of the annual trust support cycle. They were really positive about what we are achieving as a school and the way mixed age classes have become very natural very quickly. I'd like to recognise the efforts and hard work of all staff in ensuring that this year has started so well.

I want to mention the children that spoke to our reviewer; they really impressed him. As I've said before, the children are so articulate, reflective and thoughtful. They were confident and polite at all times. Although the reviewer did not have time to speak to everyone, I know that he could have taken any group of pupils and been impressed; St Peter's children stand out.

As part of all schools' journey of continual improvement (we don't ever want to stand still!), there is a programme of support that the trust provide. More information on the support the MAT (multi-academy trust) provides can be found in this newsletter.

Our Parent Forum was really valuable in identifying how we can offer an even better provision to your children. Thank you to all those able to attend for the thoughtful and reflective discussions. Further dates will be sent out for spring and summer terms should you wish to attend to share your thoughts about the school.

This month, we've had our school disco, Children in Need, Black History Week and much more. The children are happy, working hard and flourishing. Those that are in leadership positions such as the Reading Champions and Worship Team have excelled in their roles and added a great deal to the school.

St Peter's is a wonderful school community and it is a privilege working here.

Mr Seex

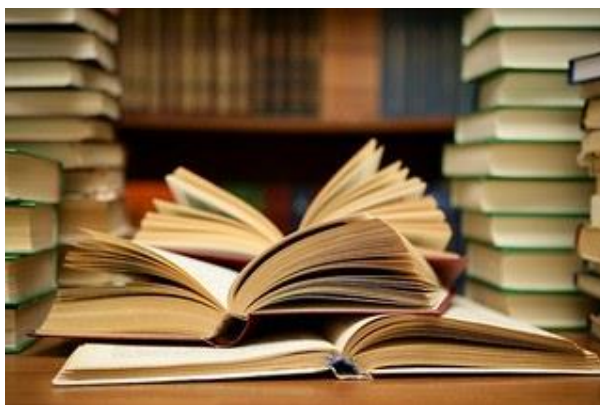
## Parent Forum



It was a pleasure to meet with families in our Parent Forum this month. We discussed what the school needed to do to get better from your perspective. Using the parent survey as a starting point, we discussed enrichment, homework, communication, funding and opportunities to further challenge pupils. It was a productive and purposeful session and I'd like to thank everyone who was able to attend, who sent emails or who spoke to us on the gate.

We'll keep you updated with our progress against the key areas discussed. Please let us know your thoughts as well.

## Reading Champions



Pupil leadership is an area we developing and growing currently. Our Reading Champions are an important new addition.

In Year 6, the children are helping to promote a love of books and reading throughout the school. Our Reading Champions are organising the Book Bus and also spending time with younger pupils to help them with their reading skills.

Other Year 6 students are spending time with Reception children every day, sharing books and reading stories with them so that they, too, can learn to love books!

It is fantastic to see the pupil's nurturing, supporting and providing role models for their younger peers. They are showing wonderful leadership skills. Similarly, our younger pupils are engaging really well and enjoying the arrangement too.

## Spiritual Ambassadors



Another branch of our pupil leadership are our Spiritual Ambassadors. Our Year 6 'Spiritual Ambassadors' spent time with Alex Wolvers (the school's Christian Distinctiveness advisor) earlier in the term, learning how to plan and create assemblies which they will share as part of whole school worship during the coming months. They had a wonderful time and can't wait to share their ideas with the rest of the school sometime soon. We look forward to their upcoming assemblies!

## Wraparound Care

We appreciate that wraparound care is important. We have been working to find a new provider and will be sharing information on our next steps with wraparound care next week. Please look out for further information.

## School Dinners Feedback

Our new catering suppliers will be sending our 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:

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## School Disco



On Thursday 16th November, the St Peter's Fundraisers (SPF) held the first school disco of the year. It was great to see the children having fun, dancing and joining in with the DJ. The tuck shop was as popular as ever and helped to raise some much needed funds for the school. We hope to be able to share with you very soon some exciting news about how we are going to spend some of the money that the SPF have raised. A huge thank you to all of the members of the SPF who organised the disco and for all of the work that they do throughout the year.

## St Peter's Football Tournaments



We are proud of the extra-curricular sports opportunities we offer at St Peter's. Our children frequently attend after-school sports tournaments in the company of Mr Mason and Mrs Sherry. A huge thank you to them for their efforts to enable this to happen.

The children always make us proud. St Peter's children stand out.

Below is a summary of the most recent football tournaments.

### **9th October**

The St. Peter's Rangers boys' teams demonstrated admirable skill and determination in the October 9th football tournament, participating in four matches and securing two draws. The young athletes showed great teamwork and perseverance, facing tough opponents with resilience. Despite the challenges, the children showcased their passion for the game, embodying the spirit of St. Peter's.

### **16th October**

17 girls stepped forward wanting to represent the school in the district school football tournament on October 16th. St Peter's Wildcats played four matches, securing two wins, one loss and one draw. Despite a spirited performance in the quarter-finals, they lost on penalties. The St Peter's Panthers played 4 games and secured 2 points via draws. All the girls exhibited exceptional skill and teamwork throughout and represented the school with pride.

### **20th November**

The St. Peter's Colts boys team showcased their prowess at the November 20th football tournament, winning two matches, drawing one, and losing one. Despite a strong performance, they narrowly missed the quarter-finals. The team's resilience and promising results have fuelled anticipation for the upcoming summer school football league, where they aim to build on their strengths and continue their pursuit of success on the field.

## [St Chad's Multi Academy Trust](#)

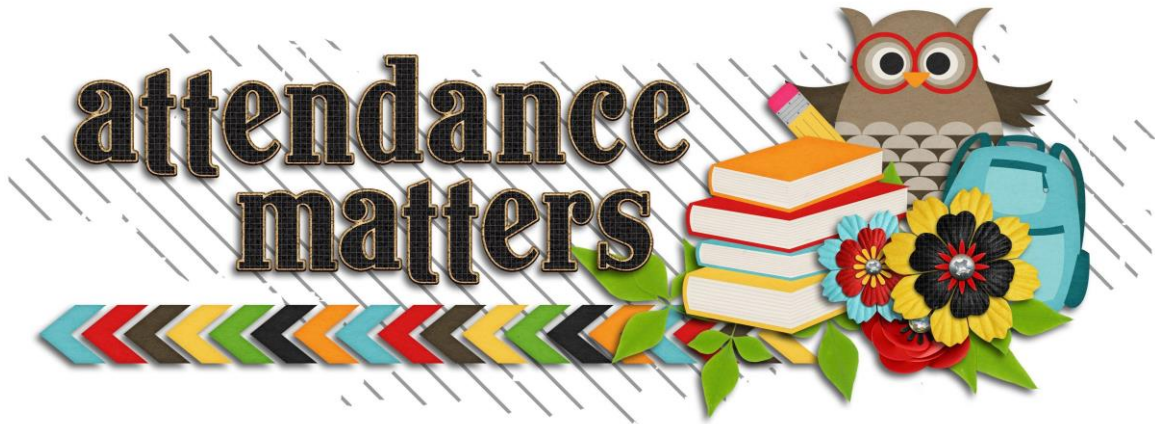


St Peter's is part of St Chad's Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Our MAT is a family of 19 academies that work together to ensure the best outcomes for the children we serve. As part of our membership of the trust, we are able to access support, advice, resources, policies and quality assurance visits. It brings together like-minded people so they can share best practice.

St Chad's offers an annual support and quality assurance programme as well as bespoke support on request. This supports enormously with the financial side, as consultants would usually cost huge amounts of money, but we get all support as part of our membership with the trust. For example, this year we have had the trust English specialist in to work with our teachers as part of their ongoing professional development, a safeguarding review, collaborative work with a school with mixed age classes, a 2 day whole-school review and school improvement visits (these include setting up links with other schools to share great practice and collaborate on projects). These visits help to challenge

our thinking, quality assure what we're doing and help us to offer the children the best possible provision. It also allows us to support other schools in the St Chad's family.

## Attendance



We believe that regular attendance helps with academic performance, social engagement, happiness at school and overall success. There is now a lot of research to support this. Consistent attendance not only enhances your child's learning experience but also provides them with a strong foundation for a bright future.

We wish to work with families to support them in overcoming barriers to attendance. If we can help, please contact us.

The NHS have recently published helpful advice of when children should be kept off school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## 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

## 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 - Autumn

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.

Thursday 30th Nov - St Andrew's Day - Children to dress in blue & white

Friday 8th Dec Christmas Jumper Day – Donations for Save the Children

Wednesday 20th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st Dec - Reception Christmas Performance (Morning – Time to be confirmed)

Thursday 21st Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance (Afternoon – Time to be confirmed)

Friday 22nd Dec- KS2 Christmas Church Service (Morning - Time to be confirmed)

Friday 22nd Dec - Break- Up @ 1:30pm

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