



St Peter's Newsletter, Half-Term

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Executive Headteacher's Message



It's been a really positive first half-term at St Peter's. I feel privileged to be here. There is a real energy about the school and exciting work taking place around curriculum development to ensure the children have an interesting, thought-provoking, challenging curriculum that stretches them and promotes strong character and leadership development.

We are looking at all of our routines to ensure they are as effective as possible. This helps children settle into calm and purposeful classrooms instantly to make the most of every moment. This helps create an even safer, more secure environment so that all our children can flourish. We want to move from good to great.

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at Parents Evening. I hope the meetings were informative and productive. Thank you for your ongoing support.

After an 8 week half-term, I know the children will be looking forward to a rest - they have worked hard. I've been proud of them. St Peter's children stand out.

Have a great week. A reminder that Monday 6th November is an INSET day so school is closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 7th.

Mr Seex

Academy Improvement Plan



Our Academy Improvement Plan is the main strategic document to support the ongoing development of the academy. The key priorities for the school this year are as follows:

- Developing an ambitious, challenging curriculum for the mixed age classes
- Developing a highly individualised CPD (continuing professional development) offer for all teachers
- Increase leadership opportunities for children of all ages
- Improve communication with parents/carers so that it is timely, thorough and clear
- Continue to develop maths, including ensuring that all children are effectively challenged and stretched

We will keep you updated with progress against these priorities as the year goes on.

Parents Evening



It was a pleasure to see our parents and carers last week. Hopefully you were able to learn more about the mixed age classes, which was one of our targets from the parent survey. It speaks volumes about the partnership between school and parents/carers that 100% of our families have had (or have scheduled) appointments with their class teacher. This partnership is crucial to the ongoing academic development of the children and we greatly value it. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Harvest Services



Reception and KS1

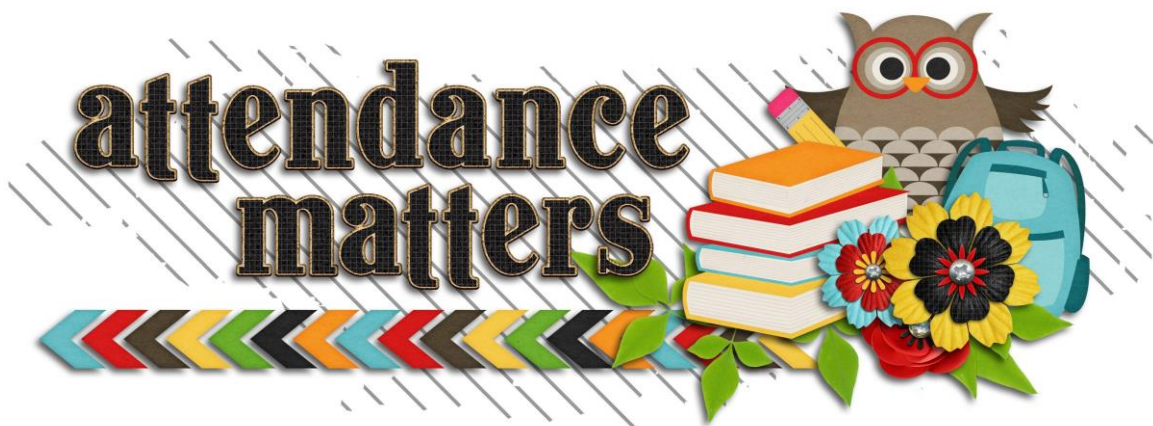
On Thursday 26th October, the children in our Reception and Y1/2 class put on their Harvest Performance of the Little Green Frog.

The children had an absolutely fantastic time and their singing was wonderful. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who came to watch the performance. We hope that this is the start of many opportunities for you to create those magical memories of your children's time with us here at St Peters.

KS2

How wonderful it was to see St Peter's church so full for the performance of our harvest service this year! The children read and sang beautifully throughout the service in such beautiful surroundings. Thank you to all of those parents who accompanied the children on the walk to church. We hope you enjoyed the celebration as much as we did.

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.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th Nov – Children In Need (non-uniform day)

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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