



### TRUST

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.'

*John 14:1*

# *The 'Key' Messages*

The fortnightly newsletter that keeps you up to date with what is going on at St. Peter's.

## Greetings from Mr. Dean, Head of School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

How quickly this half term is flying by! We are now into our 6<sup>th</sup> week of the academic year. It has been a pleasure to see all of the children settled, working hard and growing into the wonderful individuals that they are.

## St. Peter's Fundraisers (SPF)

The SPF would like invite any members of our St. Peter's family to join them. If you are able to donate any of your time to help in their fundraising endeavors, then please contact either Mrs. Carter or Mrs. Kendrick via the following email addresses:

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kbex@live.co.uk

## Attendance

Attendance for the YTD is 97.6%. This time last year, the attendance was 95.3%. This is an increase of 2.3% - WOW! Thank you to all our families that have helped us to make sure our attendance is continuing to be above the National level.

## Sports



Last week, Miss. Arrowsmith held try outs for our Academy football team. She had a massive 59 children participate. Congratulations to those who made the team. A huge thank you to all the children that took part and remember, **'Perseverance – Must finish it's work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything'. (James 1:4)**

## Safeguarding

All the staff at St. Peter's are Safeguarded trained. Please familiarise yourselves with St. Peter's Designated Safeguarding Team. If you have any concerns regarding a child, then please speak to a member of staff or a member from the team below. Thank you.



### Designated Safeguarding Team



James Dean - Designated Safeguarding Lead



Sarah Cockhott - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



David Castladine - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Katie Quantrill - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



## Activity

I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our children and families that helped produce the wonderful fish and angels for our Academy. These will be put on display within the Academy. Below are some examples of the decorated fish and angels.

## School Census

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October the Academy asked its families to support us in the annual School Census in which information is uploaded to the Department of Education. The purpose of this census was to establish the amount of children that have a hot school dinner or order a snack box. This number then feeds into our annual school budget. We had a total of 133 children ordering and enjoying fish and chips or a variety of snack boxes. The lucky Golden Ticket winners had a fab time and received a variety of gifts. A big "Thank You!" from all at the Academy for your continued support.



Some of our Golden Ticket winners.

## **Clubs**

We are pleased to again be offering a range of after school opportunities to our pupils. All clubs are operational and will finish on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October for this half term. New clubs for the next half term will be sent out in due course.

## **Swimming lessons**

This term, Y6 children will be attending swimming lessons at the Friary Leisure Centre, Lichfield on Wednesday mornings. We look forward to hearing of their swimming successes and increased knowledge of water safety and life saving techniques.

## **Information Sharing**

Please note that the events are running to help share the Academy's most up-to-date information with you regarding Reading and English:

**YEAR 6 ONLY – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 5:00pm to 6:0pm (SATs info/London Trip)**

**ALL YEAR GROUPS: Reading Workshop Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 9:00am – 9:30am**

## **Ingestre Hall (Y3/4/5)**

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians that attended the Ingestre Hall meeting on Tuesday, the turnout was fantastic. For those parents unable to attend, the PowerPoint has been emailed out and copies are available upon request at the Academy Office. Payment system to go live and text to be sent out in due course.

## **Young Voices**

The Academy will be participating in Young Voices. More details to follow.

## **Lichfield Foodbank**

WOW! I, the staff, children and visitors to the Academy have been blown away by the generosity demonstrated by our families. The wicker basket, located in the Academy entrance way, has been filled twice over – and it's only the first week of donations! Please keep the donations coming.

The wicker basket will continue to be located in the Academy entrance way and will remain there until lunchtime on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. After this point, the donations will be taken to Lichfield Foodbank.

Donations of packaged and tinned foods are requested rather than fresh produce due to their longer 'shelf-life'. The Foodbank warehouse is particularly short of the following items:

**Milk (UHT or Powdered)**

Sugar (500g)

Fruit Juice (Long-Life Carton)

Tinned Sponge Pudding

Tinned Vegetables

Cereals

Tinned Rice Pudding

Instant Mash Potato

Jam

Custard

Chocolate Biscuits or Snack Bars

Toiletries (Child and Adult)

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this local cause and we look forward to receiving your generous donations in the school entrance.



### Harvest

The children in KS2 will perform a Harvest Celebration on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9.45am at St. Peter's Church. We welcome parents to join us for this celebration. As it is the junior children who will be involved in this event, KS1 children will perform their Harvest Celebration in the Academy Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm. We kindly request that you do not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes before assembly is due to start. For health and safety reasons, hot drinks should not be brought into school. Please note that places are limited to a maximum 2 adults per family due to space restrictions. Thank you for your co-operation.

***In order to ensure GDPR compliance, you are able to take photographs and record videos of your child/ren but DO NOT share them on social media.***

**Please contact the Academy Office if you are able to help close the road to and from Church. Our regular wardens are not available and without support we may have to cancel the service. Parents that are able to support, will have a seat reserved for them at Church. Thank you.**

### Pupil Progress Meetings

Parents' Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Appointments have gone live on the School Money site with invitations to book being sent via email. In order for the event to run smoothly and cater for all families, appointments will be limited to 5 minutes. This Parents' Evening will focus on pastoral aspects of your child and how they are settling into their new year groups.

In the event that you wish to discuss your child in greater depth then parents are always welcome to make a telephone appointment to meet with teaching staff at a mutually convenient time in addition to the above. I know that many parents will chat to teachers on an 'informal basis' where matters are of an appropriate nature.

There will be an open afternoon for Parents to view their child/ren's work on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Please join us!

### Reminder

Please note that the only types of earrings that can be worn in school are stud earrings. Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn in school.

### Dinner Money

Please could we remind parents that dinner money should be uploaded to ParentPay in advance and pre-book your meals in advance. Thank you for bearing with us, the issue with the till was unexpected but we are working our way through it.

### Home time Arrangements

It is vitally important that parents notify the school of any alterations to home time arrangements for their child. Under Child Protection procedures, we are unable to allow children to go home with friends/relatives other than the usual person unless we have parental permission to do so. Parents should send a note or telephone the school office, if appropriate.

### Dietary Requirements

If your child is not having school dinners due to specific dietary requirements, St. Peter's catering team are more than happy to discuss this and how they may be able to help so your child can enjoy school dinners as well. Staffordshire Catering has a policy where no nuts are used in producing any dishes to give parents the peace of mind that nut allergy sufferers will not come into contact with nuts from school meals. Moreover, if your child has other dietary needs, this can be catered for as well.

### Key Dates

#### **October 18**

Mon	8th	Fri 12th Black History Week
Wed	10th	Reading workshop for parents
Mon	15th	Fri 19th – Yr 6 & Yr 2 Practise SATs
Tues	16th	Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm (settling in)
Tues	23rd	Open Afternoon for Parents 2:00-3:30pm
Weds	24th	Harvest KS2 Church (am) @ 9:45am
Weds	24th	Harvest KS1 Hall @ 2:15pm
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Inset-Academy Closed to Children</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>Inset-Academy Closed to Children</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>{October 1/2 Term</b>



Next newsletter released on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr. James Dean

Head of School