

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to St Peters this term. To see their smiling, happy faces and the work that they are doing in their classrooms has reminded us all at the Academy how much we missed them during the period of 'lockdown'. We are delighted to be back and to be able to return to some kind of normality.

Firstly, we would like to thank all of the children who have followed our new rules and ways of working exceptionally well. I don't think any of us have ever seen such clean hands on so many children!

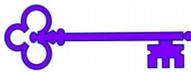
We would also like to thank all of our parents and guardians for their patience, support and understanding particularly when dropping off and collecting your children.



Even though we were unable to celebrate Christmas at St Peter's church this year, we hope that you all enjoyed the celebrations that were posted onto class dojo. It was lovely to see the efforts made by each class and to be able to involve the children in sharing the importance of Christmas at this time of year.

A big thank you also to Reverend Liz, who has been sending video clips of her and the 'Open the Book' team delivering assemblies for our staff to be able to share with their classes as part of their worship time. It has been incredible to see how the wider school community has come together during this challenging time.

Our key for this term has been 'Trust', and a very apt key it has proven to be. We have all had to place our trust in each other to make sure that we are following the new guidelines and systems so that we are able to keep everyone safe in the current climate.



TRUST

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

John 14:1

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and what will hopefully be a much brighter New Year.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs Cockshott, Mrs Quantrill and Mr Castledine



Leaving Celebration

This term we gave a fond farewell to one of our cleaners, Mr Hall, who has worked at St Peter's for 25 years. The children in KS2 performed a song in sign language on his final day and he was presented with gifts from the staff at St Peters and from the Academy Trust. We would all like to thank Mr Hall for his hard work and commitment over such a long period of time. Not only have we waved goodbye to a colleague but a friend and valued member of our St Peter's family. We wish him all the best for the future.



Supporting Charities at St Peters

Thank you for all your generous donations of food at Harvest time which were gratefully received by a local food bank. Throughout this term we have raised a fantastic amount of money. Jeans for Genes day raised £117, Children in Need raised £244 and we have surpassed our target of £150 for the Birmingham Children's Hospital. You can still donate to this wonderful cause by visiting our very own JustGiving page up until the 31st December.

Curriculum Recovery

This term we have implemented our recovery curriculum program to ensure that all children have the opportunity to 'catch up' with any learning from their previous year group. All of the children have been assessed and where learning gaps have been identified, the class teachers have revisited these particular skills and objectives before moving on to their specific year group objectives.

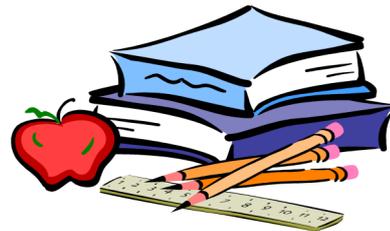
We have been so pleased with how the children have embraced the changes to our curriculum and all of the children have worked incredibly hard in each classroom. We can already see the progress that is being made and would like to thank every one of the children for their efforts and commitment. Despite the disruptions during the last academic year, our children have come back to school with the drive and determination to do their very best.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind children to keep practicing their times tables and spellings using our on-line resources, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. We are currently working hard to ensure that all children are able to access these platforms from home so please bear with us as we continue to sort out any technical issues.

Not only have the children been working hard on the national curriculum subjects but they have also taken part in Black History Month, Anti-Bullying Week and supported charities such as Children In Need, Jeans for Genes, Save the Children and the Birmingham Children's hospital.

Our sports coach, Miss Ralph, has also been working with the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 to deliver high quality PE lessons and upskill the class teachers.

It has been an extremely busy term but a very enjoyable one!



Social Media Sites and E-Safety

E-Safety is very important at St Peter's and throughout the year we teach our pupils how to stay safe online. Please find below guidance that outlines the minimum age requirements to be able to have an account on social media sites and apps.

DID YOU KNOW?

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



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- Twitter
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Pinterest
- Google+
- Tumblr
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Secret

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LinkedIn

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WhatsApp

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- Vine
- Tinder

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Path

15 / 13 with parent's permission

- YouTube
- WeChat
- Keek
- Kik
- Foursquare
- Flickr

Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 09/2014.

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Golden Ticket Winners



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Total Meals Booked 101.
Thank you to all the children who participated in the day.



Dates for your Dairy.

Spring Term 2021

- 4th January**—Inset day (Academy closed to pupils)
- 5th January**—Children return to Academy
- 9th Feb**—Safer Internet Day
- 12th Feb**—Chinese New Year
- 15th —19th March**—Half term break
- 22nd Feb**—Children return to the Academy
- 1st March** —St David's Day (donations of plants, seeds and bags of compost for around school)
- 4th March**— World Book Day (children invited to dress up as favourite book character)
- 9th March**—Parents Evening 3:30—6:30 (TBC)
- 10th March**—Parents Evening 3:30—6:30 (TBC)
- 12th March**—Sports Relief (Children to wear sportswear)
- 12th March** —Mothers day lunch (TBC)
- 17th March** —St Patrick's Day (Children invited to wear green)
- 29th March** —Holy Week
- 1st April**—School Closes for Easter Holidays @ 1:30 p.m.
- 2nd April—16th April**—Easter holiday

Summer Term 2021

- 19th April**—Inset day (Academy closed to pupils)
- 20th April**—Children return to Academy.
- 23rd April**—St George's Day (children invited to wear red and white)
- 3rd May**—May Day bank holiday
- 10th—13th May**—Year 6 SATs Week (TBC)
- 31st May—4th June** —Half term break
- 7th June**—Children return to Academy
- 7th June** —Y1 phonics testing (TBC)
- 18th June**—Fathers Day lunch (TBC)
- 29th June**—St Peter's Day/Sports Day (TBC)
- 9th July**—School reports out
- 12h July**—Moving up morning
- 13th July**—Open afternoon for parents 2:30pm—4:30pm (TBC)
- 20th July**—Break up @ 1:30 for Summer holiday.
- 21st July**—Inset day (Academy closed to pupils)



Please note that some of the dates are subject to confirmation due to the current situation with Covid-19.

All dates are subject to change, however we will inform you of any changes as soon as they are confirmed.

Thank you for your support and understanding following the changes to our drop off and pick up procedures.

With the onset of a rise in the number of Covid-19 cases could we please re-iterate the importance of social distancing when waiting to drop off and collect your child/ren. The guidance states that you should be at least 1m apart. Could you please only join the queue outside the school gates at your child's allotted time and ensure that once your child has been dropped off or collected you move away from the school gates so that we can dismiss the next in line as quickly as possible. It is important that your child/ren arrive and are collected during their 'window' as this will help us to keep our class bubbles safe and socially distanced as required. Please see the letter that was sent out dated 7th October if you require confirmation of your child/ren's drop off and collection times.

Many thanks again for your patience and understanding.



Doing anything exciting over the Christmas break?



We would love to hear from you if you have something planned over the Christmas holiday. You could draw a picture, write a diary or send in a photo to your class teacher on class dojo. Have a safe and happy break.