

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been another very busy half term here at St Peters, the staff and children have been working extremely hard and are certainly ready for a well deserved Christmas break.

We are very fortunate to be able to spend our working week with the children at this magical time of the year. We hear all about what the naughty elves have been getting up to in lots of our children's homes and get to enjoy those special moments making Christmas cards, calendars and hearing the children rehearsing for their Christmas performances. We were so pleased to be able to share these performances with you again this year and we hope that you enjoyed them as much as we did.

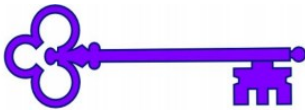
We would like to thank the St Peter's Fundraisers for their kind donation of our Christmas tree and for purchasing the gifts that we were able to share with our children at the end of this term.

Our Reception class Open Days in November for parents with children due to start school in September 2023 were a great success. Thank you to all of those parents who helped share the dates on their social media platforms, it really did have an impact on the numbers who came to view the school.

We would also like to thank Mrs Angus for the amazing work she has done this term in teaching the children how to play their individual instruments. This culminated in a wonderful concert that showcased just how much progress the children have made in such a short amount of time.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Enjoy the holiday's, stay safe and most importantly have fun. Thank you as always for your continued support and we will see you back at school on Wednesday 4th January.

Mrs Hopley & Mr Castledine



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9th December, children and staff were invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school in support of Save the Children. Save the Children exists to help every child reach their full potential. In the UK and around the world, they make sure children stay safe, healthy and keep learning, so they can become who they want to be.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise a total of £73 for the charity! Well done everyone!



Y5/6 Football Teams—District Finals

On Mon 10th October St Peter's entered two teams into the mixed Y5/6 School Games Football Tournament. St Peter's Panther's gave their all in the 4 games they competed in. It was great to see their commitment and effort in the 4 matches they played in what was a very tough division.

St Peter's Puma's played brilliantly, competing in 5 matches and remaining unbeaten. They progressed to the Lichfield and Burntwood district finals which was held on Mon 7th November. After 3 tense and closely fought games, St Peter's remained unbeaten again, winning 2 and drawing 1 match, which meant they were crowned overall district champions thanks to a superior goal difference. A fantastic achievement from the team!

On Thursday 20th October it was the turn of our Y5/6 girl's football team, the self-named St Peter's Wildcats! In a highly competitive tournament they played in 5 matches, winning 3, drawing 1 and with only 1 loss. As a result they too qualified for the district final which was held on Monday 14th November. The girls played with great spirit and tenacity throughout the tournament, eventually finishing in a very respectable 3rd place out of all the teams that entered from the Lichfield and Burntwood district.

A big thank you to all of the players and to Mr Mason for selecting and coaching all of our successful football teams.



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

14

LinkedIn

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WhatsApp

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Vine
Tinder

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Path

18 / 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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Twycross Zoo visit

On Monday 7th November the whole school went on a trip to Twycross Zoo as part of their current science unit of work. Each class planned an investigation based around the trip and were able to find out information during the day to support their investigation. Back at school the children presented their findings and used these to draw and record conclusions.

The outcomes for pupil's were excellent and the trip proved to be a worthwhile experience for the children. During a recent 1 day review from the Trust, pupil voice clearly showed that the children could talk with great enthusiasm about the trip and the learning that had taken place. Thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers that helped make this such a fabulous experience.



Attendance

There have been lots of coughs, colds and viruses this half term that have affected our overall attendance. Can we please encourage you to send your children to school (unless displaying Covid symptoms), we will always let you know if they are unwell in school.

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life.

Attendance of **95%** for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.

Attendance of **90%** for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.

Attendance of **85%** for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent per, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.

Attendance of **80%** for the year equals 38 days absent per year, that is over 7 school weeks missed.

Christmas at St Peter's

It is always pleasure for us to be able to put on our Christmas performances and this year was no exception. We know how important these times are in shaping those memories of your children's time with us here at St Peters.

The Reception & Y1/2 performance of Lights, Camel, Action was 'strictly' wonderful and our youngest children in school did an amazing job. There was some fabulous acting, dancing and singing bringing a smile to everyone's faces.

Unfortunately, due to problems with the heating system, KS2 were unable to perform their Christmas service at St Peter's church. However, this did not deter us and we were able to invite parents into school to share the lovely readings and singing that really did help put us all in the festive mood.

An enormous well done to all of the children who took part in each of these performances and a big thank you to staff for their hard work and commitment that enables us to hold events such as these.

A huge thank you to the St Peters Fundraisers (SPF) who have been working hard this half term to raise much needed funds for the school. As well as organising school disco's and a Christmas Fayre, they were also on hand to help serve drinks at our Reception and KS1 performances.

Finally a special thank you to our parents for your ongoing support which truly helps to bring our school community together at such a special time of year.



Dates for your Dairy.



Autumn Term 2022

16th Dec—School closes for Christmas holiday @ 1:30pm

Spring Term 2023

January

3rd January— **Inset Day (staff training) Academy closed to pupils**

4th January—Children return to Academy

5th January—Whole school trip to pantomime

23rd January—Chinese New Year celebrations (Year of the Rabbit - children to wear traditional/bright coloured clothing)



February

7th Feb—Safer Internet Day

17th Feb— Break up for half term @ 3:20pm

20th Feb—24th Feb Half Term

27th Feb— Children return to the Academy

March

1st Mar —St David's Day (donations of plants, seeds and bags of compost for around school)

2nd Mar— World Book Day (More details to follow)

TBC—Parent Consultation Meetings

16th Mar Mother's Day Lunch (Reception & Year 6), Mums, Grans, Aunts, Sisters – 1 person per child (TBC)

17th Mar— Red nose day (theme to be confirmed)

20th Mar—St Patrick's Day - £1.00 donation children invited to wear green

30th March—Rec & Y1/2 Easter Service (Times to be confirmed)

31st March—KS2 Easter Service (Times to be confirmed)

31st March—Break up for Easter @ 1:30p.m.

April

3rd-14th April Easter holiday

17th April—Children return to Academy

Please note that some of the dates are subject to confirmation. All dates are subject to change, however we will inform you of any changes as soon as they are confirmed.

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.