

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been a relatively short but busy half term here at St Peter's, the children have been working hard and we are really starting to see the amazing progress they have made since September.

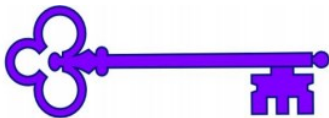
There have been lots of exciting events happening throughout this half term including non-uniform days to celebrate Red Nose Day, St Patrick's Day and World Book Day as well as Mother's Day lunches, a Science gadget shop and our Easter services. Your support with these events really does make a difference and any donations you have kindly made will go to support our children here at St Peter's in what are increasingly tough times for school budgets.

We have also said our goodbye's to Miss Dent this half term after 3 years working with us. All of the children and staff would like to wish Miss Dent well and thank her for everything she has contributed to St Peter's. Miss Dent would like to pass on her thanks to everyone for all of the kind messages and gifts that she received in her final week.

During the Summer term we will be inviting parents into school for open afternoons where you will have the opportunity to work with your children and look through their books with them. As soon as we have those dates finalised we will communicate them to you via class dojo.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Easter break. 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 Monday 17th April.

Mrs Hopley and Mr Castledine



Attendance

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.

Easter Celebrations

Thank you to all of our Reception and Year 1/2 parents who were able to attend the KS1 Easter service. It was so lovely to hear the children reading so eloquently and singing with such enthusiasm.

It was also fantastic to be able to hold our KS2 Easter service up at St Peter's church again after missing out at Christmas. To see the church full and to hear the children's lovely voices in such special surroundings really helped to bring the story of Easter to life.

A huge thank you also to the St Peters Fundraisers (SPF) who have kindly provided each child with an Easter egg to enjoy.



Mothers Day Lunches

We were very pleased to be able to welcome our Reception and Year 6 families to join their children for a special lunch on Thursday 16th March to celebrate Mother's Day. It was lovely to see Mum's, Nan's and Auntie's sharing a meal with the children. It really made their day to be able to have you join them in the hall.

Red Nose Day 2023

On Friday 18th March, children wore their own clothes to school and their red nose if they were lucky enough to have one to celebrate Red Nose Day. Thanks to everyone who made a donation.



St Peter's Sporting Success

Girls Football

On Monday 27th March the Y5/6 girl's team played their first league fixture away against Charnwood Primary School. They started the match enthusiastically and played some great football throughout, resulting in a very well deserved 7-0 victory. A fantastic all round team effort from every player has set the girl's up nicely for their remaining fixtures in what could be a very exciting season ahead.

Boys Football

The Y5/6 boys team also travelled to Charnwood to play their first match in the Burntwood and Lichfield A-league. They battled bravely against a strong opposition conceding early but equalised quickly. Towards the end of the first half Charnwood managed to get the ball in the back of our net from a long range effort and despite dominating the second half, were unable to pull the score back. The final result was 2-1 but the team are raring and ready to play their next game.

Cross Country

11 boys and girls travelled to Chase Terrace Academy to race in the 1.3km race representing St Peters. They all started strongly and worked hard to progress through a pack of strong opponents. The first 3 girls finished 4th, 6th and 22nd which gives them an average finish of 11th. The boys first 3 finished 12th, 13th and 17th which gives them an average finish of 14th. We are waiting to find out our final cross country team position. Everyone pushed themselves and we are so proud of their efforts!

Science Poster Competition

As part of British Science Week this half term, Mrs Sherry organised a competition asking the children to design a poster along the theme of any 'connections' that appear in the world of science. We were very impressed with the number of children who took part in this competition and judging the winners in each class was a very difficult task!



The eventual winners were:

Y1/2—Freya Y3—George Y4—Dottie
Y5—William Y6—Isabella

Well done to everyone who entered, there were some truly imaginative and artistic interpretations of the 'connections' theme.

Wrap Around Care Update

It has been great to see a number of our children attending the breakfast club and after school sports clubs that have been provided by Kick Start Academy this half term.

Unfortunately, the demand for the wrap around care provision has so far not been high enough for this to be able to operate. However, Kick Start Academy are willing to give this offer an opportunity to grow and to begin with would like to offer this wrap around service after the Easter holiday's on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's after school from 3:20p.m.—5:20p.m.

To book your child's place you will need to contact KickStart Academy directly either by email:
info@theksagroup.co.uk
or phone: 01217487977



World Book Day

This term we celebrated World Book Day by inviting the children to come to school dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas. It was really heart warming to see the whole school coming together to share books and wonderful to see the older children reading to the younger children throughout the school.



Dates for your Dairy.



Summer Term 2023

April

3rd —14th April - Easter Holidays

17th April—Children return to Academy

17th April—Swimming lessons start for Yr 6

24th April—St George's Day - £1.00 children to wear red and white

May

1st May—May Day Bank Holiday

2nd—26th May KS1 SATs ongoing

5th May—King's Coronation celebrations in school—activities to be confirmed

8th May—Additional bank Holiday for King's Coronation

9th—12th May—KS2 SATs week (SATs Breakfast TBC)

16th May—Bikeability Y5

17th-18th May—Bikeability Y6

25th May—Inspire Workshop Visit to Lichfield Cathedral Y4 and Y6 (details to follow shortly)

26th May—Children break up for half term @ 3:20p.m.

June

5th June - Children return to Academy

5th June - Y4 timestables check ongoing throughout June

5th-9th June Y6 residential trip to Frank Chapman Centre

12th June—Y1 Phonics Testing ongoing

16th June—Father's Day lunch (Reception and Y6 classes)

29th June— St Peter's Day

30th June—Sports Day (Y's and KS1 a.m., KS2 p.m.) Exact timings to be confirmed

July

21st July—Y6 leavers assembly and Prom

21st July—Children break up for the Summer holiday's @ 1:30p.m.

We will also be holding Open Afternoons throughout the Summer term for parents in each class—dates to be confirmed.

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 Easter break?



We would love to hear from you if you have something planned over the Easter 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.