

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is hard to believe that another half term is over and that we are now heading into the last few weeks of this academic year! As always, this has been one of our busier half term's, what with the KS1 and KS2 SATs tests taking place. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children in Year 2 and Year 6 for all of their efforts during these tests. We only ever ask that the children try their very best and we know that is exactly what each and every one of those children have done. We are extremely proud of all of the effort you have put in.

It has been a half term that featured an extra bank holiday due to the King's coronation. We certainly celebrated that historic event in style and both staff and children had a wonderful day.

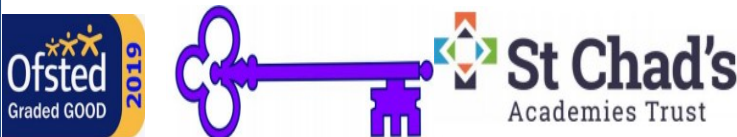
We have also said our goodbye's to Mrs Hopley this half term as she leaves St Peter's to take up a new Executive Principal role within the Trust. We would like to wish Mrs Hopley all the very best in her new role and thank her for the impact she has had during her time with us. In the meantime we would like to welcome Mr Davis who will be supporting our school for the remainder of this academic year prior to Mr Seex starting as our new Executive Principal in September.

During the next half term we will be inviting all of our 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 half term break. Let's hope the lovely weather we have been experiencing stays around for the next week at least. Thank you as always for your continued support and we will see you back at school on Monday 5th June.

Kind regards

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.

## **King's Coronation Celebration Day**

On Friday 5th May we held a celebration day in school in honour of the coronation of King Charles III. Children wore red, white and blue clothing and took part in various classroom-based activities throughout the day with their teachers.

Additionally, working alongside Tony Kilday and Kickstart Academy, the children had an opportunity to experience some traditional sports fit for royalty. Throughout the day every class had a session with their teachers and sports coaches trying out fencing and archery.



We also held a street party style lunch-time with music and dancing for children and staff on the school field. The school kitchen put on a special menu that included a buffet style lunch with sandwiches, sausage rolls, cucumber/carrot batons and Victoria sponge cake which you can book on your child's parent pay account.

At the end of the day we also held special assembly which culminated with the whole school joining in with a chorus of

## **St Peter's Sports Update**

### **Girls Football**

The girl's football team continued their league campaign with a double header against Ridgeway. The team put in an outstanding performance in their first game against Ridgeway B, resulting in an impressive 6-0 win. There was then little time to catch their breath before taking on Ridgeway A. Despite a brave effort they were beaten 1-0 but they are still very much in with a chance of finishing in a great position this season.

### **Boys Football**

The Y5/6 boys team also travelled to Ridgeway to play their next match in the Burntwood and Lichfield A-league. A brilliant start saw the team race into a 2-0 lead and they looked comfortable for much of the game Unfortunately in the last few minutes, Ridgeway were able to scramble home two goals of their own to claim a point with the result finishing 2-2.

Next up for the boys was a trip to Lichfield to face Five Spires. In a pulsating end-to-end match, neither side were willing to let up, with the goals flying in at both ends of the pitch. The final score ended in a 4-4 draw with credit to both sets of players for their efforts and sense of fair play.



## Bikeability Year 5 & Year 6

Across three days in May, Year 5 and 6 took part in the Bikeability course. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.

Year 5 spent the day developing their cycling skills on the school playground and while Year 6 were able to go out on the roads around the village

Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing.

After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence



## Dates for your Dairy.

### Summer Term 2023

#### May

**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 EY's and KS1 a.m., KS2 p.m.) Exact timings to be confirmed

#### July

**1st July**—St Peter's Fundraisers Summer Fayre (date and time to be confirmed)

**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.



## A farewell message from Mrs Hopley

Our Executive Principal, Mrs Hopley, will be leaving St Peter's this half term to take up another Executive role with the Academy Trust. We would like to express our thanks for all of the work she has done with us here and wish her all the best in her new role.

Mrs Hopley would like to share a few parting words with you all below.

*I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the support I have received in this move, and the love and warmth I have felt from the St Peter's family since joining the school. Whilst I have only been here a short time, I have truly been made to feel part of the community and I will really miss not seeing everyone each week. As I will still be a part of the trust, I will be popping back to visit the school and will keep in touch with the staff to see how everyone is getting on. St Peter's will always have a piece of my heart!*

Much love, Mrs Hopley x

*Thank you*

## INSPIRE event at Lichfield Cathedral

On Thursday 25th May, Year 6 and Year 4 children were invited to participate in the Lichfield Cathedral Inspire event. The children and staff had a fantastic day filled with a variety of activities arranged by the Cathedral. The themes of the event this year were 'Self, Others, Beauty, and Beyond.' As the pupils engaged with each of the interactive stations throughout the day, they were able to explore what each element means for people of faith as well as what it means for us as we develop an awareness of these in our everyday lives.



The children took part in 4 sessions across the day, including a tour of Lichfield Cathedral, a reflection/meditation session and various art activities.

It was lovely to be able to spend the day in such beautiful surroundings. The staff at the Cathedral who organised the activities were extremely complimentary about the children and commented on how well behaved and inquisitive they all were.

Doing anything exciting over the half term break?



**MAY HALF TERM**

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