# St Peter's Academy News

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**Summer 2022 Newsletter** 

#### Dear Parents/Guardians

Wow, where did that year go? It's incredible to think that this has actually been the first full year that the children would have been in school since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. There are no words that express just how proud we are of each and every one of the children here at St Peters. They have all come through the toughest of times and have worked so hard to catch up with their learning. Our KS1 and KS2 SATs results reflect just how well our pupils, staff and parents have worked together to ensure the children continue to aim to be the best that they can be.

The end of the Summer term is always an emotional time of year and I'm sure our Year 6 leavers will be both excited and a little sad to be leaving us to embark on the next stage of their education. They have been a wonderful group of young people to work with and we know that they will all go on to achieve great things in the future.

We will be sad to see Mrs Cockshott leave St Peter's at the end of this year but at the same time are delighted to see her remaining with the Trust as the new CEO. When Mrs Cockshott first joined us we were a school that Ofsted judged as requiring improvement. It is in no small part thanks to her leadership, guidance, encouragement, motivation and kindness that we are now judged to be a good school that we know has the potential to be outstanding. We would like to thank Mrs Cockshott for all she has done over the last 5 years, she will always be a part of the St Peters family and we wish her all the very best in her new position.

We are excited to be welcoming Mrs Hopley to St Peters as our new Executive Principal. She is bringing with her lots of experience and ideas that will help continue to drive the school forwards.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Summer 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 Wednesday 7th September.

St Peters Staff



## Staffing News

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Collins who is leaving the Academy at the end of this term. We would like to thank Miss Collins for everything she has contributed to St Peter's. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best for the future.

We would also like to send Miss Hiley our best wishes as she begins her maternity leave - we can't wait to meet the new addition to the family.

At the same time we are delighted to announce that Mrs Orr will be staying with us for a further year, especially as she has done such a wonderful job in our year 4 class. We are also pleased to inform you that Mrs Barrott has now joined our St Peter's team as a permanent member of staff after doing such an amazing job with our Y1 children since the beginning of the year.

## Year 3/4 BaseCamp

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May our Y3 and Y4 children took part in a Basecamp here at St Peters. The children camped overnight in tents on the school field and took part in a number of different activities across the 2 days. They helped to set up the camp by putting up their own tents, they took part in team building challenges, built and learned how to light their own camp fires, cooked their own meals over a gas stove and took part in an expedition around the local area. It was a fantastic experience and one that was enjoyed by both children and staff alike.



# Year 5/6 Kibblestone Adventure Summer Camp

From Monday 13th – Friday 17th June, children in Y5 and Y6 enjoyed a fun-packed week at Kibblestone Adventure Summer Camp. Whilst there they took part in activities such as high and low ropes, tree climbing, archery, treetop adventure, caving, a 6km expedition, bouldering, bush-craft as well as a number of team building activities. Both staff and children had an amazing time, the children were truly a credit to the school with the instructors and staff at the camp commenting on how kind, polite, respectful and friendly they all were.



### 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?**









## Class Trips

#### Y1/2 visit to Botanical Gardens

On Thursday 16th June our Y1 and Y2 class had a joint trip to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham to learn first-hand about different plants and animals from around the world. They particularly enjoyed the butterfly house and getting to touch a variety of tropical plants.

## Y3/4 visit to Thinktank Science museum

On Monday 20th June our Y3 and Y4 class had a joint trip to the Thinktank Science museum in Birmingham. The children had a great time exploring the different zones within the museum with their favourite being the Science garden. Reception visit to St Peter's Church

## **Reception visit to St Peters Church**

On Wednesday 25th May our Reception class had a wonderful time looking around our local church. They walked to church very sensibly and were able to tell Graham the vicar lots of things they already knew about church. They learnt lots of new facts too and even got to throw some seed bombs to encourage the local wildlife.

## **Queens' Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

On Thursday 26th May the whole school came together to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. The staff and children dressed in red, white and blue and spent the morning learning about the Queen and taking part in lots of different arts/crafts activities. At lunchtime, all of the children and staff gathered on the field for a celebratory picnic lunch and street/field party! The kitchen staff kindly prepared a selection of party foods and after we had finished our picnic everyone enjoyed a dance which culminated in perhaps the biggest 'Conga' line to ever grace the St Peter's school field.

Later that afternoon, we had a very special visit in our whole school assembly from the Queen herself, (who just happened to look suspiciously like our very own Mrs Taylor)! The children sang the national anthem and then had the opportunity to ask the Queen some questions.

#### **Dates for your Dairy.**

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

## September 2022

Monday 5th and Tues 6th Inset – Academy closed to children Wednesday 7th – Academy open for all children @ 8:40a.m.

Friday 23rd - Jeans for Genes Day – Donations for wearing Jeans

Friday 30th - McMillan Coffee Morning Event

#### October 2022

Monday 17th - Black History Week

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th Parent Consultations (TBC)

Thursday 20th - Harvest Performance - Rec & KS1 (Times to be confirmed)

Friday 21st - Harvest - KS2 (Times to be confirmed)

Friday 21st - Children break up for half term @ 3:20p.m.

Monday 24th to Friday 28th - October Half term Holiday

Monday 31st – Children return to Academy

## November 2022

Monday 14th – Friday 18th - Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 18th November – Children In Need (non-uniform day)

Monday 21st Y6 SATs Information Evening (TBC)

Wednesday 30th St Andrew's Day - £1.00 children to dress in blue & white

#### December 2022

Friday 9th - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 13th - Christmas Party Day - pm

Wednesday 14th- Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th - KS1 Christmas Performance (Evening – Time to be confirmed)

Thursday 15th - Reception Christmas Performance (Morning – Time to be confirmed)

Thursday 15th - KS1 Christmas Performance (Afternoon – Time to be confirmed)

Friday 16th -KS2 Christmas Church Service (Morning - Time to be confirmed)

Friday 16th Break- Up @ 1:30pm

#### Spring Term 2023

#### January 2023

Tuesday 3rd - Children return to Academy

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

# St Peters Sporting Success

# **Cross Country County Finals**

Teams of boys and girls from Years 3,4,5 and 6 competed in their respective cross country district tournaments at Erasmus Darwin Academy and Lichfield Cathedral School. All of our competitors gave their all and finished the course in very respectable times. Our Y5 boys team had 3 team members in the top 15 which was good enough to secure them a place at the County Finals at Keele University. The boys had a brilliant day and again performed admirably against a very talented field of runners. We are very proud of all the children that took part, their enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour were a credit to our school.

#### Years 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket

A team of Y3 and Y4 mixed boys and girls travelled to Hammerwich Cricket club to compete against a number of other local schools.



Both teams played incredibly well and finished in 2nd place overall in their groups. Again, both teams played the game in the spirit it was intended and a great day was had by all involved.

Doing anything exciting over the Summer break?



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