



# St Peter's Newsletter, June 2024

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## Executive Headteacher's Message



Summer is here! We have enjoyed the beautiful weather over the past few days. The final Summer half-term is one of my favourites as there are lots of opportunities to welcome families into St Peter's - sports day, music concerts, father's day and, later in the half-term, the Year 6 leavers service and performance. These events mean a lot to the children and gives them the chance to come together as 'One Family Under God'.

In this month's newsletter, there is information on our new feedback policy, which will see books marked in a different way. The emphasis has been changed to enable more dialogue and feedback to be shared with children. This is research-informed and has started brilliantly. I've had the pleasure of seeing the improvements the children are making to their work and I am impressed. I say it all the time, but our children really do stand out - they have responded to this different way of working tremendously.

I am delighted to welcome our new parent governor , Mrs Cheryl Heaton, to the team. The Local Academy Committee are an important part of the school's development and I look forward to working together. Thank you to everyone that volunteered for the role and to those that voted in the ballot.

On the subject of parents, our parent forum action plan is continually updated. Your feedback is valuable and has an impact on what we do in school. The link to the action plan can be found in the newsletter below - progress is shared based on a RAG rating system (explained in the Parent Forum section).

Our homework consultation is still open - <https://forms.office.com/e/6QU9PcxMg4> I'd love to hear your thoughts if you haven't had the chance to respond yet.

The final few dates for the year are at the foot of this newsletter. INSET days for next year are on our website and also included in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year. Have a great weekend,

Mr Seex

## What We're Working On - Feedback



We are now 'marking books' in a different way. Rather than written comments in books, children are now receiving far more verbal feedback. This dialogue means children can ask questions, respond to teacher questions and work side-by-side to move their learning forward. This has already had a positive impact on progress. A letter has been sent home with more detail on this.

At St Peter's, we never aim to embarrass a child. The teachers know the children well and will generally have quiet, private conversations about work. There will be a rollcall with small amendments that need to be made at the start of each lesson but, again, for those children that may not respond positively to this, the teacher would do this quietly and separately as needed.

A reminder of our homework consultation if you have not yet had the opportunity to complete it - we would love to hear from you:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6QU9PcxMg4>

If you would like to verbally share your thoughts, please speak to Mr Seex or Mr Castledine.

## Parent Governor Elections



We are pleased to announce that following our recent ballot, Mrs Cheryl Heaton has been invited to serve on our St Peter's Local Academy Committee. Thank you to all of the candidates that took the time to apply for this role and for providing us with excellent personal statements.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Heaton to our Local Academy Committee and inviting her to observe our final meeting of this academic year before commencing her role in September.

## Assessments - Phonics and Multiplication Tables

Our year 1 children completed their phonic assessments this month. They applied themselves really well. They have worked hard this year and as a result their reading has progressed fantastically. We are proud of them.

Those in year 2 that had not passed their phonics did their recheck as well. They are now all reading at a good level.

As always, practising at home makes a huge difference.

Our year 4 children completed their Multiplication Tables Check this month as well. This helps set a milestone to ensure they have the crucial skill of times tables before they move into upper key stage 2. They worked hard, put in lots of practise and did really well.

As always, St Peter's children stand out.

We will report these scores to you in the end of year reports.

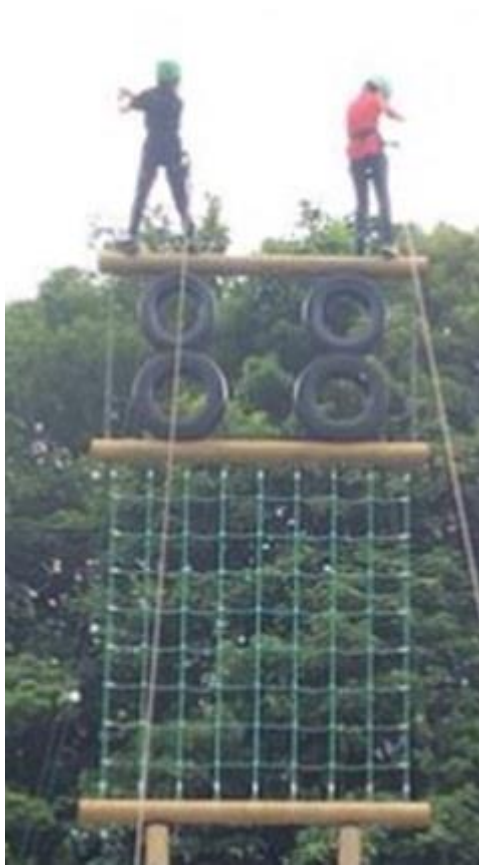
## Year 5/6 Residential Trip to Laches Wood



Our Y5 and Y6 children enjoyed a 3day/2night residential visit to Laches Wood in Wolverhampton between 3rd-5th June. They stayed in dormitories and took part in a range of adventurous activities including archery, axe throwing, search and rescue, high ropes climbing and canoeing.

A fantastic time was had by all of the children and as always their behaviour and politeness were a credit to the Academy. A big thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children on this trip.







## Father's Day Lunch



We were very pleased to be able to welcome our Reception and Year 6 families to join their children for a special lunch on Friday 14th June to celebrate Father's Day. It was lovely to see Dads, Grandads and Uncles sharing a meal with the children. It really made their day to be able to have you join them in the school hall.

## St Peter's Summer Holiday Sports Camp



We are thrilled to announce that Progressive Sports will be delivering an amazing sports club at our school over the summer holidays! For 4 weeks (29th July - 23rd August), your children can enjoy a variety of fun and engaging sports activities. We are especially grateful to Progressive Sports for offering a discounted price for our students, making this wonderful opportunity even more accessible. Parents will only need to pay £17.50 per day! Please see the flyer below for more details and click on the link to book your child's spot.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to keep your children active and entertained this summer!

## Music Concert Years 1, 2 and 3



On Tuesday 25th June, the children who take part in our peripatetic music lessons put on a special concert showcasing their talents for parents.

We were treated to a selection of wonderful performances on both the piano and guitar. The children performing were note perfect and you could see just how proud of themselves they were.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Angus for providing the children with this opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. Over 40% of the children from Year 1 through to Year 6 take part in this offer which is an extremely impressive figure!

To book your space you can click on the link below:

<https://progressive-sports.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login#/club/12003/booking>

## Euro 2024 with Progressive Sports

Progressive Sports organised a special in-house tournament to celebrate the Euro 2024 tournament that involved a coaching session with a semi-professional footballer. Over 30 children ranging from Reception to Year 6 attended and put on a fantastic display of competitive spirit and sportmanship.

A huge thank you to all of those children that took part in this event.



## INSET Days - 2024/2025

Schools have five in-service training (INSET) days per year. On these days, the academy will be closed to all children. Our days for next year are on our website. They are as follows:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 23rd May 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025

For term dates for 2024/25, please see the Staffordshire County Council website: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/termdates.aspx>

## Family Cooking Courses

Location	Duration	Start Date	Day	Time
Charnwood Family Hub, 101 Purcell Ave, Lichfield WS13 7PH	5 weeks	1 Jul 2024	Mondays	1, 22 & 29 Jul: 13:00 – 15:00 8 & 15 Jul: 16:00 – 18:00
Glasgote Family Hub, Hawsworth, Tamworth B77 2ER	5 weeks	4 Jul 2024	Thursdays	12:30 – 14:30

To book your place contact the relevant Family Hub:

Glasgote **01827 475222**

Charnwood **01543 512024**

For more detailed course information visit: [southstaffs.ac.uk/community-education](https://southstaffs.ac.uk/community-education)

Are you looking to create delicious, budget-friendly meals for your family? Look no further! Involving your children in the kitchen is a fantastic bonding experience. Discover age-appropriate tasks for little chefs and create memorable meals together!

South Staffordshire College are running family cooking courses. The courses will run for 5 weeks for 2 hours per week, at your local Family Hub. They are free and are aimed at young families, maximum 2 children per adult.

## Sports Provision - Clubs

We are delighted to announce that Progressive Sports will continue to deliver their services (wrap around care and after school sports clubs) at St Peter's for the 2024/2025 academic year!

We're extremely happy with the impact they have made out our school since January, giving our pupils the opportunity to learn new skills, experience new sports and activities, and be more active!

## Parent Forum



Our Parent Action Plan can be found on the link below. This was created based on feedback that we have received about how to make the school even better.

[SP Parent Forum Action Plan.docx](#)

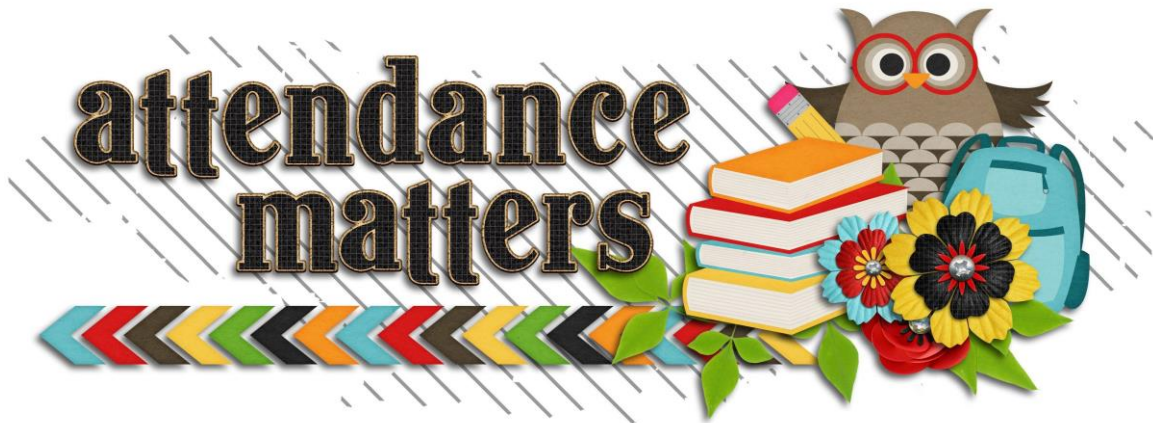
This will enable us to be transparent and accountable about the actions we will be taking based on your feedback. We have used a RAG rating system to evaluate progress:

- Red - unsuccessful
- Amber/yellow - some progress made
- Green - good progress made
- Blank - not actioned yet

We appreciate all feedback, be it positive or constructive, so please share it when you see Mr Castledine, Mr Seex or any of the school staff.

Unfortunately our final parent forum which was planned for Thursday 18th July has had to be postponed. We will send out a rescheduled date for the Autumn term as soon as we have a new date.

## 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.

## School Dinners Feedback

If you have anything you want to share, you can contact our catering providers using the details below:

***Rebecca Davies, Area Manager, Edwards and Ward***

***Email:*** [rdavies@edwardsandward.co.uk](mailto:rdavies@edwardsandward.co.uk)

## Absence Reporting

Gentle Reminder: If your child is unwell, please call the school office on 01543 372060 to report it. The teachers do not have access to their Class Dojo messages whilst teaching so the message may be missed if it does not go to the office. This is also the case when someone different may be teaching the class such as supply teachers.

## Parking

To keep everyone safe, please park considerately. Where possible, parking a couple of minutes walk from the school can reduce congestion and help ensure that everyone is safe. A reminder that there should be no parking or dropping off on the yellow zig-zag lines.

We have asked the PCSOs to have a regular presence to support with this so that everyone can remain safe.

## Key Dates: Summer Term



We endeavour to communicate about events in advance to give plenty of notice. Please see below for upcoming key dates for the rest of this term.

### **July 2024**

Sat 29th June – St Peters Fundraisers Summer Fayre (1p.m – 4p.m on the school field)

Thursday 4th July – SPF School disco's

Rec/KS1 3:20 – 4:20

KS2 4:30 – 5:30

Fri 12th July – End of Year reports out

Tues 16th July - Open Afternoon for Parents (2pm-4:30pm)

Fri 19th July – Y6 leavers assembly (9:30a.m.)

Fri 19th July - Break-Up @ 1:30pm for Summer Holidays

**Mon 22nd - INSET day (Academy open to Staff only)**

**Please note that the first two day days of school in September are INSET days and children will not return to St Peter's until Wednesday 4th September.**

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