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Dear Parents,

In the news recently there was an item that highlighted the importance of greeting your child out of school with a smile rather than a mobile phone. I am sure that like me you would like to encourage family talk at the end of the day to help pupils develop their talking and listening skills. I do urge you to put your phone away as you enter the school grounds and enjoy this special time with your child.

Many thanks.

Mrs Banks



ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say well done to the class with the best attendance.

W/C	Class	Percentage
20/01/2020	Otters	99.71%
27/01/2020	Polar Bears	98.46%

It is good to see high percentages of children in school and we are proud of our pupils' attendance. We need to keep this up. If you are in doubt and unsure whether to send your child in, please don't keep them at home just in case. Rest assured if your child is unwell we will phone you. Alternatively, if you are unsure what to do, please feel free to ring our office for advice.

SPEAKING TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER

The start of the day is an especially busy time for teachers and often they are preparing for the exciting lessons being taught that day. Therefore, we respectfully request that you do not enter your child's class room first thing in the morning. If you wish to get a message to the class teacher please have a word with the member of staff who is on the door. They will ensure the message gets through to the class teacher.

SHARING ASSEMBLIES

Please don't forget to check your emails on a Wednesday evening. We aim to send an email to all parents if their child is receiving a certificate or showing their work in the Friday assemblies.

WASPS FILM NIGHT

Please note the change in dates for the next WASPs film night. This will take place on Friday 6th March not Friday 28th February as previously advertised.

FRIENDLY REMINDER - BEING LATE TO SCHOOL

We understand that sometimes children have to be late for school because of important appointments, like the doctors or hospitals. However, it is really important that if your children can arrive on time that they do. At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school. As well, in each class, important tasks are done such as handwriting, maths fluency and other vital interventions to improve the children's learning. If children are late they are missing all of this crucial work. Please try and ensure that your child arrives promptly each morning so that they can experience the full school day and benefit from all that this has to offer. Thank you for your support.

February

Friday 7th
Friday 28th

Newsletter
Newsletter

March

Friday 6th
Tuesday 10th
Friday 13th
Monday 16th

WASPS Film night
Maths Parent Morning
Newsletter
6.00 pm Year 6 Parents
SATS meeting
Parents Evening
Parents Evening
WASPs film night
6.00 pm Year 2 Parents
SATS Meeting.

Tuesday 24th
Thursday 26th
Friday 27th
Monday 30th

April

Thursday 2nd

9.00 & 2.30 Parent Phonics
Check meeting

SHINING STARS

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH BOOKING FORM
12TH FEBRUARY.**

Payment for March bookings to be made in full by 29th February 2020.

Places cannot be guaranteed if deadlines are not met.

Should you wish to contact Shining Stars the phone is on from 7.15 am—6.00 pm every weekday during term time.

Booking forms are available for the rest of the year on the school website.

Spring Term 2020	
School Opens	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Half Term Break	Monday 17th February— Friday 21st February
School close	Friday 3rd April
Summer Term 2020	
Schools Open	Monday 20th April
May Bank Holiday	Friday 8th May
Half Term Break	Monday 25th May— Friday 29th May
School Closes	Friday 10th July

SAFE GUARDING

If you have any concerns re. the well being or care of a child, please speak to the school office and they will put you in touch with the schools safeguarding lead.

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF— MRS STEWART BUSINESS MANAGER

How long have you worked at St Peter's?

I've been at St Peter's for over 7 years now, having worked previously at Leysland High School for 11 years.

What do you like best about your job?

I enjoy the variation – no two days are ever the same – so there's no chance of monotony setting in. I also really value the team I work with. We all care for each other, so if you're having a tough day having their support makes all the difference.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

As I have one toddler grandson, I do spend a lot of my spare time in 'Grandma mode', which I absolutely love. I also enjoy cooking, reading, eating out and going to the flicks. My particular favourite non-Grandma pastime has to be going to gigs though – you can't beat a bit of live music. I just wish it was more affordable/accessible.

Where do you go on holiday?

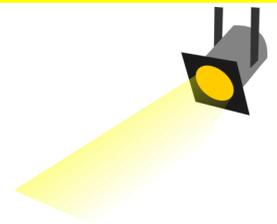
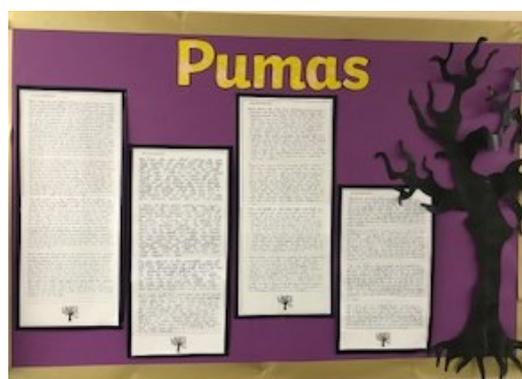
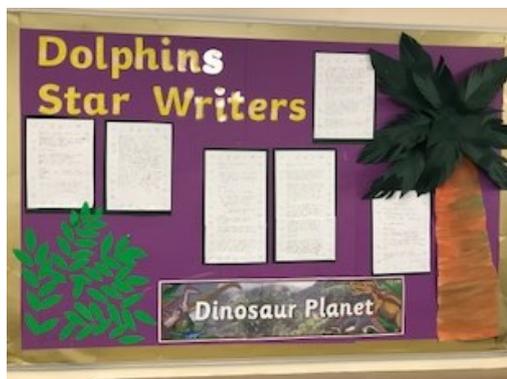
For my main summer holiday I usually go to Cornwall – I think it's my all time favourite County - but as my husband is Scottish we often head up to Edinburgh or Portsonachan at other times of the year.

Do you think advances in technology are a good or bad thing?

A bit of both. There's no doubt that my job would be considerably harder without the technology we have to hand today. And obviously mobile phones mean you are always contactable/able to make contact with others which has it's benefits. But is that always a good thing?



SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE - STAR WRITER WALLS



At St Peter's we love having parents in to look at the amazing work that our children produce and it was fantastic to see so many of you here for our Book Look and our recent KS1 Reading Morning. What is lovely to hear is how impressed visitors are with our display around school, especially our 'Star Writer' walls that can be seen in the corridors. The purpose of these walls is to showcase all the brilliant writing that is going on each half term in each class. I love looking at the genres of writing and am always blown away by how much writing has changed from when I started here to now. The presentation and handwriting has improved so much and continues to improve each half term, which is testament to how much our children care about the quality of their work. So next time you come into school, please feel free to have a look at the Star Writer Walls and see for yourself our wonderful writing.

Mr Bolstridge

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Information on the curriculum your child is being taught can be found on the school website
<http://www.stpeterswhetstone.co.uk/curriculumoverview/>

MR B'S BOOKS OF THE WEEK FOR RELUCTANT READERS

- EYFS I Don't Like Books. Never. Ever. The End. - Emma Perry
- KS1 Sam Wu is not Afraid of Zombies - Katie Tsang
- LKS2 Sticky Pines: The Bigwoof Conspiracy - Dashe Roberts
- UKS2 Evernight - Ross Mackenzie

