



St Peter's C of E (A) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Following the government advice yesterday I wanted to again reassure you that we are doing all we can in school to keep our children safe through thorough handwashing and our cleaning procedures.

Should any child become unwell with a **cough or high temperature** then please phone the school to make us aware that you are self isolating your child at home. We will then code this absence as "exceptional circumstances" in line with government advice. For this reason **only** you do not need to phone daily to update us, we will just expect to see your child in school again after the 7 days. If they remain unwell then please phone again on day 8.

With all best wishes for everyone in our families to stay healthy and well.

Mrs Banks

ATTENDANCE

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

W/C	Class	Percentage
24/02/2020	Turtles	99.17%
2/03/2020	Dolphins	100%

REMINDER– WATERPROOF COATS WITH HOODS

Children go out to play in all weathers. This is important for them to get fresh air and release some energy after working hard at their learning. However, at this time of year, there are lots of horrible bugs going around. Therefore, please ensure your child always has a waterproof coat with a hood in school every day to keep them warm and dry when they are out playing with their friends.



SCHOOL MEAL THEMED DAYS

Support our school kitchen and give your children a treat.

Wednesday 1st April 2020—Happy Easter Lunch

Roast turkey with stuffing & gravy or cheese and spring onion quiche.
Accompanied by roast potatoes, fresh carrots and broccoli
Chocoalte krispie cake or Easter biscuit

Thursday 23rd April 2020– Celebrate St George's Day

Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy or Vegetarian sausage with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy
Sticky toffee pudding or shortbread biscuit

Please ensure parent pay is in credit if your child requires a hot dinner Hot dinner is £2.25 drink £0.35 pence.



March

Friday 6th

Tuesday 10th
Monday 16th

WASPS Film night

Maths Parent Morning
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

May

Friday 15th

Thursday 21st

WASPS Family Film NIGHT
6.00—7.00 Infant Disco
7.15—8.15 Junior Disco

June

Wednesday 3rd

Class Photos

SHINING STARS

DEADLINE FOR APRIL BOOKING FORM 18TH MARCH.

Payment for April bookings to be made in full by 31st March 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 or school foyer.

Tax– Free Childcare

For those parents who use our Shining Stars Before & After School Club, please check to see if you qualify for tax-free childcare. As a childcare provider we're all signed up so you could save £2 for every £10 in fees paid by registering. As payment cannot be made via ParentPay, please advise the office if you register so we can amend our records.

Spring Term 2020	
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

REMINDER—OPEN DOOR POLICY

We politely request that if you have any problems at all please do you pop into school and make an appointment to see your child's class teacher or Mrs Banks. Parents should not approach each other if they have concerns over incidents that have happened in school. Each Wednesday morning Mrs Banks is always available from 8.30—10.00 without an appointment. Thank you for your support in this matter.



BREAKING NEWS

BY ROYAL DECREE—QUEEN'S VISIT TO KS1

KS1 had a lovely afternoon with a special visit from the Queen. The children learnt a special dance which they performed, held a question and answer session with Her Majesty and ate lots of lovely cakes for a very regal Afternoon Tea! We will be completing our topic on London with a very special art and design project in class, so keep your eyes peeled over the next few weeks!



BEAT THE STREET

With a last minute decision, Michelle Eltham and another WASPS member decorated the beat box for World Book day! It really made the children laugh when they came into school!

The following day, someone from the Beat the street team came in to thank us for taking part in dressing up the beat box and gave us some cuddly hedgehogs and stickers as special recognition! (They have since been passed onto the teachers who are running the beat the street challenge, for prizes!) Make sure you keep tapping the boxes so we can have as many points for our school as possible! Thank you!

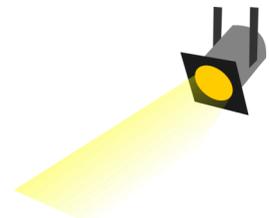


SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE - THE POWER OF READING

Reading at St Peter's is of great importance which is why we offer events like Readathon and the Scholastic Book Fair alongside placing great emphasis on reading in each and every classroom. The Department of Education is now also placing a greater focus on reading and its importance for children, which is fantastic to see. I would just like to share with you the power that reading has for children's development. It is quite fascinating.

- If you read for just 20 minutes a day, you'll read 1,800,000 words per year! That has a huge impact on a child's vocabulary.
- Reading enhances memory and our brain adjusts to make more room for knowledge.
- Reading fictional books increases children's ability to empathise with their peers.
- Reading a book before bed has been scientifically proven to improve sleeping patterns. The same can be said for sharing a book before bed!

Mr Bolstridge



FRIENDLY REMINDER— AGE APPROPRIATE GAMES, APPS AND WEBSITES

The internet is truly an amazing thing, and is an integral part of everyday life nowadays. However, it is always worth considering the impact that the internet can have on children. Similar to chocolate, too much internet is not always healthy! As well, because of the vastness of the internet, it is vital that we as parents and teachers monitor the websites, apps and games that our children are playing. Therefore, I would like to direct your attention to the PEGI app that has been developed that allows parents to search and check ratings for apps and games. It is a great way to make sure our children are safe.

MR B'S BOOKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS - My First Book of Comparisons: Clive Gifford

KS1 - Popcorn-eating Squirrels Go Nuts on Everest: Matt Dickinson

LKS2 - Amelia Fang and the Naughty Caticorns: Laura Ellen Anderson

UKS2 - Monstrous Devices: Damien Love

