



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

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Dear Parents,

This week in school we have been pleased to welcome back each morning a small group of our youngest EYFS pupils. They have enjoyed learning in a slightly different way to usual but it has been lovely to see them happy and engaging with learning again. If your child is in the Tigers class and you would like to take up a part time place in school please do get in touch.

At the moment, due to limited staff available, we are really sorry but we are unable to offer places to Year 1 or 6. If this changes though, we will of course contact you straight away. We also hope to be in touch over the next few weeks about your child's report and classes for next year. Although fewer pupils are in school staff are all working really hard on transition plans and planning to support pupil's needs next year both in terms of their emotional well being and academic learning.

Finally, a heartfelt request from all of the school team. We know that many families locally are finding the financial strain of Covid 19 hard and that St Peter's families are always incredibly generous at the end of the year and often give gifts to class teachers. This year we please ask that instead you consider donating to the local food bank at Badgerbrook school so that we can help others in our local area. Many thanks for your understanding and support in this.

Mrs Banks

## Information for practical support for parents at home

The link below is a Gov recommended one and has some practical ideas for parents to support at home

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/support-resources-to-share-with-parents/>

Our **maths calculation policies** are now on our school website (in the policy area) to further support families with maths learning at home.

## Virtual Collective Worship.

We now have a new virtual collective worship learning PowerPoint for families to further develop home learning. Please check our school website where it will be alongside home learning.



## Home Learning

Having spoken to a number of parents about 'Home Learning' over the course of the last couple of weeks, I would just like to say to all our parents and carers that you are all doing a magnificent job in what is difficult circumstances. Completing the work set will help our children improve their learning, but please do not worry if things don't always go to plan! Being kind to yourself is equally important, and sometimes the best learning takes place in unusual places. For example, just think about the maths that takes place when baking: measurement, capacity and time to name a few. Everyone is doing the best job they can and you all deserve huge praise for this. If there are any problems, please continue to get in touch with school. We are here to help.

Mr B

## Office Opening Hours

The office is open daily from 8.30—1.15



If you have any concerns/ enquiries –please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0116 2775750 or email [office@st-peters-whetstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters-whetstone.leics.sch.uk)

## SHINING STARS

*An email was sent on Monday 8th June re refunds for Shining Stars if required the deadline for requesting a refund is today. Please look for the email and email [lstewart@st-peters-whetstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:lstewart@st-peters-whetstone.leics.sch.uk) if you require one.*

**Booking forms will be sent out next week the deadline for returning is 29th June 2020**

### 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.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>2020—2021</b>
<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>	
School Opens	Wednesday 26th August
<b>August Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 31st August</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October</b>
School Closes	Friday 18th December 2020
<b>Spring Term 2021</b>	
School Opens	Tuesday 5th January 2021
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 15th — Friday 19th February</b>
School Closes	Friday 26th March
<b>Summer Term 2021</b>	
School Opens	Monday 12th April
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 3rd May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 31st May— Friday 4th June</b>
<b>School closes</b>	Friday 9th July