



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

9th October 2020

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Dear Parents,

As this half term draws to a close I wanted to say a massive thank you to all of our families. In these ongoing difficult times we have really appreciated your support in implementing Covid safety measures to try and reduce infection rates in school. Unfortunately these must continue next half term and further restrictions may apply, I will of course keep you informed of any changes to school practice that is required. Thank you also for signing up for the Class DoJo, this will be a real help in the event of any Covid cases. If pupil groups need to self isolate it will mean learning can continue in line with school plans at home.

Despite everything the children in school are fantastic and on the whole have enjoyed being back in the classroom with friends. Where children have anxieties and any issues please do let the class teacher know, we have extra support in place this year to help.

Finally, class teachers look forward to talking with you next week about your child and their learning. Thank you once again for working in partnership with us which brings huge benefits for the children.

Mrs Banks

ATTENDANCE

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

W/C		
21/9	100%	Pumas
28/9	100%	Hedgehogs

We are really proud to say two classes achieved 100% Well done.

WASPS

Firstly we would like to introduce ourselves to the new EYFS parents. We are the school PTA. (Whetstone Association for St Peter's Primary School) Normally we would be enjoying our monthly Family Film Nights and our school Discos etc but due to Covid restrictions, unfortunately none of these can take place at the moment and this includes our 2020 Christmas Fayre. We are still able to do our Grand Raffle and the children are also in the process of designing Christmas cards which will eventually be available to buy. Look out for letters about both of these soon! Finally, we are excited to share with you that we have paid to have a Pantomime Company visit our school at the end of November to get the children into the Christmas Spirit! Thank you to Mrs Banks for organising.

Michelle Eltham

WASPS PTA chair



COVID

IN THE EVENT OF YOUR CHILD TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY .

IF YOU GET THE RESULTS OUT OF OFFICE HOURS PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL ON : office@st-peters-whetstone.leics.sch.uk.

Please name the e-mail - positive covid test

You must include vital information

- Date when symptom's started
- Date of test and result.

Emails will be checked at regular times over the weekend and evenings

SHINING STARS

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER BOOKINGS IS FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2020

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.

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

SCHOOL DINNER & JUICE MONEY

If your child has school dinners or juice please ensure your account is always in credit for the week ahead. It takes valuable office time to chase money owed. Many thanks.

Academic Year	2020—2021
Autumn Term 2020	
School Opens	Thursday 27th August
August Bank Holiday	Monday 31st August
Half Term	Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October
School Closes	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	
School Opens	Tuesday 5th January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15th — Friday 19th February
School Closes	Friday 26th March
Summer Term 2021	
School Opens	Monday 12th April
May Day	Monday 3rd May
Half Term	Monday 31st May— Friday 4th June
School closes	Friday 9th July

Dates for your Diary

November

Tuesday 3rd

Seasonal Flu Vaccination—whole school

Lunch time Reminder

Just to remind parents that chocolate and sweets should not be put in your child's lunch boxes. Thank you.

Reminder of class Times

Group	Start time	Finish Time	PE day Please wear PE kit to school on this day.
Tigers Class	8.50	3.00 pm	Thursday
Hedgehog & Polar Bear Class	8.40	3.10 pm	Tuesday
Otters and Penguins Class	8.50	3.10 pm	Friday
Puma and Turtle Class	8.40	3.20 pm	Wednesday

We encourage you to sign your child up for their flu vaccine

Please complete your child's [flu] vaccine consent form online by to make sure your child doesn't miss out.

Visit: <https://www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need the code for our school, our school code is: LE146603

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE -

The current COVID crisis is presenting many challenges for families. One such challenge being felt nationwide is the potential insecurity with jobs and finances. With the furlough scheme ending in October and the uncertainty that this can bring, I would like to just remind you all that school can be here to help through something called 'Pupil Premium'. This is a government initiative that is aimed at families where the household income is below a certain level. A successful Pupil Premium application means that school receive extra money for your child which can be used to benefit your child and your finances. For example, any child who has PP funding is entitled to incentives this year like: one subsidised trip and one set of uniform. As well, the extra funding allows us as a school to increase our interventions and help all the children be the best they can be. If you have any questions regarding Pupil Premium, please speak to the office.

Mr Bolstridge



MR B'S BOOKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Vampire Peter - Ben Manley

KS1 - Spooky Winnie - Laura Owen

LKS2 - Goosebumps Most Wanted: Planet of the Lawn Gnomes - R.L Stine

UKS2 - Haunted: Ghost Stories to Chill your Blood - Various Authors

