



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

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Governors – A big 'Thank You' to you all for wearing masks and social distancing whilst on school premises.

This has enabled us to protect each other, the staff and, most importantly, our children. It has meant that to date, we have not had to send any class bubbles home to isolate and attendance has been almost "normal".

Soon the country will be coming out of lockdown and tiered strategies will be in place, but the school politely requests that you continue to wear masks and socially distance when you come onto school premises.

If we follow the rules the school can continue the great work in educating and growing our pupils in as safe a place as possible.

Your continued support for the school is appreciated.

Chair of Governors



Private and Confidential Telephone Befriending Scheme Referral

School can refer people to this scheme if families know if anyone on their own. Please let the school office know.



If you or your child has any Covid symptoms please self isolate and arrange a test.

When you receive the result please screen shot it and e-mail it immediately to the school office. We are required to keep proof of these and quick notification enables us to take any actions needed.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with this to keep all of our families safe.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say well done to the class with the best attendance. And WOW two weeks running we have 100% for two classes.

W/C		
9/11	100%	Pumas
16/11	100%	Polar Bears

Dates for your Diary

Week beginning Monday 30th November—parent discussions
Wednesday 4th December—Deadline for WASPS raffle tickets to be returned.

Friday 4th December—WASP Christmas raffle draw

Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December—Christmas Lunch day

Wednesday 16th/Thursday 17th December—bubble parties

Friday 18th December—whole school Christmas assembly.

SHINING STARS

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER PAYMENT MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.

BOOKING FORMS FOR JANUARY HAVE BEEN SENT OUT AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 9TH.

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>

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

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

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF—MR KIRBY PREMISES OFFICER

What do you like best about your job?

A chance to serve the community and to feel like I'm making a difference supporting education and I enjoy the peaceful morning routines and fresh air.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I look after a nice garden at home with a small orchard of fruit trees and a pond and herb garden. Otherwise I like creating various projects and wood turning in my shed.

Do you have any pets?

We were adopted by a stray cat given the name Queenlance, who roams the garden and stays in when its raining.

Where do you go on holiday?

We enjoy going to various seaside towns in Norfolk—although obviously not at the moment with Covid.

What did you do before joining St Peter's?

After leaving school, I started as an insulation fitter. I then moved into commercial maintenance with a well know hotel and, most recently, worked in site maintenance for a large academy near where I live before starting my own business.



Spotlight this week is on...

Emotional Wellbeing.

We recognise that some children and families go through challenging times on occasion. There is always support available and we can point families to some helpful services for this if needed. Please do not struggle on alone, we are here to help.

One of these new free services is 'Wellbeing Practitioners' that can support children age 7+ with sleep problems, anxiety, simple phobias, panic and stress management.

Please do contact the office and speak to myself if you think your child/family would benefit from this service and I will complete a referral to Early Help. At present, I have been advised that they do not have a waiting list.

Mrs Banks.



MR B'S BOOKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Isadora Moon Makes Winter Magic by Harriett Muncaster

KS1 - The Good Bear by Sarah Lean

LKS2 - Winter Magic by various authors

UKS2 - Winterkill by Kate Boorman

