



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

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Dear Parents,

Despite these difficult times, it is important for our wellbeing that we look for and find "silver linings" and things to celebrate. At St Peter's this half term Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed a special "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" dressing up day whilst Year 6 enjoyed the opportunity to undertake Bikeability. Year 5 and 6 are now preparing for an end of year production, which we will video for parents as sadly an audience is not yet possible due to the children singing.

I hope that you all manage to enjoy some special moments during next week and look forward to welcoming everyone back fresh-faced and ready for an exciting last half term of this year on Monday June 7th.

Alison Banks

Spotlight on... WASPS

Sadly, all good things must come to an end and this is the case with some familiar faces from our wonderful PTA: WASPS. Mrs Eltham is the current Chair of WASPS having joined in October 2014 and taking over as Chair in April 2015. In this post, she has gone above and beyond for St Peter's creating her own family film nights, which many of our children and families have enjoyed over the years. Alongside this she has also put on bingo nights, secret shops, quiz nights, school discos, the Xmas fayre and more!

Although it has been really rewarding, after over 6 years and due to her youngest leaving St Peters this year, she now feels it is time for her to leave and pass the mantle on to someone new with fresh ideas. Also leaving is her husband Simon, who is the treasurer and Cecile, who is the Secretary. We currently have 11 members and due to other children leaving this year, we will also lose some other members leaving us with just 5. On behalf of St Peter's, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Eltham and the other members who are leaving. You will be missed and we hope to still see you in school from time to time!

This is where we need your help. We are looking for some new faces to help with WASPS and bring fresh ideas and inspiration to an already brilliant organisation.

If interested get in touch with the school office - office@stpeters.embracemat.org

Mr B

Donations wanted—KS1 playground & Individual Pupils

Do you have any pre-loved but good quality garden games/outside equipment you would like to donate for the KS1 playground? We aim to make playtimes fun and due to budget restrictions can't always provide what we would like to. If you have any items we can assure you they would be put to good use.



We are also asking for donations for our SEND pupils

Little people/figures (small world people, fairies etc)

Little dolls or kits to look after them

Magnetic toys

Simple games like dobble or Uno

Thank you in advance for your support.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE COVID—PLEASE READ

- Do not use Lateral Flow tests on your child. We will not accept lateral flow test results for children as per government guidance. If your child has symptoms (new or persistent cough/ temperature/or loss of smell or taste) you must book a PCR test.
- If you or your child has any Covid symptoms, please self isolate and arrange a test.
- Once the result is received please screen shot and email to school immediately.



SHINING STARS

DEADLINE FOR JUNE

PAYMENT

MONDAY 31ST MAY

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 ask on collection of your child.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Things are hopefully returning to normal and we have noticed that in attendance at school. We are now celebrating good attendance, but don't worry if your child is off for reasons related to Covid as this is taken into account.

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

W/C 10/5	Hedgehogs	100%
W/C 17/5	Penguins	99.39%

Year 5—Beast Creator



We have been learning all about the life cycle of a Monarch Butterfly and we have created an explanation text. I have chosen Nuala's work to show as this is a very good example of Year 5 work. She has listened to feedback and edited and improved her work well, focusing on her sentence openers. It is a detailed piece of writing and her presentation is beautiful.

Well done Nuala.



As we have been learning about insects, in our Art and Design lessons, Year 5 have designed and created their own insect to inhabit a specific environment. They had to think about what all insects have and how they were going to make their bug 3D. I have chosen Lyla's (green) and Jayden's (silver) as both of these insects clearly show the three parts of an insect: head, thorax and abdomen. Both children persevered and overcame any difficulties they faced whilst making these fabulous models. Well done!

THANK YOU

We know the last two weeks have been particularly difficult for some parents when we have been sending pupils home following government guidance to have Covid tests. You have all been fantastically supportive and for that we thank you.

As always our aim is to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible especially our vulnerable pupils and staff. By working together we know we are doing our best.

Thank
You

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

Y6 Bikeability

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils who took part in the Bikeability course, delivered by Terry and Yas from Leicestershire County Council. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions which taught them how to cycle safely on the roads.

Everyone who took part received their Level 1 and Level 2 certificates. Amazingly, twelve children improved their cycling skills enough during the week to be able to take part in the Level 3 when they went on a longer bike ride looking at how to deal with more traffic, roundabouts and traffic lights. Excellent work everyone!

Quotes from the children:

I enjoyed learning about how to ride a bike safely on the road. It makes me feel a lot safer.

I have learnt to stay in primary position so that cars don't overtake you.

I absolutely loved doing Bikeability because we learned how to do things like signalling, right turns and left turns.

I enjoyed doing the Level 3 because we rode for 4 miles.



Mr B's Books of the Week

EYFS: Grandad's Camper - Harry Woodgate

KS1: Big Sky Mountain - Alex Milway

LKS2: Wild Nights Out - Chris Salisbury

UKS2: Bigfoot Mountain - Roderick O'Grady

