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3rd September 2021

Dates for the Diary

Week commencing 20th September—Parents evening/discussion meetings. More information will follow.

Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th September - Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 15th October - Nominated Bank Holiday. School Closed.

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year and what we hope will be a safe and smooth one for our pupils, staff and families. It has been a great start back and the highlight for lots of us is assemblies and singing together once more. I hope that we may be able to invite parents to our Friday sharing assemblies again very soon!

I also just wanted to stress to you the importance of reading with your child this year. Many of our pupils did dip a little in reading due to Covid lockdowns and I read the following research this week which I hope will demonstrate the **importance of reading at least 3 times a week—more is better!!**

If a child is never read to, at age 5 they have on average a vocabulary of **4662 words**. If they read 3-5 times per week they have a vocabulary of **169, 520 words**. Please, please read and listen to your child read this year, it is key for all areas of their learning.

Many thanks.

Alison Banks

EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY DURING 2021– 2022

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee an extra bank holiday has been awarded for 2022 on Friday 3rd June. As this falls within the summer half term break, the government has asked school to nominate an additional day during term time so pupils and member of staff also benefit from the extra day's holiday. School will be closed to pupils and members of staff on **Friday 15th October 2021**

Spotlight on—School Communication

Some of the best progress for children is made when there is an effective communication pathway between school and home. Like Mrs Banks said above, this is essential in reading at home and then writing in your child's reading diary so that we know that they are engaged with their reading away from St Peter's.

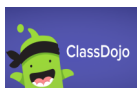
In addition, this is also crucial in regards ParentPay, and ensuring that you are checking it regularly. Not only will there be vital letters regarding trips, clubs and school news on there, it also allows you to access dates for upcoming school events that will directly impact your child's education.

Further, Class DoJo is a brilliant tool for keeping up to date with homework set and also what is happening in the classroom on a daily basis. My girls' have recently started nursery where they have a similar platform and I know I love seeing their development on there. Class DoJo is the same in that you can see how amazing they are doing in class, and will see alerts about DoJo points as well as important information that the class teacher may wish to share. So, please ensure that you have downloaded the app on to your phone for ease of access.

I look forward to continuing to build what is already a fantastic home-school partnership with you over the coming year.

As always, any questions, please do ask!

Mr B



SHINING STARS

DEADLINE FOR RETURN FOR OCTOBER BOOKING

WEDNESDAY

15TH SEPTEMBER

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

07906078654

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>

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 23/8

**Flamingos
Orangutans**

100%

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School photographer will be in school on
Wednesday 8th September.

The school photographer will be in the hall from 8.15 am to allow pre school children to have their photos taken with their siblings. Please queue up outside the double doors on the junior play-ground and wait your turn.

CHEERLEADING CLUB

This will commence on 9th September for Years 1—6 and will be run by Leigh-Anne Wright for six weeks at a charge of £3.00 per session totalling £18.00. A hard copy of the letter has been sent to parents and on Class Dolo. If your child is interested in attending the club please ensure you have returned the reply slip.



COMMUNICATON

AS PER MR BOLSTRIDGE SPOTLIGHT ON
COMMUNICATION, ALL FURTHER NEWSLETTERS
AND LETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA PARENT PAY OR
CLASS DOJO. PLEASE ENSURE YOU STORE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN A FOLDER ON YOUR
COMPUTER TO REFER BACK TO.

Mr B's Books of the Week

EYFS: Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry - Michelle Robinson
KS1: Weird But True 2022 - National Geographic Kids
LKS2: Toad Attack - Patrice Lawrence
UKS2: Shadowghast - Thomas Taylor

