



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

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Dates for the Diary

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

Wed 27th October—Pre School Open Session
(Phone school to make an appointment)

Tuesday 2nd November—Pre School Open Session
(Phone school to make an appointment)

Tuesday 12th October—WASPs meeting :
All welcome!

Headteacher Thanks

Thank you everyone for your understanding and support last week in getting PCR tests to exclude Covid when so many pupils and staff had a horrid cold and cough. By continuing to do this you are helping to keep school as normal and safe as possible while local Covid rates remain so high.

Gentle Reminders....

- We respectfully ask that you do not drive into the school car park when dropping off children at Shining stars.
- Toilets are open and available again in the main school reception area if any pre school pupils need it while collecting older siblings.
- Please remember to remove your child's ear rings before school on PE days if your child is not able to do this. We follow the LA health and safety guidance and can only tape ears for 6 weeks when first pierced. Thank you.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have two parent governor vacancies one to commence asap and one to commence 12.10.22. All parents have been sent notification electronically. If you are interested in these worthwhile positions please do contact the office for an application pack. Deadline for receipt of applications is **12.10.21**

Please see article Meet the Chair of Governors

OPEN DAYS FOR PRE SCHOOL PUPILS DUE TO START SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

We warmly invite all local parents/carers with children who are due to start school in September 2022 to visit our rapidly improving friendly school.

Please contact the school office on 0116 277 5750 to arrange your visit on either:

Wednesday 27th October (9.30 am & 11.00 am) or

Tuesday 2nd November (9.30am & 11.00 am).

(subject to Covid Restrictions)



Spotlight on—Volunteer Readers

It has been lovely to see some new faces around school this year. We have already had some volunteers to listen to our amazing children read in the afternoons, but we would still like more! As many of you know, I am a huge advocate of reading because of the proven effect it has on children's social, academic and personal development. This is why having adults in school that children can read to and discuss books with it so vital, especially in a small primary like St Peter's where many of our Teachers and LSAs are carrying out other interventions. So, if you feel like you would be able to volunteer even just a couple of hours a week, please get in touch.

Mr B



SHINING STARS

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF OCTOBER BOOKINGS WAS THURSDAY 30TH 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

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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>

IF YOU REQUIRE ADHOC BOOKINGS PLEASE MESSAGE THE MOBILE NUMBER PROVIDED DO NOT PHONE THE OFFICE AS MRS WHITE KNOWS NUMBERS AND STAFFING REQUIREMENTS.

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.

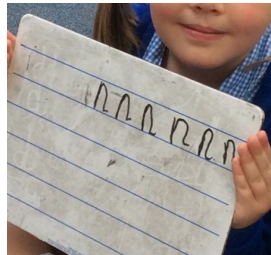
Each week we like to say well done to the class with the best attendance

W/C 13/9	Pandas	99.31 %
W/C 20/9	Zebras	96.82 %



EYFS NEWS

A big welcome to our new Tigers! The children have settled into their class and routines brilliantly and we are really enjoying getting to know each one of them. We've had plenty of time to talk, sing and play games together, which helps the children build new friendships. We've also been very busy reading 'The Tiger who came to Tea' and using our creativity to make masks and build tiger traps! The class love spending time cycling, climbing and balancing outside, developing their core strength.



We have been practising writing our names and have also started our very exciting journey of learning to read and write through our phonics. This week in maths we looked at different ways we can make '3' to help us have a really good understanding of what it means. What a great start to the term Tigers, we love seeing your smiles and enthusiasm!

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ:

St Peter's Parent Association—WASPS. Is in danger of folding.

At the end of last term we lost key members to our Parent Association. After many years of service as their children have moved on we have lost our Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Our Parent Association is in danger of not existing. Over the years WASPs has been invaluable in contribution to trips, providing IT equipment, outdoor play equipment and much more. I am sure like us parents would hate to see this fold. We are relying on willing parents to step in and help WASPs continue. If you are interested in joining please contact the office. It is time for fresh ideas and a new group of parents to develop WASPs. Over the years we have seen many friendships made through the Parent Association and lots of fun and laughter had. We really hope there are lots of willing volunteers. Mrs Eltham, our retiring Chair, is prepared to show you the ropes so please don't be scared. Just think of all the pupils that will benefit from your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 12th October at 7.00 pm in the school hall. If you can spare any time even 1 or 2 hours a year to help out at an event please come to the meeting. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces. The more people the less daunting it is.

Payment for school dinners and juice money.

Please note it is a parents responsibility to check that accounts are always in credit if your child would like a hot dinner or juice. At the beginning of the week there should be enough credit for the week ahead. Charges will be made on Thursday and Friday's. It is taking an increasing amount of admin time chasing money owed at the end of the week. Please help us by ensuring you take the time each week to ensure there is enough money on parent pay. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr B's Books of the Week

EYFS: We Planted a Pumpkin - Rob Ramsden

KS1: Zippel The Little Keyhole Ghost - Alex Ruhle

LKS2: Monster Hunting for Beginners - Ian Mark

UKS2: The Haunting of Aveline Jones - Phil Hickes



MEET THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Hi, my name is Richard Simmons, I am the current Chair of Governors at St. Peters school. Lots of you may have seen me in the playground at school taking and collecting my 2 grandchildren. I have been a Governor at the school for about 5 years and Chair for the past 2 years.

The Governing Board is made up of 2 staff governors, 2 parent governors and 7 foundation governors and its main role is to support the school staff in its strategic planning.

We meet 6 times a year (2 each term) and as governors we review all aspects of the school from finance, school policies, curriculum, school performance data, Health & Safety, safeguarding, etc.

The position of parent governor plays an important role as it brings input from parents with children in the school and I would encourage any parent who feels that they could take up the role to contact the office for an application pack ensuring it is returned by 12.10.21.