



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

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10th January 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that all of our families have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and very happy new year to everyone.

All the staff in school are excited about the new term ahead and look forward to helping all of our pupils achieve their best. Reading will continue to be a high focus at St Peter's and I urge all parents to please listen to your child read **at least 3 times each week** and sign their reading record book. We would love to welcome lots of our infant parents to our infant reading morning on Monday 20th when you have the opportunity to learn more about how to help your child.

Mrs Banks

## ATTENDANCE

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

| W/C   | Class       | Percentage |
|-------|-------------|------------|
| 9/12  | Polar Bears | 97.69%     |
| 16/12 | Pumas       | 99.58%     |



**Well done to our families whose children have had a fabulous 100% For the Autumn Term**

Harley Ansell, Oscar Blanchard, Megan Catherall, Lexi-Jayne Colley, Amelia Cooper-Jones, Toby Cooper-Jones, Milo Evans, Ella Flattley, Logan Fletcher, Darcy Gibbs, Lacie-Mai Glover, Serena Gower, Paige Green, Emilia Grundy, Mason Hallam, Riley Hallam,

Shanel Hallam, Charlie Hitchcock, Libby Igoe, Kai Jones, Elliot Joslin, Jessica Lewis, Dylan Livingstone, Ryan Livingstone, Freddie Lodge, Connie Lyon, Luca Maisto, Isabella McCluney, Scarlett Mills, Rory Mitchell, Theo O'Neill, Dylan Oates, Emma Pryor, Poppy Purdie, Ellie Reading, Noah Reading, Jacob Shenton, Jack Skelton - Carrillo, Alex Skelton-Carrillo, Olivia Sneath, Havana Steele, Jayden Todd, Holly Wagstaff, Leah Warner, Lucy Wynd

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL

Please let the office know if your child is unable to attend school for whatever reason. All calls should be received by **9.30 am**. We are happy for you to leave a message on the school answer machine if it more convenient for you to phone early in the day, before the office is open. It is important you inform school due to safeguarding. In another school there was an incident reported where a child's parent was unconscious and they were home alone all day. We care about all our pupils and their families and would hate this to happen in our school. We do make home visits if we are concerned. By ensuring you phone school it alleviates extra worry and time wasted. Many thanks for your continued support in this.

### SAFE GUARDING

If you have any concerns re. the well being or care of a child, please speak to the school office and they will put you in touch with the schools safeguarding lead.

## January 2020

Tuesday 14th

National Child Measurement Programme EYFS and Year 6

Monday 20th

English:  
Parents Open Morning EYFS/ YR1/2

Bikeability—Infants

Wednesday 22nd

Fire Service Visit

Friday 24th

Newsletter

Friday 24th

WASP Film Night

Tuesday 28th

Parent Forum 2.45 pm

Wednesday 29th

Parents view books evening

## February

Friday 7th

Newsletter

Friday 28th

Newsletter

WASPs Film Night

## March

Tuesday 10th

Maths Parent Morning

Friday 13th

Newsletter

Monday 16th

6.00 pm Year 6 Parents

SATS meeting

Tuesday 24th

Parents Evening

Thursday 26th

Parents Evening

Friday 27th

WASPs film night

Monday 30th

6.00 pm Year 2 Parents

SATS Meeting.

## April

Thursday 2nd

9.00 & 2.30 Parent Phonics

Check meeting

## SHINING STARS

**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY BOOKING FORM 20TH JANUARY .**

Payment for January bookings should have been made in full by 31st December 2019.

Places cannot be guaranteed if deadlines are not met.

**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.**

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| <b>Spring Term 2020</b> |   |
| School Opens            | Tuesday 7th January 2020                      |
| Half Term Break         | Monday 17th February—<br>Friday 21st February |
| School close            | Friday 3rd April                              |
| <b>Summer Term 2020</b> |   |
| Schools Open            | Monday 20th April                             |
| May Bank Holiday        | Friday 8th May                                |
| Half Term Break         | Monday 25th May—<br>Friday 29th May           |
| School Closes           | Friday 10th July                              |

## RE: FIRST TIME SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Parents of children who will be four years old before 1st September 2020 will need to apply for their first school place at an infant or primary school.

First time admissions to school, and infant to junior school transfers, are not automatic. All parents need to apply – even for their child to attend the catchment area school for their home address. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. Applications received after this date will be considered as late and may not be offered a place at any of their preferred schools. To apply for your child's place apply online: [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions) or for further information contact School [www.telaonline.co.uk](http://www.telaonline.co.uk)

## GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF—MR BOLSTRIDGE YEAR 6 TEACHER/SLT ENGLISH LEAD TEACHER

### How long have you worked at St Peter's?

I have been at St Peter's for nearly a year and a half now, and it has literally flown by! I am very proud of how the school has developed and improved in that time and cannot wait to see where we will be in another year and a half down the road.

### What do you like best about your job?

I can't actually say just one thing. I love my job because of many things, but, if I had to narrow it down, I would have to say three elements:

The children! It is a privilege getting to work with wonderful, unique and interesting children and watching them develop both academically and as people.

The challenge. Working in a school is always challenging. Each child and class is different, and I love trying to find the best way to engage and help each of them. The fact you have to adapt and change often keeps it interesting.

Every day is different. It might sound like a cliché, but genuinely as a teacher not one day is the same and that makes it brilliant!

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love trying to stay healthy, especially as I get older! So, I try and run regularly. As well, I also play five-a-side football each week. When it comes to chilling out, I love spending time with my family, reading, playing computer games and catching up on my favourite tv shows.

### Do you have any pets?

I have Bruce, my ginger cat, named after Bruce Springsteen. The house I live in is basically his house. My wife and I just pay the mortgage...

### Where do you go on holiday?

I love travelling and have been fortunate enough to have travelled to many amazing places, such as Borneo, Vietnam, Cambodia and Australia to name a few. However, my favourite place to visit is America. I worked on a boat on the East Coast for a summer and have been all over the country at different times. I love the diversity, the landscapes and, of course, the food!

### Do you think advances in technology are a good or bad thing?

What a question! I think technology is brilliant, and can make our lives much easier, safer and healthier, but I do think we have to be careful not to become addicted to technology. There is a lot to be said for leaving your phone at home and going for a walk in the countryside, or picking up a book often.

Dear Parents

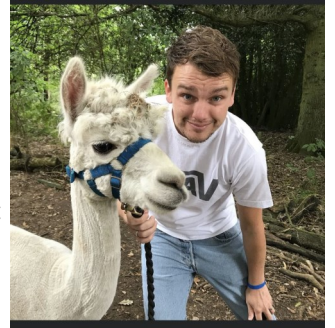
New Year, new decade. What will the 2020s have to offer our children and grandchildren? Threats to world peace, global warming and the cost of housing are all big worries for the future generation...

We've just been celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace and his appearing to the whole world as symbolised by the visit of the Wise Men, at the Feast of the Epiphany. Jesus offers hope to our world because he shows us how humanity was meant to live and can live in a better way—a way he showed in his own life. It's life of integrity, honesty and attention to the true needs of others. It's living and making decisions as if people and their well-being matter. Jesus came to restore humanity to the way of life that God wants us to live. Let's pray that this year and this decade the world will follow the way of the new humanity to which Jesus came to restore us.

I wish the School and all who have the welfare of the whole school community at heart all the blessings that God wishes to convey to us for 2020

Your friend and Vicar

Chris Allen



## MR B'S BOOKS OF THE WEEK

- EYFS - A Hat for Mr Mountain - Soojin Kwak
- KS1 - This Book Can Read Your Mind - Susannah Lloyd
- LKS2 Artificial Intelligence - Ben Hubbard
- UKS2 - Tiger Heart - Penny Chrimes

