



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

11th December 2020

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the Christmas break is almost here after what has certainly been the most challenging time in living memory for everyone. A huge thank you from myself and all the staff in school for your help and support to keep everyone safe and well this term.

In line with other Covid-safe requests, this year we politely ask that families do not bring any Christmas gifts into school for staff. Our governors will be sending a letter about how you can thank teachers and support staff if you wish to do so.

Otherwise with that I wish you all the very happiest, safest Christmas break next week. I look forward to seeing you all in January and hope that the new year brings us all healthy and peaceful times.

Mrs Banks.

ATTENDANCE

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

W/C		
23/11	99.26 %	Polar Bear
30/12	100%	Tigers

We are so proud of our families. Everyone is taking on board what needs to be done when showing Covid symptoms and in a pandemic our overall attendance figure up until 9th December is 95.4%. The benchmark is 96%. Well done everyone for keeping your children safe and at school when they can be. Please continue to arrive on time and ensure we are the best we can be.



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.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 15th December—Christmas Lunch day

Wednesday 16th/Thursday 17th December—bubble parties

Friday 18th December—whole school Christmas assembly.

SHINING STARS

BOOKING FORMS FOR JANUARY SHOULD OF BEEN RETURNED BY DECEMBER 9TH. Payment should be made by 31st December.

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

WASPS Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle. There were some lovely prizes and an amazing £400.00 was raised for WASPS who support school in lots of ways from subsidized trips, out door play equipment. Thank you once again for your support in these difficult times.



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New Year, New Career

Want to inspire young people?

Have you ever thought about training to teach?

Find out what it is like to teach in your community

We have a virtual open event for anyone wanting to find out more about teacher training in primary or secondary in the local area.

Join us at our virtual ZOOM event

Train to Teach with Achieve with TELA

Saturday 9 January

11:00 – 12:00

We welcome all ages and experience, educated to degree level

Please share with anyone who you think might be interested

For a link to the meeting contact

email: tela@thomasestley.org.uk

Fond Farewell to Francine Thomas

This week we say goodbye to a key member of our school team. Francine has worked at St Peter's for 16 years in the kitchen and as a cleaner with the premises team.



In recent times, with the Covid pandemic, the importance of cleaning in keeping us all safe and well has been so important. On behalf of everyone we thank Francine for all of her hard work and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours. Knowing your love of running and travelling, we hope that you can use your newfound free time to continue to pursue these hobbies. We shall all miss you very much.

MR B'S FESTIVE BOOKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS: The Christmas Eve Tree - Delia Huddy

KS1: The Three Wishes - Alan Snow

LKS2: The Christmasaurus - Tom Fletcher

UKS2: Tinsel - Sibeal Pounder

