



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

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Dear Parents,

At St Peter's, despite the challenges of this term, I wanted to let you know some of the good work that has been going on. All staff have been focusing on supporting pupil well being and helping children to develop positive attitudes to learning. We do not accept that our children cannot do things; instead, we prefer to think that they cannot do them YET (and that they will be able to do them in time). We are actively aiming to inspire a love of learning and encourage the positive mind-sets and characteristics that we associate with people that are successful in life resilience, curiosity, concentration, perseverance and cooperation. Essentially then our pupils will be well equipped to be successful learners and successful in life. I assure you that your children's well being, learning and progress will continue to be our most important priority as we progress through to the Summer Term.

I wish you all an enjoyable and happy Easter break with your families and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 25th April.

Mrs Banks.

Dates for your Diary

HOLIDAY DATES

April

Monday 11th Friday 22nd—Easter Break

May

Monday 2nd—May Day

Monday 30th—Friday 3rd June—Half Term

July

Friday 8th School closes for summer break

August

Tuesday 30th—School Opens

October

17th—21st—Half Term Break

December

Monday 19th—Monday 2nd January—Christmas Break

January 2023

Tuesday 3rd—School Opens

February

Monday 20th—Friday 24th—Half Term Break

April

Monday 3rd—Friday 14th—Easter Break

Monday 17th April—school Opens

May

Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday

Monday 29th—Friday 2nd June—Half Term

July

School closes Wednesday 12th July

Spotlight on Attendance

Being in school every day is key to children making good progress. Children who have excellent attendance records get the maximum opportunity to take part in all the wonderful learning experiences we provide for them. They benefit from receiving a full curriculum entitlement, building their knowledge across all subjects and refining their skills in a wider context. Over the last two years, our children have missed out on far too much time in school and I am really keen to make sure that they make the most of each day they are able to attend.

Attendance rates at St Peter's have always been at National Average and I put that down to two main things:

- Our children enjoy coming to school, learning and spending time with their friends and their teachers.
- Our parents value the education and opportunities we provide, and the quality of teaching and learning their children experience.

Despite attendance levels being slightly lower than normal due to the impact of Covid absences, our whole school attendance levels remains on par with National figures.

Holiday opportunities have been limited for many of us recently. As restrictions lift more of us will be able to take the opportunity to once again take breaks away to be able to spend quality time with friends and family. I recognise how important this is for our children, families and staff, but not at the expense of our children's education. There are on average 180 days every year that children are not in school, leaving plenty of time for short breaks and longer holidays.

I value attendance and want to make sure that children make the most of the learning opportunities and experiences we provide. Every day in school is an opportunity for our children to learn academically and socially. Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways to prepare our children for success - both in school and in life.

Mr B

ATTENDANCE

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

w/c

W/C 21/3

98.39%

Zebras

w/c 28/3

96.19%

Jaguars

Reminder Deadline for contributions

1/4/22 - Instalment due for Kingswood Year 5/6 Residential

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SHINING STARS

BOOKING FORMS FOR MAY WERE DUE 4TH APRIL (DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAYS) PLACES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED WHEN DEADLINES ARE MISSED

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>

ADHOC BOOKINGS FOR CURRENT WEEK

IF YOU REQUIRE ADHOC

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

Adhoc is for emergency use only. Please complete a booking form for the month ahead by the deadline. Adhoc impacts on admin time incurring more costs for Shining Stars.



Hola Mexico—Year 5

Hola! Year 5 have had lots of fun throughout our topic this half term - Hola Mexico! We have learnt some Spanish as well as making 'Aguas Frescas' and traditional Mayan hot chocolate. Here is a picture of some children thoroughly enjoying the Aguas Frescas made from fresh watermelon.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please ensure at the beginning of the week that you have enough money to cover dinner and juice your child is going to have for the week ahead. Due to admin time, we charge at the end of the week and recognise that you all appreciate the flexibility this provides for choosing on the day. We would hate to go down the route of pre-ordering, however this may become a reality if we continue to use valuable admin time to chase late payments. Thank you for your support in this.

Mr B's Easter Books of the Week

EYFS - Mayor Bunny's Chocolate Town: Elys Dolan

KS1 - The Tale of Peter Rabbit: Beatrix Potter

LKS2 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: Roald Dahl

UKS2 - The Dragon with the Chocolate Heart: Stephanie Burgis



Theatre Performance—Treasure Island

As part of our drive to allow children memorable experiences, we recently invited M&M Theatrical Productions into school to deliver an amazing 'Classic Text' performance of Treasure Island to the whole school. All children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we are already excited for our Christmas Pantomime and next year's classic text with them. Thank you for all your kind donations for World Book Day that allow us to raise money for this fantastic event!

