



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

30th September 2022

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Dear Parents

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to come into school this week for the parents drop in evening, the maths morning and our assemblies. We really appreciate your support and enjoyed seeing so many of you in school. We welcome feedback on how we can further develop to help you, as your child's first teacher, so please do talk to us and share ideas that you may have.

Next week families in year 1-6 are welcome to join a phonics or reading session on Tuesday morning from 8.45 till 9.30. The Tigers class will be hosting their phonics session on Monday afternoon. We hope that lots of you are able to join us once more.

A final plea from me, it is our school meal census day on Thursday 6th Oct so please can all children have a school lunch on that day—it does really help us financially.

Many thanks and all best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Mrs Banks

## HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2022—2023

### October

17th—21st—Half Term Break

### December

Monday 19th—Monday 2nd January—  
Christmas Break

### January 2023

Tuesday 3rd—Teacher Day

Wednesday 4th—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...Foundation Governor.

We are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor to our Governing Body.



We are looking for someone who has the skill to act as a 'critical friend' and ask challenging questions about performance and use their skills and experience to support the school in addressing its aims. You will be involved in creating and developing a strategic plan for the school, setting and agreeing objectives, and monitoring and evaluating the schools' success by focusing on progress and outcomes

This is a voluntary position. If you are aged 18 or over and are able to commit to one, 2 hour meeting per half term, which includes pre-reading of associated papers, and on occasion, visits to school to support the work we are doing, we would love to hear from you.

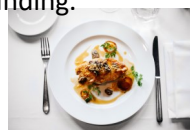
Mr B

## School Census Day - Thursday 6th October.

### All EYFS & KS1

**Date for your diary.** Please encourage your child to have a hot dinner on this day as it really helps our funding.

Please see flyer sent out via parent pay with menu.



## ATTENDANCE

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

19/9	Polar bears Jellyfish	100%
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## PRE SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS.

If you know anyone who has a child due to join EYFS September 23 please make them aware we are holding two open morning sessions. They need to phone school to book a slot 01162775780

Sessions Wed 26th October 9.30 am or 11.00 am  
Tuesday 1st November 9.30 am or 11.00 am.

## A Thank You...

We really value our school-home relationship at St Peter's and believe that it is especially strong. This has been highlighted recently by parents making donations of money and items that the school needs as well as driving luggage in exceptional circumstances for trips. We would just like to say thank you to everyone who has helped us and the children.

## BEAUMANOR TRIP

Just over a week ago, Year 3 and 4 went on their first residential to Beaumanor Hall. After a shaky start involving our coach and much thanks to some very helpful parents, we were on the way! Miss Abbott immediately turned her speaker on creating chaos amongst the children and groans from the adults! When we arrive at Beaumanor, we ate lunch and then started our activities. Both activities were great fun. The 'Survival' session involved the children going into the woods and creating supposedly water-proof shelters that were both wind and rain proof. The children were given a tarpaulin and some rope. Other than that, they had to scavenge from the woodland area to help with their builds. Fortunately, the two bushcraft experts leading the session were on hand help! Unfortunately for the children, the job of being the wind and rain fell to Mr Lyon and Mr Bolstridge in Sharks class, and, suffice to say, the elements did strange things and most children ended up wet...

The other activity was 'Bridge-Building' which everyone, adults and children, enjoyed. Each group were given a certain number of logs, some rope and a stream to cross! They had to work as a team in order to build their bridge, and then they had to test it out! Needless to say, many feet got wet! In Jellyfish, it is worth mentioning Joshua Wright and his kindness in lending his wellies to everyone in the class so that trainers were not ruined! But, overall, bridge-building was a huge hit with all the children.

In the evening, we ate a lovely meal of burger and chips followed by some ice cream, and then set about our evening activities. One was gym games which involved playing some dodgeball in the hall and trying to tire the children out as much as possible! However, this was slightly overshadowed by the one activity that everyone, adults and children alike, remember from going to Beaumanor. Hide and Seek in the Cellars. The children are tasked with finding hiding places in the numerous nooks and crannies in the cellars, and then the lights go out. It is dark, really dark! The seekers then come in a find people using torches. It was brilliant fun and everyone was really brave and joined in excellently. The only tears came from Mr Lyon, but we expected that.

Beaumanor was an excellent overnight residential and we hope that the children are now excited for the next one in Year 5/6.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (please retain this for future reference)**

### **October**

Monday 3rd	EYFS parent Phonics Meeting.
Tuesday 4th	KS1/2 English Parents Open Morning 8.45 to 9.30 am
Thursday 6th	School Census day (encourage your child to have hot meal)
Wednesday 26th	Pre School Open Morning Visits
Friday 28th	Apologies WASP film night is not going ahead on this date, this was added in error.
November 3rd	School Disco

## **EYFS ARE SETTLING IN**

We are delighted to welcome our new starters to Tigers Class who have recently began their journey in Foundation. They have taken it in their stride making new friends, engaging in a wide range of activities and settling into school really well. The children are becoming familiar with their environment, school expectations and routines. They have particularly enjoyed being in the creative area using their ideas to make models and engaging in outdoor learning using the bikes and balance beams to develop their gross motor skills. Thank you to the parents/carers for encouraging your child to come into school by themselves and supporting them with additional activities at home linked to our learning at school. It really helps to develop their confidence and independence and we appreciate your co-operation.

## **SHINING STARS**

***Payment for October bookings is due 30/9/22 please ensure payment is made.***

***The deadline for November booking forms is due Monday 3rd October.***

***WE CANNOT GUARANTEE PLACES IF 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.  
**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>

### **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.**

### **Mr B's Books of the Week**

**EYFS - Billy Brute (Whose Teacher was a Werewolf): Issy Emeney**

**KS1 - Maggie Sparks and The Truth Dragon: Steve Smallman**

**LKS2 - SpaceBoy: David Walliams**

**UKS2 - The Girl, The Ghost and The Lost Name: Reece Carter**

