



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

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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that this first half term is already at an end, it seems to have passed so quickly! What a lot has been achieved ; a residential trip, 26 lovely new pupils settling into the Tigers class, parent mornings, sharing assemblies for all once more and a huge amount of amazing learning!

Huge thank you to all of our families for their support to children and staff during this time. Working in partnership with you is truly valued by all school staff and I think is one of the fabulous strengths of our school.

I hope that you all have a fantastic half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 24th October. KS2 please remember that the first week back you will be coming into school via the foyer and hall due to the mobile demolition.

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 Attendance.

Parents please note:

Leave from school which is taken for the following reasons will not be authorised:

- Availability of cheaper holidays
- Availability of desired accommodation
- Poor weather experienced in school holidays resulting in change to holiday
- Overlap with the beginning/end of term.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development and for this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible and we all need to play our part.

Why attendance matters:

- Less than 5 days absence = 98% + attendance
- 14 days absence (approx.) = 93.5% attendance
- 20 days absence (approx.) =90% attendance



Goodbye Mrs Eltham and Mrs McDonald.

Sadly, we are having to say goodbye to highly valued members of staff: Michelle Eltham and Louise McDonald.

Mrs Eltham has been a cornerstone of St Peter's for 8 years now. From PTA Chair to Midday Supervisor to Secretary, these are only some of the roles she has had at school! Jack of all trades, and in this case, master of them as well! We will all miss her smile, kindness and always positive attitude very much, but are really excited to see her flourish in her exciting new role!

Mrs McDonald is the head chef in our fantastic school kitchen! Not only has she been amazing at dishing up tasty meals for our children, she has been so kind to all our children. Often she has gone above and beyond to individualise meals for some of our children who have specific diet requirements, always with a smile on her face. Like Mrs Eltham, she moves on to exciting pastures new!

On behalf of everyone at St Peters, we thank you both.

ATTENDANCE

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

26/9	98.67	Polar Bears
3/10	100%	Zebras

28/08/2022 - 09/10/2022

Overall attendance 97.1%

This is an improvement on last year for the same period which was 96.2%

Following on from covid as already stated in previous newsletters we have a high expectation for attendance this year so are pleased to report a slight improvement on last year. Please keep up the good work. The attendance officer will be visiting after half term and will be making contact with any parent whose child has persistent absence below 95%. By working together we can help all the children attend school and learn to the best of their ability.

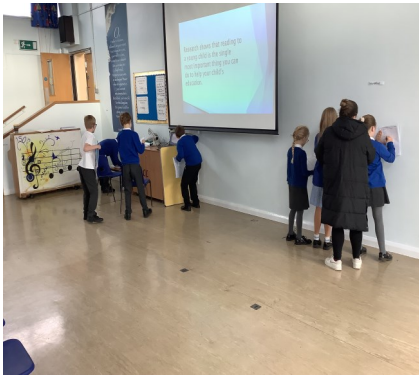
Parent's Reading Morning

It was lovely to have lots of our parents in for our Reading Morning a couple of weeks ago to watch our teachers and HLTAs deliver Phonics or Whole Class Reading. I enjoyed wandering around and seeing the activities the children were engaged with and the fantastic behaviour for learning that was taking place. Having spoke with some parent's afterwards, I could tell they were impressed with what they saw, and the standard of learning that was happening. Thank you to all of those who attended. We look forward to seeing you again soon for our next one. Please see below some of the pictures and quotes from those who attended.

Mr B

I couldn't believe how challenging the book was and how the children were able to read it and understand!

The behaviour in class was outstanding! All children were focused on their work and so polite to adults!



EYFS NEWS

AMBULANCE/POLICE VISIT

Tigers Class have been learning about people who help us in our community. The children have enjoyed learning about different jobs and talking about what they would like to be when they grow up. Last week, we were so lucky to welcome some special visitors into school. We had a Police Officer and Paramedic come to talk about how they help people. We got to try on some uniform and go outside to look at a real Ambulance! We even got to walk through the ambulance and hear the siren! We were so proud of all the Tigers, they showed excellent listening and a great interest in what our visitors had to say.



PHONICS

A big thank you to all the parents that attended our EYFS phonics meeting to learn about how to support their child with phonics at home. We hope that you found it useful and if you have any questions regarding reading and phonics please come and talk to us!

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

October

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

Tuesday 2nd

Pre School Open Morning Visits

Thursday 3rd

School Disco

W/c 7th

Poppy Appeal—Poppies will be on sale minimum donation 20p

December

Wednesday 7th

Flu vaccination Reception—Year 6

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.

SHINING STARS

Payment for October bookings is due 31/10/22 please ensure payment is made.

The deadline for November booking forms is due Monday 14th November.

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.

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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.

Mr B's Spooky Books of the Week

EYFS - Who Will You Meet On Halloween Street?: Gareth Peter

KS1 - Funny Bones: Janet & Allan Ahlberg

LKS2 - The Creakers: Tom Fletcher

UKS2 - The Haunting of Aveline Jones: Phil Hickeys

