



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

4th November 2022

Telephone 0116 2775750

Email: office@stpeters.embracemat.org

www.st-peters-whetstone.leics.sch.uk

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the exciting second half of the autumn term, always one of my favourites with Nativity performances and Christmas celebrations.

I am pleased to pass on that the building works for the new classroom are going well and still on track for a class to be in their in January. Also, we are really pleased that we will be welcoming a new premises officer to school in a few weeks. Carl Reading is a local resident and will be known to many of our pupils and families. I know that he will be a great addition to our team and we are really looking forward to working with him very soon.

Mrs Banks

## Spotlight on Reading at Home

At St Peters, we value the importance of reading in everything that we do. We truly believe that reading is the gateway to the rest of the curriculum. Research shows that 85% of the National Curriculum requires a child to be able to read. We therefore put a huge emphasis on reading from the moment your child starts at St Peter's in order to make their journey as a reader as easy as possible.

We very much value parents support when it comes to reading. Children need to read at least 3 times a week at home to meet their school reading target. Whenever a child completes some reading; whether that is their Phonics book, School Reading Book, Library Book or books you have on the shelf at home, please make a comment in the school diary. This is checked on a weekly basis by the class teacher or teaching assistants.

Mr B



## **NEW GUIDANCE FROM THE DFE WHICH WILL AFFECT ATTENDANCE (HOLIDAY REQUESTS AND ILLNESS)**

### **PLEASE READ.**

We have been advised by our Attendance Officer of changes to attendance following new guidance from the DFE. We will be amending our attendance policy to reflect this and this will then be ratified by our school governors. In future all holiday requests of over 5 days will incur a fine irrespective of the child's attendance prior to the request. If a child is off for more than five days with an illness medical evidence will be required. This may seem harsh but as we have already said there is a high expectation on attendance this year from ourselves as well as the DFE and we are expected to follow guidelines. We thank you for your understanding in the matter and thank you for your continued support.

## **HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2022—2023**

### **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 Thursday 13th July

**Please note date change when school closes.**

**Due to an error.**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **November**

W/C 7th - Poppy Appeal—Poppies will be on sale minimum donation 20p

Friday 18th - Children in Need Non-Uniform Day (Wear spots if possible)

### **December**

Wednesday 7th - Flu vaccination EYFS- Year 6

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

10/10	Tigers	98.85%
24/10	Polar Bears	99.00%

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**POPPIES WILL BE ON SALE WEEK COMMENCING 7TH NOVEMBER FOR A MINIMUM DONATION OF 20P.**

**PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT THIS WORTH-WHILE CAUSE.**



## Black History Week



**Art work by Year 3/4 - Sunrise oil pastels created for 'Still I rise' by Maya Angelou**  
Last week, the whole school celebrated Black History Month. Each class looked closely at a particular black poet such as Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes. The children all enjoyed reading poems aloud and thinking carefully about what they symbolised, picking out key vocabulary and the imagery created. We all came together for an assembly so each class could share their work. There was some brilliant poetry performances by Year 5 and 6!

### Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we will be supporting Children in Need by having a non uniform day wear spots if possible. Once again this is another worthy cause helping vulnerable children and parents. We appreciate all your support as we know times are especially hard for everyone at this present time. Please go to the following link to donate <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8709>



### Donation of Medicine

As a school pupils always come first. We are happy to give medicine to pupils if this is necessary. Sometimes pupils become poorly in school e.g. suffering from a headache and Calpol can sort this out. We will always phone and gain permission to administer medicine. However, funds are low in school and we prioritise learning. We would be really grateful if any parent could donate a bottle of children's calpol or ibuprofen.

### SHINING STARS

***Payment for November bookings was due 31/10/22 please ensure payment is made.***

***The deadline December booking forms is due 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.

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

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 - The Winter Wish: Helen Mortimer

KS1 - Rudy and The Wolf Cub: Paul Westmoreland

LKS2 - Lord of the Forest: Caroline Pitcher

UKS2 - Tyger: SF Said

