



St Peter's C of E Primary School

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HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2023—2024

August 2023

Tuesday 29th—School Opens

October

16th-20th—Half Term Break

December

Thursday 21st December School closes for Christmas Break

January 2024

Monday 8th—School Opens

February

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd—Half Term Break

March

Friday 22nd School closes for Easter Break

April

Monday 8th School Opens

May

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

July

School closes Wednesday 10th July

Dear Parents

Well the Autumn certainly seems to be upon us, with darker mornings and evenings and a definite change in the weather. Fresh air is so important at playtimes. We want children to continue to enjoy the outdoors and so would like to remind you to send them to school with a warm, waterproof coat (labelled please).

Thank you to all of those who turned up to our Phonics and Reading Open Mornings. They appear to have been a huge success, with families reporting back on how much they enjoyed coming into school, children saying that they loved having their adults visit them in lessons and teachers appreciative of the opportunity to demonstrate how we teach reading (and how you can help!)

This week we have Ofsted in school. We are proud of our school and all of the hard-working children and adults in it. We are looking forward to an opportunity to show off everything that we do. Don't forget to fill in your parents survey or stop and speak to one of our inspectors if you want to share any your feelings about our wonderful school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Mr B

Spotlight on...



Our wonderful community! I sent a shout out asking for green fingered helpers to plant some winter flowers to cheer up our school grounds. What a difference they have made! Huge thanks to Frances Whittaker, Lesley Field and Jessica Ingham, ably assisted by Jacob and Phoebe, for giving up their morning to help us. There were other volunteers who were unable to make it on the day - watch this space for the next time we get the gardening tools out! We have also asked for adult volunteers to help us in school hearing readers, working

with groups, preparing resources or helping with displays. Please speak to the office if you think you'd be able to spare an hour or two. School is such a busy place and so any time that you can offer is greatly appreciated.

Thanks everyone 😊 Mrs Howard

ATTENDANCE

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

11/9	Zebras	100.00%
18/9	Tigers	99.56%

FLU VACCINATION—9th October 2023

How to give consent for your child to get the flu vaccination? Make a note of the code for your school. For St Peter's Church of England Primary School Whetstone the school code is LE146603 and visit www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk or scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to go straight to the website? Select Seasonal Flu and enter the school code. On the consent declaration page you can consent for either the nasal flu vaccine or the injectable flu vaccine. You will receive a confirmation email when the form is submitted



School Census Day

Thursday 5th 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. A menu will be sent out on Class Dojo.



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

September

Wednesday 20th School Photographer in 8.00 pre school children welcome with siblings

Tuesday 26th Parents' Reading 'drop in' sessions for Years 1—6

Wednesday 27th—2nd October Scholastic Book Fair after school in the hall

October

Thursday 5th School Census day (encourage your child to have hot meal)

Monday 9th Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 26th Pre School Open Morning Visits

November

Thursday 2nd Financial Maths Lesson—Parents Drop in session 9.00-9.45

Monday 27th Parents Evening 3.30—7.00

Wednesday 29th Parents Evening 3.30—5.30

December

Monday 11th Pantomime—Aladdin

May

Wednesday 22nd—Friday 24th Year 5/6 trip to Kingswood

2024—2025

September

12th—13th Year 3/4 trip to Beaumanor

Is your child due to start school August 2024 or do you know a family whose child is?

We are holding open sessions for prospective parents to view our school
Please phone school or pop into the office to make an appointment

Thursday 26th October 9.15, 10.45, 11.30

Tuesday 7th November 9.15, 10.45, 11.30

There will be an opportunity to talk to the Headteacher, tour the school and find out more about us.

SHINING STARS

Payment for shining stars was due 30th September.

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, if you register.

As payment cannot be made via ParentPay, please advise the office if you register so that we can amend our records.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

ADHOC BOOKINGS

Adhoc (last minute) bookings are 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.

Mrs Howard's Books of the Week

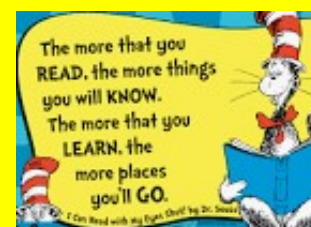
Ages 4-5 and up - A Little Monster's Guide to Positivity Author: Emily Snape (for little ones who may feel anxious and lacking in confidence)

Ages 6-8 and up - Our Earth is a Poem: poetry about nature (to celebrate National Poetry Day)

Ages 9-11 and up - Code Name Kingfisher Author: Liz Kessler (supports work on WW2)

For more book recommendations and advice to support your child with reading, go to

www.booktrust.org.uk



Y6 Bikeability

Well done to all the Y6 pupils who took part in the Bikeability course, delivered by Terry and Simon from Leicestershire County Council. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions which taught them how to cycle safely on the roads: Riding in a line safely, u-turns, turning right and left, using junctions safely and learning what some of the road signs mean.

Everyone who took part received their Level 1 certificates and most of the children gained their level 2 certificates.

Excellent work everyone!

Quotes from the children:

I enjoyed that I got to ride with my friends. I learnt the signals that I have to do when a car is coming.

I loved bikeability because the instructors taught me how to ride a bike safely on the road.

I thought I wouldn't be able to do it but it was fun.

I learnt to do a u-turn and come out of a junction.



Many thanks to all of you who came to our Phonics and Reading Open Mornings. Please complete the survey on Dojo to tell us about the things that you enjoyed and what you'd like to see more of next time.



ClassDojo

Polite reminder: Could we please ask that all uniform and PE kit is labelled—buro on the white size label is fine—we are acculumating vast amounts of lost property.

