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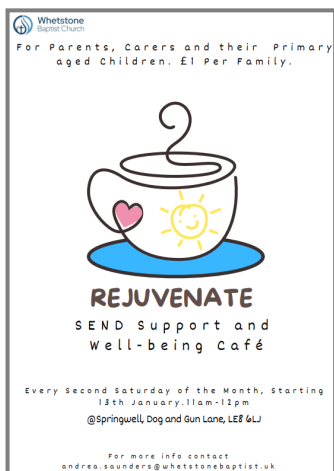
HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2023—2024
Thursday 21st December School closed for Christmas Break
January 2024
 Monday 8th—School Opens
February
 Monday 19th—Friday 23rd—Half Term Break
March
 Friday 22nd School closes for Easter Break
April
 Monday 8th School Opens
May
 Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday
 Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term
July
 School closes Wednesday 10th July

Dear all,
 Happy first of December! I hope you all enjoyed your first chocolate from the advent calendar. If your house is anything like mine, we now have mischievous elves on shelves running riot!
 I had the pleasure of attending the AGM for our amazing WASPs this Monday just gone. I would like to thank them all for the dedication they put in to raising money for the school. I urge you all to read page 4 of this newsletter which updates you with all the events they have organised over the festive period in school. The support they provide enables us to continue to improve St Peter's and enrich our children's academic experience. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch. Extra help is always welcomed.
 I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks around school for these events!
 Mr B

Spotlight on

Events in our wider community...

Look out for these events being held in Whetstone soon:



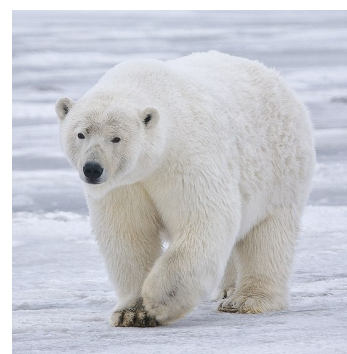
If you know of anything else happening in the local area, that we can advertise to benefit our parents, carer and pupils, please contact the office and we can spread the word. Mrs Howard ☺

ATTENDANCE

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

23/10	Polar Bears	98.00%
30/10	Penguins	98.93%
6/11	Polar Bears	98.67%
13/11	Polar Bears	99.33%
20/11	Turtles	100%

POLAR BEARS YOU HAVE BEEN AMAZING WELL DONE



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023

December

Tuesday 5th 9.15 am Infant Nativity
 Wednesday 6th 14.00 Infant Nativity
 Monday 11th Pantomime—Aladdin
 Tuesday 19th Christmas Dinner Day

January 2024

Monday 15th Year 3 and 4 trip to the Think Tank
 3.30 pm (Current Year 2/3) Beaumanor Residential Information Evening

May

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

2024—2025

September

12th—13th Year 3/4 trip to Beaumanor

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED CHILDREN IN NEED

A GRAND SUM OF £102.50 WAS RAISED FOR THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE



YEAR 6—HISTORY

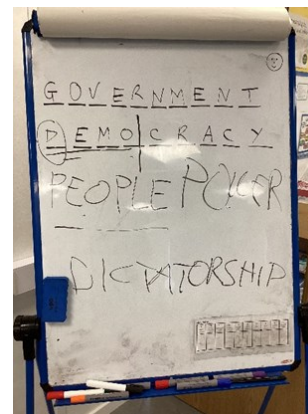
'These medals are from WW1 and were given to my Great Great Grandfather Ernest. His rank was L/ Bombardier. This was the artillery counterpart of Lance Corporal. Traditionally, the bombardiers handed the final assembly of ammunition for gunners to fire.' Ellis Dingwall



VISIT FROM OUR LOCAL MP



'On Friday 10th November, Alberto Costa MP visited Year 6 to talk to us about his job and answer questions from the children. The class were brilliant! They listened really carefully and thought of some amazing questions: How much do you earn? What are the government currently working on? Why did you decide to be an MP? What is your view on parks being built on? Which football team do you support?! There was a lot of discussion around Democracy - People Power and the importance of using that power to be a change for good and also how important it is to make sure you put your full effort into school and learning so that you can achieve your goals in the future. Afterwards, Alberto and his assistant David were extremely complimentary about the children's behaviour, knowledge and quality questions! He's even posted on X (formally Twitter) about his visit to us! Look it up https://x.com/AlbertoCostaMP/status/1724016946922897742?t=guVVnA_DZkUZcrneCLjr6g&s=09 ' Mrs Cook



YEAR 4—BIG QUIZ

'book trust bOn Wednesday 22nd November, four children from Year 4 went to Thomas Estley to compete in The Big English Quiz. Emilia, Isabella, James and Scarlett competed against other local primary schools and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There were five rounds including spelling, books and authors. We are so proud to share that they came first, winning the quiz! Well done to them and we hope they enjoyed their giant chocolate coins! ' Miss Treacy



ATTENDANCE

Following the latest DFE guidance we have to inform you that from 1st January any unauthorised absence could result in a fine.

We actively encourage you to ensure your child is at school and all holidays are booked within school holidays.....

Mrs Howard's Books of the month

Ages 4-5



↳ Author: David Barrow
Publisher: Gecko Press
Interest age: 4-5
A little boy, his dog and his friend Elephant decide to go looking for dinosaurs in a city that looks remarkably like

New York. They try the museum, the underground train, the skate park, but the trio find it very hard to spot any at all! Finally, when they rest at the top of a rather comfy green hill, they realise what they've been overlooking.

Ages 6-8



↑ Author: Vicky Woodgate
Reading age: 7+
Non-fiction book on everything to do with forest and woodlands.



↑ Author: Sam Usher
Reading age: 7+
A heart-warming adventure tale, this picture book sees a young boy and his Grandad take to the skies to rescue the stranded astronauts spotted through their telescope.

Author: Katya Balan
Reading age: 9+
Fantasy about sisters in a children's home who go in search of their mother. ⇨

Ages 9-11 and up



Author: Alison D Stegert ↑
Reading age: 10+
Set in 1889, against a backdrop of increasing protest from women wanting more choices and of rapid technological change, this is a fun and fascinating tale of intrigue and sisterhood.



WASP'S NEWS

The PTA appears to have been quiet since the start of the new school year but there has been lots of planning going on in the background.

Following our AGM on 27th November we are pleased to announce that we are well on the way to our £10,000 target for the refurbishment of the school library and we hope it won't be long before we can move onto the next project to help improve the school for our children. We would like to say thank you to all those who supported us at our fund-raising events and hope that you will continue to support us going forwards

Below are the dates for some forthcoming events before the end of term

Thursday 7th December – Year 1-6 Christmas Disco.

Years 1 – 3 5pm-6pm

Years 4 - 6 6.15pm-7.15pm

Tickets will be on sale very soon for £2

Friday 8th December – Break The Rules Day

Please bring donations for individual class Christmas hampers, there will be a prize for the class with the best hamper

Friday 15th December 2023 – Wonka Bar / Golden Ticket event

Fabulous prizes – Come and see Mr B dressed up as Willy Wonka and try and win one of our great prizes.

We are hoping that there will also be a special surprise for all the children before they finish for Christmas.

We have some Christmas Eve Boxes, wrapping paper, ribbon and bows left from our Pop Up Christmas sale last week, if you would like to purchase any of these please let the PTA know but they will be back on sale at the Wonka Bar event on 15/12/2023.

All events will be posted on Class DoJo and on our Facebook page, please follow us at WASPS - St Peters Primary School - https://fb.me/g/p_xaxfWXhTmjgHT6Bc/Hhc0cmNM

On behalf of the PTA we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

A GREAT BIG

FROM ALL THE
TO WASPS... WE
ALL YOU DO FOR
OUR PUPILS.



STAFF AT ST PETER'S
REALLY APPRECIATE
THE SCHOOL AND

Lydia, one of our amazing Year 5 children, loves reading! I always see her with a book in her hand, so I asked her a few weeks ago to write me a book review about a book she had read for our newsletter. I expected a couple of lines, but instead I got this! Thank you Lydia, and I look forward to our next review! Hopefully this inspires some of our children to read this book...

My book report by Lydia Pennington
A place called Perfect by Helena Duggan

This book is about a girl called Violet and a boy called Boy. Violet lives in Perfect while Boy lives in No-Man's-Land- a village inside Perfect for the people who have too much imagination. The Archer brothers (George and Edward) steal everyone's imaginations in Perfect so only Violet and Boy can save Perfect.

In my opinion, the most engaging bit of the book is when Boy and Violet go into the secret passage which is full of jars which contain the imaginations of the people of Perfect. In my imagination, there are cold stone aisles, oak shelves, glass jars with swirly colours and labels; some starch white, some going brownish but all with the same scrawly, untidy handwriting.

My favourite character is Boy because he is adventurous and never listens to the rules. He just goes about doing his own thing, leaving No-Man's-Land and crossing the walls separating the two towns. Boy and Violet have more imagination than most people which is why they are not under the Archer brothers' spell.

I have learnt some new vocabulary in this book. For these new words, I will tell you the word and then the definition.

Word	Definition
Mangy	In poor condition; shabby
Vacant	Not in use; empty
Cavities	An empty space in a solid object
Captor	Someone who captures another

I think this book would be perfect for year 4 and up because it can get very tense at times. I also think it would be good for people who like fiction, mysteries, and fantasy.

