



St Peter's C of E Primary School

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It has been great to see all the children jump straight back into Spring term. I have loved talking to them about their new topics and seeing the excitement and curiosity they have for their new learning.

The children all looked very smart on their return after Christmas and are a real credit to our parents and school. We really appreciate your efforts to send children into school in smart uniform and understand the costs required to do this. Our school uniform is an important part of our identity: it sets standards and demonstrates the pride the children have for the school.

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous 2024, Mr B

Y3 and 4's Trip to the Think Tank

On Monday the 15th of January, Y3 and Y4 went to the Think Tank in Birmingham. We enjoyed it and had lots of fun. We explored it with glee. In the middle of the morning, Y4 had a Forensic Investigation and Y3 had Forces with Magnets. We explored the last floors and enjoyed the experiments along the way. I rate it as a 5 star experience. By Isabella, Year 4.



Spotlight On Competitions!

Our whole school Christmas



competition, where we asked children to decorate a pebble to reflect one of our pupil

values, proved to be really popular.
We had some wonderful designs and plan to create a path outside school that we can all enjoy. Well done to

our winners, Albie Field in Year 1 and Charlie Crosbie in Year 3, for their creative designs.



We are running a Times Tables
Rock Stars competition across
Years 2 to 6 this month, to
encourage our older children to
practice their times tables—a vital skill which
improves confidence and fluency in Maths. The
programme is able to calculate how long each

child spends practising and we will announce the winners in Celebration Assembly next week.

As ever, your support in all of these endeavours makes all of the difference and is very much appreciated \odot

HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2023—2024

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

ATTENDANCE

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

18/12	97.32%	Penguins
8/01	99.33%	Polar Bears
15//01	97.8%	Turtles

Overall attendance as at 24th January 96.7%

It would be great if we could achieve 97% by the next newsletter.

Uniform

With a new term and new year underway, we are taking the opportunity to revisit our uniform policy. Studies show that uniform



helps create a sense of belonging, has a positive effect on behaviour in school and of course, keeps costs down, avoiding competition between children and the need to buy branded clothes. Please support us to ensure that children adhere to our dress code (ref. the school website if you're unsure), for both uniform and PE kit (black or blue for PE is fine).

Please don't forget to label all items of uniform and PE kit. We already have a huge amount of lost property—feel free to come and have a look through, if you're missing anything.

At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

🔻 Friendship 🔻 Thankfulness 🔻 Forgiveness 🔻 Respect 🔻 Trust 🔻 Hope 🔻 Compassion 🔻 Justice 🔻

Parking outside school

A number of local residents and families who walk to school, have contacted us regarding parents parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. There is also concern at the speed of some vehicles in the school vicinity. For the safety of all of our community, could you please ensure that you park away from the yellow lines and entrance to school and that you drive slowly along Wale Road. We have contacted the local PCSO who will be conducting random checks and issuing fines for any vehicle that contravenes the parking code.



WASPs News Disco update:

Our rearranged disco date will be 15th February Original tickets are valid from the cancelled disco, so please don't worry about swapping them. We also have names of children that purchased tickets before if you have misplaced them.

Disco times still remain the same:

Year 1, 2 & 3: 5-6pm

Year 4, 5 & 6: 6:15-7:15pm

Tickets will be available in February closer to the date. Previous purchased tickets: If the new date doesn't suit and you would like a refund please contact WASPs

- Clothing Collection, Rags 2 Riches on 11th
 March 2023 please bring clothes in the morning.
- Summer fair stall bookings have opened up, if your interested in having a stall please email for a booking form. Early Bird stall fee is £1522

All information on our events are on our Facebook page Email waspspta@hotmail.com

REMINDER CHANGES IN ATTENDANCE FROM JAN 2024

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 outside of term time.

Introducing...

St Peter's RE Ambassadors



Jacob, Raffael, Michael, Kelsie, Amelia and Talia are our new RE Ambassadors. They will be helping to lead assemblies and giving out 'You've been spotted' stickers to children who

are demonstrating our school values ⇒



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Monday 18th Parents Evening Wednesday 20th Parents Evening

May

Weds 22nd— Fri 24th

Year 5/6 trip to Kingswood

June

Saturday 15th

WASP's School Fete

2024—2025 September

12th-13th

Year 3/4 trip to Beaumanor

Mrs Howard's Books of the month

Ages 4-5





Ages 6-8



Ages 9-11 and up





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

www.booktrust.org.uk





Breakfast and After School Club

Shining Stars offers breakfast and afterschool club provision for children who attend St Peters School. Club is run by Miss Meadowcroft, assisted by Mrs Shenton and Mr Dowling. We have a dedicated classroom where we encourage children to be inquisitive to the world around them through themed sessions, arts and crafts, role play, outdoor play, board games ,IT and child led free play sessions.

Sessions are delivered in the morning from 7.30am to 8.45am. All attendees are provided with breakfast and Infants are escorted to their classes ready for the start of the day.

Afternoon session have two time slots available to support parents. Both start at 3.15pm with infants being collected from their classrooms and escorted to provision. The first evening session ends at 4.45pm, with the extended session available until 6.00pm. Snack food and drink is provided in these afterschool sessions and includes (but is not limited to): Hot dogs, Pasta, Pizza, Sandwiches, etc. Places are available for all children from Reception to year 6.

Bookings.

All bookings should be made in advance via the ParentPay app / online.

Tax-Free Childcare.

For parents who use shining star provision, please check to see if you qualify for tax-free childcare. As a childcare provider we are 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 we can amend our records.

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

for any enquiries please contact: shiningstars@stpeters.embracemat.org or telephone 07906 078654

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Chinese New Year.

Since returning from the Christmas break, Shining Stars have been learning about the upcoming Chinese New Year and undertaking lots of different activities relating to these customs and celebrations. The children have learned about the Chinese Zodiac and the different animals that represent them making the different animals in various crafting sessions. This year is the year of the Dragon, in club the children have also been making a huge Dragon. Pictured is Libby, Ava and Isabelle with the head of the Dragon.

A big thank you to all of the parents for their egg carton and toilet roll tube donations!

To Parker Bigs

Each week we recognise the successes of those who attend club. Since starting back in the spring term, the following children have received a certificate for their fantastic contribution to club or for demonstrating school values:

Oliver (3) / Oscar (2) / Louie (1) / Georgie (3)
Arthur (4) / Eliza (1)

Congratulations to you all.

February themes & activities

- *Chinese New
- *Childrens Mental Health
- *Safer Internet Day
- *St Valentine

Polite reminder. Can parents please refrain from coming onto the school carpark during drop off and collection, unless under pre-agreed circumstances.