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In this world, recommendations wield an immense power that often goes unnoticed. Whether it's a friend suggesting a new restaurant, a colleague recommending a book or a streaming service suggesting a movie, these recommendations shape our decisions and experiences every day. In essence, recommendations act as trusted guides. In our parent survey during Ofsted, you were all amazingly positive about the school, and that meant an awful lot to me and all of the staff. I am now asking you for a favour. I would like you to recommend our school to any local families who live in the area or are moving to the area. School finances across the country are not where they should be, and the only way that we can improve them at present is to ensure that we have strong pupil numbers. Often the best way to do this, is through the power of recommendation. So, if you feel strongly about the work that we do here at Peter's, please mention us to friends and family! We want people to choose us! Thank you.

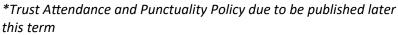
Spotlight On Attendance

As a school and Trust we have been doing lots of work to improve attendance and punctuality as we believe 'regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them, helping them to become emotion-

ally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential '

As well as supporting parents, we want to encourage children, as much

as possible, to want to be in school on time, every day. We will be awarding the class with the highest attendance this term, a film afternoon with popcorn and snacks and hope that this will provide some motivation.



This month we are encouraging children to take part in **40 Days of Kindness for Lent**. We will also be asking you to kindly contribute to our charity collection. Children will receive Bingo sheets and any completed sheets entered into a

prize drawer. The winning child will receive a certificate and their family can choose which charity we donate our collection to. Please help us to make this endeayour successful.



HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR 2023—2024

December

Thursday 21st December School closes for Christmas Break

January 2024

Monday 8th—School Opens

February

 ${\bf Monday\ 19th-Friday\ 23rd-Half\ Term\ Break}$

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

22/01	98.82%	Turtles
29/01	99.26%	Zebras
5/2	98%	Orangutans
12/2	98.57%	Orangutans

Overall attendance as at 96.57% Lets keep this up we are aiming for 98%



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.

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 🔻



Well done to our January school Times Tables Rock
Stars -

Archie Shardlow (Year 2), Alfie Spicer (Year 3), Joshua Wright (Year 4), Lucy Wynd and Oscar Bayliss (Year 5) and Talia Lightbown (Year 6).



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WASPs News

A massive thank you to the WASPs team for organising the school disco. This takes up a lot of their time and raises vital funds for



our school which all children benefit from. They have really struggled selling tickets as members all had commitments. We appreciate everything they do. Please do consider joining this wonderful team—you can be assured of a warm welcome and many hands make light work. Please speak to the office if you are interested. The most recent and amazing fund raising has been over £10,000 in two years to refurbish the school library. Work will begin on this soon and you will all see what a difference WASPs make. Currently, they have only a small membership of seven people and we would hate WASPs to finish so once again please consider joining.

Our wonderful cheerleaders put on an amazing performance during assembly, with some impressive moves including clever gymnastics and spectacular lifts. Well done Beth and Freya

Cheerleading Club



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have 1 vacancy for parent governor Information has been sent out via parent pay. The deadline for nominations is 14.3.24

If you wish to know more about this worthwhile voluntary position, please ask at the office.

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

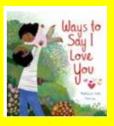
2024—2025 September

12th-13th

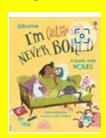
Year 3/4 trip to Beaumanor

Mrs Howard's Books of the month

Ages 4-5



Ages 7+



Ages 8-9



Ages 9+



Ages 9-12



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

www.booktrust.org.uk



Super Work from St Peter's pupils

A book review by Lydia Pennington in Year 5

Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball by Laura Ellen Anderson

I am writing this report on the first Amelia Fang book. There are 7 books in this series all about Amelia (a friendly vampire) and her friends Florence (a yeti), Grimaldi (a grim reaper) and Squashy (Amelia's pet pumpkin).

At the start of the book, the unpopular young Prince Tangine of Nocturnia rarely leaves his palace. When Amelia's parents invite the King and Prince Tangine to the Fang Mansion for dinner, the lonely Prince kidnaps Squashy. Amelia must make a daring rescue to get him back! The Creatures of the Dark are frightened of the Creatures of the Light and the Royal family have a big secret to hide...

In my opinion, the most engaging part is at the end, when you find out what the Prince's big secret is and what they need to do in the next book to get Tangine's Mother back!

My favourite character is Florence the yeti, because she is always comforting when things go wrong and she never gives up. Florence is very confident and likes to make it clear that she is not a normal yeti. Her catchphrase is "I AM NOT A BEAST!!! I AM A RARE BREED OF YETI!!!"

An interesting thing about this book is that Laura Ellen Anderson uses capital letters whenever Florence the Yeti speaks because Florence has a very loud voice!

I only partially enjoyed the section of the book where Tangine takes Squashy. This always makes me anxious every time I read it because Amelia's parents can't stop the royal prince taking whatever he wants.

This book would be good for people who enjoy engaging and beautiful artwork because Laura Ellen Anderson illustrates her own books with hilarious pictures like a yeti doing a one-armed push up! However, this book might not be so good for people who are easily frightened. The series is about vampires, skeletons, yetis and grim reapers but they are all well-meaning characters. It would be best for year 3 and up due to some scary themes.





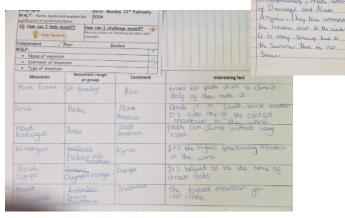
'Making It Move' Design Technology Day in Year 3: work by Teide, Ella N, Oliver and Rocco.



A character description by Milo in Year 2



Georgaphy work by In Year 4, linked to their topic Misty Mountain, Winding River



A sample of a non-chronological report by Lavenna in Year 6

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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@stoeters.embracemat.org or telephone 07906 078654

* Stars of the Week.

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) /
 ☆ Libby (5) / Lilly (1) / Jacob (6) / Jaxson (R)
 ☆ Congratulations to you all.



Sharing Assembly



During the last week before half term, some of the Shining Stars Children took part in the school sharing assemblies. In these assemblies they showed off the wonderful Dragon they had made to celebrate Chinese New Year and also shared fun facts and information about how, why, when and where this celebration takes place.

The children did a wonderful job and we are very proud of them. Pictured below is Libby (5), Ava (5), Alaina (5), Olivia (5), Isabella (4) and Isabelle (R).

March themes & activities

- * 40 days of kindness for Lent
- * World Book Day
- * Various Easter crafts and activities



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