



Newsletter no 5

Dear Parents and Carers

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thank you for all your cards and gifts, we hope that you had a restful Christmas and wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful new year.

**CLUBS**

All clubs start back this week which are Tag Rugby, Football, Netball, French Club, Recorders, Sewing, Choir and Street Dance.

**SCHOOL MEALS - for Term 3 (£1.55 PER DAY)**

If you would like to pay for school meals for Term 3, (30 days @ £1.55) the amount due is £46.50. If you do not pay for the whole term, please remember that payment should be made on **Mondays**, in advance in an **envelope** marked with the child's name and class. Cheques made payable to 'South Glos Council'



**MUSIC FEES**

Please note music fees are due for terms 3 & 4. For children learning the guitar the fee is £40 and for children learning the violin it is £50. Please make cheques payable to 'South Glos Council'



**ABSENCE**

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact the school office by telephone between 8.45 and 9.30 on the morning of their absence. For absence of more than 1 day, please send a note to your child's class teacher to explain the absence. Our email address is [stpetersprimary.school@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:stpetersprimary.school@southglos.gov.uk)

**HOLIDAYS**

If you wish to take your child on holiday during term time please put this request in writing to the head teacher giving a reason for the request. Each case is judged individually. There is no automatic right to have ten days authorised absence but I do have the discretion to allow up to ten days absence. We encourage families to take holidays outside of term time, to ensure children receive a full and uninterrupted curriculum.



**SWIMMING**

Class 3 commence swimming lessons on Friday **30th January 2009**. Mrs Helen Green will be selecting children to swim in the South Glos Gala on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. A letter and information regarding this is to follow. Please note the charge for swimming is 70p per lesson (£6.30 for terms 3 & 4) this helps cover the cost for the increased number of coach journeys. Please make cheques payable to 'St Peters Primary School'. This is a voluntary contribution but, of course, without your support these trips cannot continue. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school every Friday. Thank you.

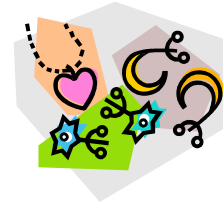


## ARRIVING LATE

It has come to my attention that an increasing number of children are late. If your child arrives late (after 8.55 am) they must report to the office to sign the late book. This ensures our registers are correct.

## WEARING OF JEWELLERY IN PE

It is our policy at St Peter's that the wearing of jewellery during PE is prohibited in line with South Gloucestershire's Local Authority advice contained in Safe Practice in PE. This Policy is strongly upheld by South Glos Council. The justification for this prohibition is that:



- a) The wearing of jewellery increases the chances of an accident. Although a number of parents have indicated that they feel the wearing of stud ear rings is safe, in the event a pupil is hit in the ear by a ball or falls against a wall etc there is a risk of a tearing injury. Equally ear rings can fall out during vigorous activities, and, with PE normally undertaken in bare feet, there is a chance of an injury where this ear ring is trodden on.
- b) It is part of the education process whereby pupils learn that the removal of jewellery before games is a necessary safety precaution.
- c) The exceptions made on medical grounds occur only where medical advice indicates there will be a problem if the jewellery is removed. An example of this is where ears are first pierced as the advice given is that the hole takes approximately six weeks to heal. In such circumstances pupils can undertake PE wearing an ear ring providing they wear a plaster or similarly cover the ear ring. The student would have to bring this to school with them on PE days.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

**GOVERNORS FORUM** - For Parents will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January in the School Hall at 6.30 pm.



## BUS CHILDREN

Staff at St Peter's are responsible for the safekeeping of the bus children before the start of the school day and before they embark on their journey home on the bus. Please be aware it is the responsibility of the parents for the collection of the children once they are on the bus and collection from their destination bus stop. If you would like to check your eligibility to use the school bus, please ring South Gloucestershire Council on 01454 86800 and ask for the Schools Transport Department.

## SEVERE WEATHER AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

In case of severe weather or an emergency causing the school to close, please listen to Radio Bristol or GWR for updates.

## WE'RE ON THE WEB

Have you visited the School website recently?  
Take a look at [www.stpetersprimary.co.uk](http://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk)



## ROAD SAFETY

We have been asked by the residents of Bank Road to again request that parents **do not** use their driveways as a turning area. Please drive thoughtfully and safely making sure you are also aware of pedestrians using the sidewalks to and from school.

The last day of term 3 will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Keith Tinline-Purvis  
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