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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 – NEWSLETTER NO 8

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the weeks. They have been working hard and displaying the right attitudes and values of the school, including being Ready, Respectful and Safe. You can also find their picture on the school's website.



6 January



Welcome back to school in 2023 and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year holiday. We hope that 2023 will be a prosperous one for you all.



CAROL SERVICE

It was such a privilege to be back in St Peter's Church for our Key Stage 2 Carol Service the week before Christmas. This was the first time since 2019. The children sang beautifully, especially our soloists. The readers were very clear and spoke with clarity and precision. It was great to see so many parents join us in church. As you know we were collecting for our chosen charity of Save the Children at all of our Christmas performances. We collected a grand total of **£217.85**. Many thanks for your generosity.

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Jade Hinton and Miss Zoe Paramore who have joined us to teach in Reception/Year 1 class. Miss Paramore is going to be in school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Hinton in school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all day. I am sure they will enjoy their time at St Peter's, teaching and working with the children in Class 1.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the Autumn term was significantly affected by the outbreaks that occurred with Strep A, scarlet fever, sickness and other viral infections. However, the overall attendance of 94.9% remained above the national average. This is the first time this has happened for quite a few years at St Peter's. It is great that the children are enjoying and really wanting to be in school. I am sure once we pass the traditional period when illness is a real factor that we will improve in that figure. Well done to the 28 children throughout the school who managed to stave off any infections and achieved 100% attendance. I hope that everyone remains well and healthy during this term.

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL



Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the Arbor Parent Portal – a massive 93% of you! We really need to get everyone on there so you do not miss out on any communication come February when we stop the text messaging system. It will be replaced by in-app notifications so make sure you download the app in the app store and turn on those notifications. If anyone is still having an issue resetting their password please come into the office and speak to Jemma and she will be able to guide you through it.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Homden who was married just before Christmas. Her new name from now on will be Mrs Tucker.

COST OF LIVING HELP

We have been made aware of support that can be accessed through South Gloucestershire council if you meet certain criteria and are finding things a struggle financially at the moment. Please use the link below for more information on what services and support is available.

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

COMPASSION HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Hope. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will be investigating this during our school worship.

2023 RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are due to start school in September 2023. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2023.

Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply on-line, parents can go to www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions . If parents need help with the application process please telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008



MESSY CHURCH

Pilning Church are holding Messy church on Wednesday 18th January at 3.30pm – all welcome but please bring gloves.

E-SAFETY PARENTAL NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the latest E-safety newsletter for your information. The theme for this month is about how to keep safe when playing online games and the ratings for these games. Also featured are family settings. There are also some links to different safe websites that can be used at home.



CHARLIE FROUD FOUNDATION

This year the School Parliament have decide to support a very local charity, which is based in Almondsbury – The Charlie Froud Foundation. The charity support mountain rescue teams as well as other local charities such as the Jesse May Trust.

The children have been set the challenge of collecting as many one penny coins as possible between now and 30 June 2023. We know that at the moment there are some tough choices being made by families so please do not worry if you are unable to give anything between now and then but if you are able to then please do send in your one penny coins. This is also a competition

between the other local schools. The school which collects the most coins will receive £1,000 as a reward kindly donated by the Forss family who are trustees. Thank you in advance. Don't forget – **ONLY 1p COINS ARE NEEDED! We can see those collection jars in each class growing daily and weekly. Thank you so much for your contributions so far.**

Term 3 Clubs								
CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Eco Warriors	Thursday	8am-8.40am	Liz Cannock	Everyone	Contact the office	free	12/01/2023	09/02/2023
Chess	Friday	lunchtime	Nic Baykaa-Murray	KS2	Contact the office	free	13/01/2023	10/02/2023
Football	Wednesday	3.20pm-4.20pm	Mr Truan	Year 5 & Year 6	same as last term	free	04/01/2023	08/02/2023
Young Voices	Tuesday	3.20pm-4.15pm	Miss Dean & Miss Wright	KS2	same as last term	free	03/01/2023	07/02/2023
Lego	Wednesday	lunchtime	Mrs Bell	KS1	Contact the office	free	04/01/2023	08/02/2023
Gymnastics	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£27.00	03/01/2023	07/01/2023
Hockey	Thursday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£27.00	05/01/2023	09/01/2023
* BRISTOL SPORTS ARE NOW OFFERING A SIBLING DISCOUNT OF 25%, CALL THEM ON 0117 963 0683 TO BOOK.								

Best wishes



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Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Chicken Pox & Strep A email	All years	Information
Young Voices letter	Young voices club	Information
Kickboxing club	All years	Information
Arbor Parent Portal	All years	Action
Miss Dean	Year 5	Information

DIARY DATES 2022/23

TERM 3

Tuesday 3 January

Monday 9 January

Friday 27 January

Friday 3 February

Friday 10 February

Term 3 starts and return to school

Choir to go to Young Voices in Birmingham

Book at Bedtime 5.00pm to 6.00pm

KS1 Number Day

Singing Square invited guests Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 20 February

Start of Term 4

Year 3 swimming every afternoon this week

Friday 24 February	School cross country championships
Monday 27 February	Year 3 swimming every afternoon this week
Monday 6 March	Parents Evenings 3.40pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 8 March	Parents Evenings 3.40pm – 7.00pm
Friday 17 March	Comic Relief Day
	Tockington Manor Cross Country championships
Thursday 23 March	Tockington Manor netball and football festival
Friday 31 March	Singing Square invited guests Year 3 and 4 parents
	End of Term 4

Term dates for 2022/23

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 11 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
INSET DAYS confirmed	Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 Monday 5 June 2023 Tuesday 6 June 2023	