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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 – NEWSLETTER NO 10

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.



27 January



03 February

PARKING, DROP OFF ZONE & CAR PARK

I am aware that this is a thorny issue around and about all primary schools up and down the country. When parking on your drop off or collection of the children at the start or the end of the day, please be considerate of the local residents; avoid parking across drives and park sensibly for the safety of all the children and yourselves. Please be guided by our 'traffic buddies' which we were fortunate enough to receive funding for and put in place earlier this year.

Please also remember that the drop off bays are designed for use by children who can get out of the car quickly and unaided so cars can move on swiftly and keep the traffic moving ensuring there is no backing up of traffic onto the road. If your child is not able to get out of the car unaided, please park on the road and walk your child into school. A member of the school's Senior Leadership Team is always standing at the gate to access the playground and monitors unaccompanied children coming up the path.

Finally, please note the following few reminders regarding the school car park: -

- The car park is only for use by staff and visitors to school, it is not for use at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure you advise any other family members or anyone else bringing your child in or picking them up of this
- The disabled parking bays are for use by blue badge holders only
- Please do not walk over or allow your children to walk over any area of the car park, vehicles can be moving at any time and we have had some near misses! Please use the footpaths

Thank you



SICKNESS AND LATENESS

If your child is absent from school, you must call or email to let the office know by 9am so that registers can be updated. This is a legal requirement. Additionally, if you know that your child is going to be late for any reason, please notify the office.



FLYERS TOURNAMENT

Monday 23rd January saw some students from Class 5 being chosen to represent the school at a Basketball Tournament at UWE. After only 3 weeks of Basketball coaching they enjoyed 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 lost games. Well done children!



Returning Library Books

We understand that from time to time, books get lost or damaged. If this happens to your child's library book, please email me directly (liz.cannock@stpetersprimary.co.uk) or send a short note in. This will enable me to take the book of our system and enable your child to continue enjoying our wonderful selection of library books.

Mrs. Liz Cannock

SINGING SQUARE

You will have seen from the dates section of the newsletter (below) that we are now starting to invite parents in to school to join us for our Singing Squares at the end of the terms. This term we would like to invite those parents from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to share this with us. Space may be limited due to the pupils being in the Hall so this may be standing room only if there are lots of parents coming along. This will be on Friday 10 February starting at 2.40pm. We will be inviting those parents from Year 3 and 4 to our next singing square on 31 March at the same time.



Books at Bedtime

It was a pleasure to have so many children return to school for our 'Books at Bedtime' event. We re-named ourselves, 'Snuggly St Peters'. All children (and adults) enjoyed stories from a range of teachers. Then we all enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits kindly put on by our Friends of the School team. This is just one of many events happening at school to encourage a love of reading within our community.

Mrs. Liz Cannock



ADELE FARROW'S LONDON MARATHON ADVENTURE



On 23rd April 2023 Adele, a parent & governor of the school, will be running the London Marathon to raise money for the charity Bliss. 1 in every 7 babies born in the UK will need specialist care. Bliss is the leading UK charity for babies born premature or sick. They rely on donations to fund their work, and without our help they won't be able to reach the 90,000 babies needing neonatal care each year. Your donation will help Bliss to drive improvements in neonatal care, to ensure that the needs of babies are at the heart of policy and planning for the future, and to provide information and support to all families with a baby born premature or sick.

We think you'd agree this an amazing thing to do and if you can spare even the smallest of donations then please visit the below link or go to the Just Giving website and search Adele Farrow.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adele-farrow3?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=adele-farrow3&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=700c9495aa6249ddbba5e068879ce94c

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL



Arbor Parent Portal/App – Allows primary parent/carers to view attendance, behaviour, exams, timetable, reports, school clubs and update selected student & their own contact details

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the Arbor Parent Portal – a massive 99% of you! Whilst that is great, parents are still not reading the in-app messages we are sending – this may be because you don't have the notifications turned on. We really need to get everyone on there so you do not miss out on any communication. Text messages will stop at half term and will be replaced with in-app messages so make sure you have downloaded the app in the App store and turned on the notifications. If anyone is still having an issue please come into the office and speak to Jemma and she will be able to guide you through it.



A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

This year the School Parliament have decided 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. This is how much we have collected so far – there is still a long way to go! Please keep sending in those 1p coins!



SEND OPPORTUNITY

Over the coming months we will be a range of parent's workshops and projects for those parents who feel they would like more information or advice on certain aspects of supporting their children. These will all be run through and by Jigsaw Thornbury.

The first of these is on Tuesday 28 February from 10.00 – 11.00am. This will be a workshop of Speech Language and Communication needs. Here is the detailed information for you.

'Do you observe difficulties in attention, listening and following instructions; a difficulty in making sense of language heard around them?

Does your young person find it difficult to follow or engage in social conversation?

Do you have a young person who finds it difficult to express their ideas, wants or feelings?

Speech, language and communication are central life skills. It is linked to learning, attainment, behavior, social and emotional development as well as mental wellbeing. This Awareness session will help you to identify your child, young person's speech, language, and communication difficulties and will introduce you to the foundations and tools for supporting them.

These Connect sessions, identified by parents, set to improve the awareness, engagement and connections for parent's supporting their young person's physical, educational, or emotional wellbeing. Our Connect series has been funded by South Gloucestershire Council and are FREE to attend. The session will be delivered by our team within schools at school times.

Connect aims to:

Increase the awareness and confidence of parents/carers on 6 topic areas:

Sensory Awareness, School Anxiety and Avoidance (EBSA),

Behaviour Regulation, Speech Language Communication, Recognising Emotions and Sleep.

Increase parent/carer connection and engagement; to know how to support their child, or seek additional guidance with confidence.

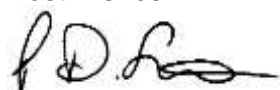
Each session will be accompanied with a 'fridge sheet', a reminder tool of the session, and what parent's need in their toolkit when supporting their child. There will also be an opportunity to view some useful resources from our Sensory Lending Resource Library and Toolkits to purchase from our linked Toolkit sessions.

Any presentation slides will be sent by email following the session. No mobile phones will be permitted during the session or whilst on school grounds and should remain turned off and in bags. In case of emergency the school office can be contacted to connect you.'

If you would like to book on this workshop then please follow the link and state you are a parent at St Peter's to gain this for free. The workshop is being held at Almondsbury CE Primary School, BS32 4DS.

<https://jigsawthornbury.charitysuite.com/events/uq84ybkw>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Industrial Action on 1 st February	All	Information
Number day	KS1	Information
Leavers hoodies	Yr6	Action
SATs books	Yr6	Action

DIARY DATES 2022/23

TERM 3

Monday 6 February

Friday 10 February

FOSP 2nd hand uniform sale 3.20pm in the hall

Singing Square invited guests Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 20 February

Friday 24 February

Monday 27 February

Monday 6 March

Wednesday 8 March

Friday 17 March

Thursday 23 March

Friday 31 March

Start of Term 4

Year 3 swimming every afternoon this week

School cross country championships

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FOSP 2nd hand uniform sale 3.20pm in the hall

Parents Evenings 3.40pm – 7.00pm

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Comic Relief Day

Tockington Manor Cross Country championships

Tockington Manor netball and football festival

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	

Term 4 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	02/03/2023	30/03/2023
Chess	Friday	lunchtime	Nic Baykaa-Murray	KS2	Contact the office	free	24/02/2023	31/03/2023
Football	Wednesday	3.20pm-4.20pm	Mr Truan	Year 5 & Year 6	same as last term	free	22/02/2023	29/03/2023
Lego	Wednesday	lunchtime	Mrs Bell	KS1	Contact the office	free	22/02/2023	29/03/2023
Dance	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£27.00	21/02/2023	28/03/2023
Netball & Handball	Thursday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£27.00	23/02/2023	30/03/2023
Kickboxing	Thursday	6pm-7pm Kids 7pm-8pm Adults	Bristol freestyle Kickboxing	Everyone	Turn up at school for 6pm and pay each week	£4 kids £5 adults	16/02/2023	30/03/2023

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