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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 – NEWSLETTER NO 11**

### **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.



24 February

### **WELCOME BACK**

It is good to see Miss Dean back with us at St Peter's after her illness. We are pleased she is nearly back to herself and wish her a healthy return.

### **TRUTHFULNESS HOME DISCUSSION SHEET**

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Truthfulness. 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.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the children for trying to stay healthy and be in school on time. Our attendance up to the end of Term 3 was 95%, which is actually 1.4% higher than the national average. I look forward to this continuing for the rest of this academic year. It is important that the children remain in school and receive and partake in as much learning time as possible. This is especially true for those children in Year 2 and 6 as they prepare for the end of key stage assessment tests in May, which isn't too far away, plus those in Year 1 who will undertake their phonics check. It would be great to see the overall attendance rise even higher over the coming weeks.

### **PARKING, DROP OFF ZONE & CAR PARK**

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'.

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 footpath.

### **DOG FOULING ON BANK ROAD**

We are aware of the ongoing issue with dog fouling on Bank Road leading up to the school and continue to report this regularly to South Gloucestershire Council and we urge parents to also report it online using the following link <https://my.southglos.gov.uk/ServicePage.aspx?servicePath=&JScript=1> Please give as much information as possible – dates, times and descriptions of the dogs/owners etc.

Thanks to Miss Sheppard's ongoing persistence in reporting this issue and contact with the dog wardens, accompanied by some additional reports from parents this week, I am pleased to advise that yesterday the Street Care team came out and cleaned and disinfected the paths. They have also advised us that they are going to increase the signage and patrols in the area. Please continue to report issues as and when they arise to ensure the matter continues to be dealt with in this way.



### **HOUSE POINTS**

Congratulations to Typhoon who achieved the most house points last term, as a reward any child who is in Typhoon can wear non-school uniform on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**



For World Book Day, we will have a focus on poetry. In fact, we will be having a poetry week! Using poems from recommended authors that have been shortlisted by CLIPPA (Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry Award). On the day itself, will have a poetry square in the hall and each class will recite a poem to the rest of the school, this will also allow our children to reach one of our 'Bridge Award' objectives. Near the end of the day, the children will be treated to 'Mystery Reader', where a

different adult will share a story with them. By the end of the week, we hope the children will have used some of their new skills to create their own poem and bring it home to share with you.

Mrs. Liz Cannock

### **NEW VACCINE STUDY LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS: **SUPER** study - **STANDING UP TO PERTUSSIS****

UHBW and Bristol Vaccine Centre are evaluating a new vaccine for the prevention of whooping cough. We are recruiting volunteers (6-17 years old) for a clinical study and are looking for SUPERheroes like your child! If interested, please visit [www.supertrial.co.uk](http://www.supertrial.co.uk) or contact Bristol Vaccine Centre on +44 (0)117 342 0160 or [nasal-pertussis@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:nasal-pertussis@bristol.ac.uk).



### 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](mailto: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

It was great to see so many parents from Reception, Year 1 and 2 join us for our singing square at the end of last term. The children performed brilliantly their chosen songs much to the delight of the audience and rapturous applause. One highlight was Mrs Bell's class performing their song not only by singing it marvellously but also signing the words using Makaton, a language and communication aid. Well done to them and everyone else. We look forward to inviting the parents from Years 3 and 4 to our next Singing Square at the end of this term on Friday 31 March at 2.40pm.



### BARNEY'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER



Next month, on the 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March, our sports coach, Barney, is going to be running from Belfast to Derry, to raise money for 'The Brain Tumour Charity'. He, and two friends, will be running 115km across three days, equating to around a marathon per day!

Brain tumours are the largest cancer killer of people under 40 years old, and yet it only receives 1% of national cancer funding. So far, the team have managed to raise over £8000, but they are still looking to raise more if possible. There will be more details to come from us on how you can get involved. In the meantime, if you are interested in giving, please contact [barney.grice@bristol-sport.co.uk](mailto:barney.grice@bristol-sport.co.uk), and he can give more information.

### ARBOR PARENT PORTAL



# Arbor

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

We are now live with the Arbor Parent Portal and all messages are now being sent through the app. Please make sure you have your notifications turned on so you do not miss out on important information. Attached to the newsletter is a guide on what to do if you are not receiving the notifications. We understand you do have to log into the App each time you receive a message and we have feedback to Arbor that automatic access would be easier for parents. The primary reason for logging in is that it is one of their security



features as the App contains private information about both you and your child. The next feature we will be moving on to is allowing parents to make online payments through the App. This will make it much easier for parents to manage trip, camp, breakfast & after school club payments, to see outstanding balances & view bookings. If you have any feedback you would like us to share with us please contact the office, we welcome any suggestions you have.



### 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 there 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>

## **ADELE FARROW'S LONDON MARATHON ADVENTURE**



On 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adele-farrow3?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=adele-farrow3&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=700c9495aa6249ddbba5e068879ce94c)

Best wishes

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

<b>COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE</b>		
<b>Year 3/4 Trip letter</b>	<b>Email/Letter</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Survey</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Information</b>

### **DIARY DATES 2022/23**

#### **TERM 4**

**Monday 27 February**

**Monday 6 March**

**Year 3 swimming every afternoon this week**

**FOSP 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale 3.20pm in the hall**

**Parents Evenings 3.40pm – 7.00pm**

Wednesday 8 March  
Friday 17 March

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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

Wednesday 22 March  
Friday 31 March

**TERM 5**

Monday 17 April  
Monday 1 May  
Friday 5 May  
Saturday 6 May  
Monday 8 May  
Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May  
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May  
Friday 26 May

Start of Term 5  
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY- School closed  
School based Coronation activities  
HM King Charles III Coronation Day  
CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY – School closed  
Year 6 SAT tests  
Year 2 SAT tests  
Singing Square invited guests Year 5 and 6 parents  
End of Term 5

**TERM 6**

Monday 5 June  
Tuesday 6 June  
Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 June  
Monday 12 to Friday 16 June  
Friday 21 July

INSET DAY - School closed  
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Year 4 Multiplication Check testing  
Year 1 phonics check testing  
End of school year

**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

**\* BRISTOL SPORTS ARE NOW OFFERING A SIBLING DISCOUNT OF 25%, CALL THEM ON 0117 963 0683 TO BOOK.**