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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 – NEWSLETTER NO 16**

### **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.



12 May



19 May

### **NEW STAFF MEMBER FOR SEPTEMBER**



We are delighted to announce that we have a new teacher starting with us in September called Miss Jessica Briggs. Miss Briggs currently is teaching in a school in Surrey and is relocating to Bristol. She will be joining the team at St Peter's as our new EYFS/KS1 leader and will be teaching the Reception/Year 1 class next academic year. Miss Briggs will be revisiting school in June to meet the staff and the children.

### **YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL**

The Year 6's have had a fabulous week at Barton Hall just outside of Torquay, Devon for their residential visit. They have experienced many different and exciting activities. I am sure their parents will get to hear blow by blow accounts from the week when they return home late this afternoon. Here's a couple of photos but we will share more in the next newsletter.



## YEAR 4 ATTEND THE BRIDGE GAMES & CELEBRATION OF SPORT

Year 4 have been fortunate to have partaken in not one but two fabulous sporting festivals this year. On Thursday 4th May they travelled to Ashton Gate where they partook in a range of sporting activities. The children were very excited to sit in the stands and then be able to grace the stadium's grass where they partook a range of sports including football, rugby, cricket, basketball and gymnastics. The day was brilliantly organised by the Bristol Sport Foundation.

On top of that, Year 4 were then involved in the Bridge Games where all the children in Year 4 from across our Family of Schools hosted at Little Stoke Primary. This was another excellent and well organised event where the children enjoyed the opportunity to mix and work with children from other schools during a range of sporting and athletic activities in the morning as well as orienteering in the afternoon.

During both events the children represent the school to the highest standard with impeccable behaviour and politeness. It was pleasing to receive plenty of complimentary comments from members of staff from other schools about how the children presented themselves. The school is very proud the children.



## YEAR 5 BRISTOL SPORT GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

On Wednesday 17th May, Ten Year 5 children attended Bristol Sport's Gymnastics Development competition at the City of Bristol Gymnastics centre. They competed against 3 other schools in both Level 1 and Level 2 gymnastics. This involved a floor, vault and trampette routine. The children learnt these skills and routines during the 4 weeks of specialist coaching they had with BSF coach Jasmine. It was incredible to see how much they had learnt and they executed the routines brilliantly! Resulting in us placing 2nd place, the children bringing home certificates, medals and another trophy for our trophy cabinet! Well done gymnasts, I am so proud of your achievements and what fantastic representatives you were for St Peter's. A special shout out to Indie, who was congratulated during the event for being the highest scoring child at the event 'by a mile'. Well done Indie!



## CURRICULUM AT ST PETER'S

Over the next term we will be exploring the different curriculum areas in the newsletters. It will outline what we teach and how we teach it in different subjects.

## SCIENCE AT ST PETER'S



Science is one of the core subjects and is treated as such with the subject being taught on a weekly basis. The children are exposed to all three areas of science each year including Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The children's knowledge is built up over time with some of the areas revisited over the seven years including the study of plants. Here the children start with identifying parts of the plant and conditions for growth moving through to the process of photosynthesis and links to the water cycle. Children gain a vast amount of knowledge over their time learning about these aspects. Integrated into the science learning is working scientifically where the children learn how to conduct a fair test including predictions, methodology of organising and running an investigation, observing, collating and analysing results in a variety of ways. The children have assistance in the form of the flowchart of the processes that they undergo during the investigations.

Depending on the focus of the learning they may not do all aspects until they are confident in employing their knowledge in all aspects. Of course as with all of our subjects we identify the specific vocabulary needed for the children to explain their thinking. These are listed on the knowledge organisers you receive each term. The children also record their learning both of knowledge acquisition and application of processes in their books in 'double page' spreads in key stage 2 or on supported recording sheets in KS1. Do ask the children about their scientific learning and knowledge.

## SCHOOL FETE



The FOSP are holding the summer school fete on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – look out for some more information on this. We are asking that in return for a non-school uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, children bring in bottles for the tombola. Thank you!





## IN-APP MESSAGES

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading the in-app messages. Parents are missing out on valuable information about their children and events that are happening by not reading these messages.



## 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!

## SINGING SQUARE

Term 5 Singing Square is at the end of this term on Friday 26th May. We are inviting year 5 and 6 parents to join us from 2.40pm in the hall. Please enter via the hall doors.



## SEND OPPORTUNITY

Our Connect sessions were identified by parents and are set to improve the awareness, engagement and connections for parent's supporting their young person's physical, educational, or emotional wellbeing.

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

Our Connect series has been funded by South Gloucestershire Council and are FREE to attend. To book a place on an upcoming session, please follow the attached links.

[Connect: Sleep](#)

Best wishes



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Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
Year 6 camp 2024	letter	Action
Reception children letter regarding library cards	Email	Action

### DIARY DATES 2022/23

#### TERM 5

Monday 22 – Tuesday 23 May  
Thursday 25 May  
Friday 26 May

Bikeability group B  
EYFS/KS1 Bristol Aerospace Trip  
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 16 June  
Thursday 22 June  
Friday 23 June  
Friday 30 June  
Friday 7 July  
Monday 10 July  
Tuesday 11 July  
Thursday 20 July  
Friday 21 July

INSET DAY - School closed  
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Year 4 Multiplication Check testing  
Year 1 phonics check testing  
Non-school uniform in exchange for bottles  
Tour d’Pilning  
Sports day  
Summer school fete  
Celebration afternoon  
Year 6 show – 7pm  
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Year 6 Leavers assembly 1.30pm  
Singing square, all parents invited on the field  
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	

**DIARY DATES 2023/24****TERM 1**

<b>Friday 1 September</b>	<b>INSET DAY School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 4 September</b>	<b>Pupils in Year 1 to 6 start school</b>
<b>Monday 4 &amp; Tuesday 5</b>	<b>New Reception home visits by staff</b>
<b>Wednesday 6 September</b>	<b>Reception children start school mornings or afternoons</b>
<b>Monday 11 September</b>	<b>Reception children in school mornings and lunch</b>
<b>Monday 18 September</b>	<b>Reception children in school full time</b>
<b>Thursday 19 October</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	<b>INSET DAY School closed to pupils</b>

**Term dates for 2023/24**

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Friday 1 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2023	Friday 15 December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 24 July 2024
<b>INSET DAYS confirmed</b>	<b>Friday 1 September 2023</b> <b>Friday 20 October 2023</b> <b>Tuesday 2 January 2024</b> <b>Monday 3 June 2023</b> <b>Plus one TBC</b>	

**Term 6 Clubs**

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Netball	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Miss Daly	Year 4,5 & 6	Contact the office	free	05/06/2023	17/06/2023
Athletics & Running	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£31.50	06/06/2023	18/06/2023
Cricket	Thursday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	£31.50	08/06/2023	20/06/2023
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	runs every Thursday (throughout the holidays aswell) -	

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