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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 – NEWSLETTER NO 01

Welcome back to school - It's great to see you!

Welcome back to all parents and children. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and been able to have some relaxation and recuperation and managed to get away either on a staycation or ventured further afield.

I would like to welcome all of the new children in Reception and new parents who will be joining us this week. I am sure you and your child will have seven wonderful years at St Peter's. All of the staff look forward to getting to know your children as well as yourselves.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the first week of term. 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.



Friday 8th September



INTRODUCTIONS

I would like to welcome new staff to the school. Miss Jessica Briggs who joins us as the class teacher in Reception and Year 1 and key stage leader. She is an experienced teacher and I am sure she will be a great asset within our teaching team. I hope that Miss Briggs enjoys her time at St Peter's.

You will have also noticed that Mrs Emma Tucker is still with us in Key Stage 1. Luckily, we were able to invite her to remain in school for the mornings and lunchtimes to work in class. However, we have said goodbye to Mrs Gabby Wilson who has left to take up another post in a different career. We wish her well for the future.

MEET THE TEACHER

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. They start at 3.20pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure Arbor is up to date with your current contact details and addresses. If you are unable to make any updates required yourself, please contact the office.

NAME LABELS

Please do ensure that you have labelled all of your children's jumpers, shirts etc. It is very important that this is done as it is very difficult to return any lost property that is not labelled. Thank you.

READING AT SCHOOL

We wanted to send out a little round-up of reading information for you all upon your return to school.

Reading books: All teaching staff will be taking the first two weeks to assess children's reading before sending home books.

Reading at home: Please listen to your child read three times weekly and comment or sign in their reading record. Children who read three times will be entered into a draw to choose a book from our book vending machine (to keep!)

Reading Steps: 1) Phonically decodable books. 2) Benchmarking books. 3) Free-readers.

For children on phonically decodable books, please follow this format when reading at home:

1. Decoding the book and new words.
2. Fluency-beginning to recognise words from sight.
3. Comprehension-understanding the text and answering more detailed questions.

Summer Reading Challenge: If your child took part in the summer reading challenge, we would love to see their medals! Please send them in on Friday 15 September to share in assembly.

Thank-you from the English Team - Mrs Liz Cannock and Mrs Abbi Grotzke



E-SAFETY FOR PARENTS

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that parents are equipped to support their children in the ever-increasing digital world, we have purchased a monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. The first of these is being sent out electronically with this newsletter. We hope you find this helpful and give you information needed to identify how you can keep your children safe online.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Have your children sprouted up over the summer? If you would like to donate any outgrown uniform, there is a box in the school entrance area where donations can be left. If you require any uniform, please email the details of what you need to: friendsofstpetersprimary@outlook.com



BRIDGE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

We are very excited to unveil our Bridge Family of School's Art Gallery. Our Year 3 children from across our group of schools have all contributed a piece of art that they are particularly proud of to be shared in a virtual art gallery. We are so pleased that their art can be showcased for everyone to see and admire. We hope you enjoy exploring the different exhibitions and hopefully you are also able to spot a piece of artwork created by an artist you know well!

Olveston CE Primary - <https://www.artsteps.com/view/645e52191362827053b446c3>

St Peter's CE Primary and Almondsbury CE Primary -
<https://www.artsteps.com/view/645e5113b529326748df5c72>

The Manor CE Primary and St Chad's CE Primary -
<https://www.artsteps.com/view/645e4f18d246f96edd6e3ff9>



CATERING

We are delighted to now have Alliance in Partnership (AIP) as our catering provider. AIP specialise in education catering and provide nutritious healthy meals for our children to enjoy.

Meals are freshly cooked each day and the menu runs on a 3 week cycle which includes a hot main course and vegetarian option, jackets potatoes and deli option. All menus meet and exceed national nutritional standards <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=244> .



Special dietary requirements are all catered for. If your child has a special dietary requirement or allergy please complete the special diets form (available on school website or from office) and return it to the school office as soon as possible to ensure we can provide them with a suitable meal.

If you would like any further information about AIP please visit their website www.allianceinpartnership.co.uk

We've had a great first week with the new menu and lovely colourful and tasty food offer each day. We urge you to take up the offer of these fabulous nutritious meals for your child/ren.



WATER BOTTLES

Can we please remind parents that every child should bring in a named water bottle each day and this must only contain water – no squash please.



VACANCY FOR CARETAKER

We have a vacancy for a full time Caretaker. This role covers both Almondsbury CE VC Primary and St Peter's schools. Please see the advert attached. Contact the office for further details and an application pack.

SCHOOL CALENDAR



The school website is packed with information and should be the first place you should visit if you are looking for dates or times. The School calendar is updated regularly with times and dates of important events for your children – please check this regularly for updates.

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

ARBOR PAYMENTS



We are now live with Arbor payments. All bookings for meals, clubs, trips and wraparound care need to be made and paid for using the Arbor App or Parent Portal. Please read our step by step instructions and watch the helpful videos on our website. We no longer use ParentPay so please do not make any payments through there. Thank you

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Arbor+Parent+Portal%2FApp+%26amp%3B+Payments&pid=151>

PRICE & BUCKLAND UNIFORM

Orders for uniform can be placed by following this link <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/st-peter-s-anglican-methodist-vc-primary-school.html>

Support for families with school uniform costs

Do you need help to buy school uniform for next term? We have funding to reimburse up to £50 for primary school uniform and £80 for secondary school uniform (maximum of three children per household). To apply, you need to take receipts showing proof of purchase and your bank statement (unless you paid in cash) to your nearest One Stop Shop in Kingswood, Patchway or Yate or you can call [01454 868009](tel:01454868009). You will be asked to fill in a financial statement of your income and expenditure.

You can apply if you:

- live within South Gloucestershire
- are struggling to pay bills and/or meet your monthly outgoings
- have no other means of support through family, friends or donations

Successful applicants will be reimbursed for purchases between 1 June and 15 September 2023. Payments will be made towards the cost of essential clothing for school use including PE kits, shoes and coats. You will not be reimbursed for stationery, bags, lunch boxes, or other non-clothing items.

If your application is successful you will be reimbursed within 14 working days. Funds will be paid directly into your bank account. For more information on support available visit

www.southglos.gov.uk/CostofLiving.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

Secondary school information	Year 6	Email
Nasal flu vaccine consent	Everyone	Email
SS Great Britain trip letter	Years 1 & 2	Email
Lifeskills Centre trip letter	Year 6	Email

DIARY DATES 2023/24

TERM 1

Monday 11 September	Reception children in school mornings and lunch
Tuesday 12 September	Meet the teacher 3.20- 4.00pm Mrs Bell, Mrs Cannock and Mrs Grotzke
Wednesday 13 September	Meet the teacher 3.20 – 4.00pm Mr Truan, Mr BM and Miss McKenzie
Thursday 14 September	Reception parent's phonics workshop in Hall 9.00am Year 2 and 4 Road safety workshops for pupils
Monday 18 September	Reception children in school full time Year 6 residential visit to Osmington Bay
Friday 22 September	Year 6 return from Osmington Bay
Monday 25 September	Reception parents mathematics workshop 2.45pm in Hall Meet the teacher 3.20- 4.00pm Miss Biggs
Tuesday 10 October	Year 6 visit to Lifeskills Centre, Bristol
Wednesday 11 October	Harvest Festival
Friday 13 October	Year 1 & 2 visit to the SS Great Britain, Bristol
Thursday 19 October	Last day of Term 1
Friday 20 October	INSET DAY School closed to pupils

TERM 2

Monday 30 October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 1 November	New Reception intake 2024 parents tours 9.00am and 11.00am
Friday 3 November	New Reception intake 2024 parents tours 9.00am and 11.00am
Tuesday 14 November	New Reception intake 2024 parents tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day
Monday 4 December	Individual children's photos
Wednesday 6 December	EYFS and Key Stage 1 nativity play Hall 6.00pm
Thursday 7 December	EYFS and Key Stage 1 nativity play Hall 9.15am
Tuesday 12 December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas lunch
Friday 15 December	End of Term 2

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 23 July 2024
INSET DAYS confirmed	Friday 1 September 2023 Friday 20 October 2023 Tuesday 2 January 2024 Monday 3 June 2024 Tuesday 4 June 2024	

Term 1 Clubs								
CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Choir	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Mrs Grotzke	Year 3,4,5,6	Sign up on the Arbor App	free	11/09/2023	16/10/2023
Multi games	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	04/09/2023	16/10/2023
Handball	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	05/09/2023	17/10/2023
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) - follow the FB group for updates	
Orienteering/ Outdoor adventurous activities	Friday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	08/09/2023	20/10/2023

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