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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 – NEWSLETTER NO 02

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 15th September



Friday 22nd September

ATTENDANCE

High attendance is very important for all of the children to be able to achieve and do well throughout their time at St Peter's. We aim to have 96% as our minimum attendance from now on for every child. For every missed day of school takes time for the children to catch up with their learning. If your child's attendance is 95% then they will have missed a whole unit of work over the year that they will have to catch up on. For attendance below 90% this is equivalent to over 4 weeks' worth of missed learning which does have a massive impact on the progress the children make. As usual any child's attendance that falls below 90% will be contacted by myself to discuss how we can make sure the attendance improves. I am sure that this will not be the case and I do hope we will be able to see all children's attendance at a high figure and that they are able to succeed in their learning.

I also need to remind you that no term time absence for holidays will be authorised. I look forward to reporting another high attendance year and even higher achievement by the children.

Lateness can also cause the children to have an unsettled time during the first part of the morning as they miss the social interaction at the start of the day as well as registration and the first part of the lesson. It is very important that the children arrive on time in the morning. Thank you for your support.



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

It was a pleasure to be able to have morning tea with the children who have gone the extra mile to demonstrate positive behaviours and attitudes in our school and modelled our 3 school rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe. I look forward to be able to share with more pupils over the year.



SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2024 INTAKE

You may well have seen the banners, which are advertising St Peter's on your travels recently. We have now confirmed our dates for prospective new parents and children to come and have a look around our wonderful school. These are as follows:-

Wednesday 1 November 9.00am	Wednesday 1 November 11.00am
Friday 3 November 9.00am	Friday 3 November 11.00am
Tuesday 14 November 1.00pm	Tuesday 14 November 2.00pm

Please contact the office to book yourself on one of the tours and pass the details onto anyone you know who has a child of pre-school age.

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.

CLUBS

We have a range of clubs on offer this term and are pleased to share these with you. Please see the list below, days the clubs are operating and the prices. Any clubs being run by the teaching staff will be free of charge. I hope that the children will enjoy these clubs

Term 1 Clubs								
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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	
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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



FOSP AGM 28th OCTOBER 2023 6PM

The Friends of St Peter's are holding an annual general meeting at school on 28th October at 6pm for anyone who wishes to attend.

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.



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>

NASAL FLU VACCINE

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations on **3rd October** to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

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>

There are also a large number of parents still not reading the Arbor messages. You will be missing out on valuable information relating to your children. Please make sure you are logging in and reading any message sent to you.

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



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>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
Castle School Open Evening	Email	Year 6
MShed trip	Email	Year 5 & 6
Marlwood School Open Evening	Email	Year 6
National child measurement programme	Email	Year 6

DIARY DATES 2023/24

TERM 1

Monday 25 September	Reception parents mathematics workshop 2.45pm in Hall Meet the teacher 3.20- 4.00pm Miss Briggs
Thursday 28 September	FOSP AGM 6pm
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 Year 5 & 6 visit to the MShed, 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
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