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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 – NEWSLETTER NO 1**

# **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.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

I would like to welcome three new staff to the school. Megan Bell is our new Year 1 and 2 class teacher. She is an experienced KS1 teacher who has worked in different schools over the past 4 years. She is a welcome addition to the EYFS/KS1 team. . We have employed a new Teaching Assistant apprentice Gabby Wilson, who will be mainly working within Years 5 and 6. You will recognise Gabby as one of our parents at school and we welcome her to her new role. We also welcome Emma Homden, who will be a teaching assistant across EYFS and KS1 working with Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils. Emma is an experienced teaching assistants and had experience in pre-school settings as well. I hope that they all enjoy their time at St Peter's.



**Mrs Megan Bell**



**Mrs Emma Homden**



**Mrs Gabby Wilson**

### **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 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please let the office know if there have been any changes in your address or contact details to enable us to update our records, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

## 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.

## WATER BOTTLES

Children can bring a small plastic bottle of drinking water to school. This bottle should be clear (see through), with a sports top and named – and taken home each day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

## LUNCH OPTIONS

Please remember to select what your child will be having for lunch each day using the Parent Pay system (including if your child will be bringing a packed lunch form home). Selections can be made several weeks in advance. Log in details for Parent Pay for children joining the school this September will be issued by the office shortly.

## 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 16 September to share in assembly.

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



## 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.

## 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.



**NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE**



Our new school website is now live and you can access your child's class page and school information at <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/>. We will tell you more about the exciting functions during our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. In the meantime, log on and check it out!

Best wishes

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

**LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE**

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Mojo Active	Year 6	action
Egyptian WOW day	Year 3 & 4	action
Year 6 camp	Year 5	action
Film club	All who signed up	action

**DIARY DATES 2022/23**

**TERM 1**

Monday 12 September  
Tuesday 13 September

Wednesday 14 September

Thursday 15 September  
Monday 19 September  
Monday 26 September  
Tuesday 11 October  
Friday 21 October

Reception children in school mornings and lunch this week  
Meet the teacher sessions after school 3.20- 4.00pm – Mrs Bell (Year 1/2), Mrs Cannock (Year 3),  
Meet the teacher sessions after school 3.20 – 4.00pm – Mr Truan (Year 4), Miss Dean (Year 5) and Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss McKenzie (Year 6)  
Reception parents' workshop for Reading and Phonics 9.00am  
Reception children start school full time  
Reception parents workshop for Mathematics 2.50pm  
Harvest Festival afternoon  
End of Term 1

**TERM 2**

Monday 31 October  
Tuesday 1 November  
Wednesday 2 November  
Friday 4 November  
Tuesday 15 November  
Friday 18 November  
Tuesday 13 December  
Wednesday 14 December  
Friday 16 December

**INSET DAY – School closed to pupils**  
Start of term 2 for all pupils  
New Parents Tours for intake 2023 9.00am and 11.00am  
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New Parents Tours for intake 2023 1.00pm and 2.00pm  
Children in Need day  
Christmas Carols performed by Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)  
Christmas lunch for the pupils  
End of Term 2

**Term dates for 2022/23**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday 1 September 2022</b>	<b>Friday 21 October 2022</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 31 October 2022</b>	<b>Friday 16 December 2022</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Tuesday 3 January 2023</b>	<b>Friday 11 February 2023</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 20 February 2023</b>	<b>Friday 31 March 2023</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 17 April 2023</b>	<b>Friday 26 May 2023</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 5 June 2023</b>	<b>Friday 21 July 2023</b>
<b>INSET DAYS confirmed</b>	<b>Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 Monday 5 June 2023 Plus one to be confirmed</b>	