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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 – NEWSLETTER NO 05

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the last weeks 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 3rd November



Friday 10th November

PARENTS EVENINGS

We have our Autumn Term parents' evenings on Monday 20 and Wednesday 22 November from 3.40pm. The booking system is now live and you will have been sent an email to book your time slots. Both evenings will be face to face. There will also be an opportunity to meet Alliance in Partnership, our new catering provider and sample some of the fantastic meals they are providing for the children.

PARENTAL SURVEY

Thank you to those who completed the parental survey that was sent out via email link last month. The response from that was positive. One aspect that was highlighted where we could improve was in regard to what the pupils are learning. Therefore, there has been a greater amount of information placed on the website to share overviews and topics with parents. Please do look at the class pages on the website for more information and download these. One other aspect is where some parents didn't feel that concerns were dealt with either swiftly or well. Each concern that comes to school is dealt with within a very short timeframe. Unfortunately, there are some things which are out of our control but we endeavour to work with parents to solve any issues. If you feel that you have not been heard then please follow this up with either myself or Mr Baykaa-Murray. If you do have any concerns that are still outstanding please raise them with your class teachers first. A good time to do this would be at the upcoming parents evening. The survey was the same one that Ofsted will send out when we get our next inspection so you know what to expect.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please can parents remember that all school dinners should be paid for in advance of booking a school meal. We understand last minute bookings are made but these should be paid for the same day please. Bookings should be made and paid for using the Arbor App/Parent Portal. If your child is always the same choice (e.g always a packed lunch or always fish fingers on a Friday) then this can be selected on the app to save you logging in each week. Bookings can be made right up to Christmas and the menu for term 3 & 4 is now on the website to view.

BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKINGS

Thank you to all parents/carers for getting on board with our new booking system for breakfast and after school club sessions on Arbor which is working well. Please can we ask you to note the following –

- Please book sessions as far in advance as possible. We understand that you may need last minute sessions on occasions but if you can book in advance for the week at least where possible this would be very helpful
- If you pay by childcare vouchers, please send these payments over well in advance of needing to use them, some providers take a few days to send the funds over to us so this may delay you being able to book
- If you need to cancel or amend a session, please email the office and we can do this for you. Currently there isn't a way for parents to do this themselves on Arbor but we have passed a request onto them to add this feature as feedback
- If you book your child in for a same day after school club session, can you please let the office know as we do not currently get notifications of sessions being booked and we print the list of bookings in the morning to plan for the session (this has also been passed on as feedback to Arbor to add as a feature)

LUNCHES REVIEW (PART 2)

The children are thoroughly enjoying the lovely meals on offer each day from our new catering provider. If your child has not already sampled the meals, please book them in through Arbor to have a try, there is plenty of choice each day.



Every newsletter, our class MPs will be reviewing our new school meals menu. This week it's Bella and Sophie and their yummy baguettes! Here's what they had to say...

Bella:

- *The bread in the baguette is nice and squishy*
- *The butter inside is tasty*
- *I like the cucumbers from the salad bar – they're fresh!*

Sophie:

- *The baguettes are tasty and delicious!*
- *Ham is my absolute favourite.*
- *I like the peppers from the salad bar – they are sweet and crunchy.*

CLUB BOOKINGS

Please use the Arbor App/Parent Portal to make your child's club bookings. Please note bookings are only for one term at a time so if a club is running for a second term in a row, you will need to re-sign your child up for the second term. All the Bristol Sports clubs must be booked directly on their website <https://tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk/en-gb/categories/after-school-clubs>

If your child will not be attending the club they are booked onto for whatever reason, please let the office know so staff know which children they need to register for each session.

CONGRATULATIONS

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Grotzke is expecting her first child. This is very special and exciting news for her and Mr Grotzke. Mrs Grotzke will be in school until the end of March before the Easter holidays.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor, details of which were sent by email on Thursday 9 November. A paper copy of the information and nomination form is available from the office on request.

HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you all so much for your kind Harvest donations. These have been taken to The Candle in Yate which runs a food bank. Their stocks were running low so they were incredibly grateful for the boot full of food that was given.



E-SAFETY FOR PARENTS

Along with the newsletter is the latest e-safety information newsletter for parents for November. This month the main focus is on staying safe whilst playing on Playstation devices, information about Roblox and the use of TikTok, which has a parental guidance of the age of 13 before this is used appropriately.

YEAR 3 AND 4 ART DAY: 19 OCTOBER

Year 3 and 4 have been studying the art of Barbara Hepworth. Looking at her life, her work and the meaning behind her powerful sculptures. We created mini-sculptures out of toilet rolls to begin to understand the techniques needed to create a 3D structure. Then we designed our own art with a partner or group before making it from large sheets of cardboard. This all went really well, unfortunately when we added paint, this made the cardboard lose stability and hindered our final pieces. Lesson learnt! It was a fun collaborative day with many new skills being practised.



RESPECT HOME LEARNING SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Respect. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it.

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER



This year to raise money for Children In Need the children are invited to come into school 'dressed as a teacher.' We will also be having a dance off in the hall. Please can children bring in a donation of £1.00 minimum. Thank you!



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Each week we monitor the attendance of the whole school. These are the average attendance figures for the school year so far for each year group –

Reception	89.9%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	95.9%

BONFIRE THEMED SPECIAL MENU - 7TH NOVEMBER

The children really enjoyed the bonfire special menu this week. The hotdogs, toffee apple crumble and chocolate cake were a massive hit with them all. We will be holding more special themed menu days throughout the year so keep an eye out for more dates.



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 further dates for prospective new parents and children to come and have a look around our wonderful school. These are as follows: -

Tuesday 14 November 1.00pm	Tuesday 14 November 2.00pm
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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.

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>

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
Young Voices Choir	Email	Action
Miss Briggs – class 1	Email	Information
Carols at the Mall, Cribbs Causeway – class 5	Email/Letter	Action
Basketball competition – selected yr5/6 children	Email	Information
Christmas nativity – EYFS/Year 1/Year 2	Email	Information
Parent Governor Vacancy	Email	Action

DIARY DATES 2023/24

TERM 2

Tuesday 14 November	New Reception intake 2024 parents tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day – Dress as a teacher
Monday 20 November	Parents evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 22 November	Parents evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Monday 27 November	Young Voices Choir performance in the school hall 2.45pm
Saturday 2 December	Young Voices Choir performance at Easter Compton Village Hall 3pm
Monday 4 December	Individual children's photos
Tuesday 5 December	FOSP Christmas Disco! EYFS/KS1 4.45pm-5.45pm KS2 6.00pm-7.00pm
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
Thursday 14 December	Year 5 carols at the Mall, Cribbs Causeway for year 5 4.15pm
Friday 15 December	End of Term 2

Term dates for 2023/24

Term	Starts	Ends
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 2 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	30/10/2023	11/12/2023
Cricket	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	30/10/2023	11/12/2023
Nerf Wars	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr4 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	31/10/2023	12/12/2023
Tag rugby	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Mrs Bell & Miss Daly	Year 3,4,5,6	Sign up on the Arbor App	free	01/11/2023	13/12/2023
Kickboxing	Thursday	6pm-7pm Kids 7pm-8pm Adults	Bristol freestyle Kickboxing (not affiliated with the school)	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	
Dodgeball	Friday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	03/11/2023	15/12/2023

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