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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 – NEWSLETTER NO 07**

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> December



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### **KS1 NATIVITY**



EYFS and KS1 had a brilliant time performing their nativity 'Christmas with the Aliens'. There were a lot of lines for the children to remember but they did an amazing job and the acting was fantastic. The singing was brilliant as well with all the children trying their very best and putting on a great performance! Well done EYFS and KS1!



We raised a massive **£197.81** for the [Bristol Children's Charity](http://Bristol Children's Charity) at the nativity performances so thank you all for your very generous donations.

## FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



After a lot of hard work, we have managed to secure an art club to run on a Friday 3.20pm-4.30pm. This will now be open to the whole school. If you are interested in signing your child up, please read the attached poster and follow the link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/letsmakeartuk/1090023>

**ART FOR SCHOOLS ART CLUB ST PETER'S - Reception - 6 - After school until 4.30pm**

**Terms 3 and 4 - 10 weeks @ £90**

**FRIDAY Jan 12th, 19th, 26th, Feb 2nd and 9th >Half Term< 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd**

Please visit <https://buytickets.at/letsmakeartuk/1090023> for more details and to book a place for your child.

## LUNCHES REVIEW (PART 3)

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.



Each newsletter, our class MPs will be reviewing our new school meals menu. This week it's Phoebe and Cassia and their yummy fish fingers/veggie nuggets & chips! Here's what they had to say...

Phoebe:

- *I loved the fish fingers today*
- *Fish Finger Friday is my favourite day*
- *I prefer the baked beans rather than the peas*

Cassia:

- *The veggie nuggets are full of vegetables.*
- *They were so crunchy too!*
- *I recommend them – they're delicious!*

## CAROLS AT THE CHURCH – TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

KS2 children are singing carols at St Peter's Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, please can the children arrive by 5.45pm and the performance will start at 6pm. As space is limited, we ask no more than 2 adults per child. There is standing room only.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



Don't forget to book in for your child's Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no baguettes or jacket potato options that day. We play Christmas music in the hall, decorate the tables and the staff serve the dinner to the children. It is great fun for all. Please send your child in wearing a Christmas jumper.



## CHRISTMAS CRACKER DONATION

We would like to thank Tesco, Bradley Stoke for donating the crackers for our Christmas dinner this year. We really appreciate their generosity and helping to make sure the children have a lovely Christmas dinner.



## CAROLS AT THE MALL, CRIBBS CAUSEWAY – THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Year 5 will be performing with the Bridge Family of School's at the Mall, Cribbs Causeway on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

1. Meeting Point: Please bring your child to the fire exit doors next to 'Rituals' on the ground floor by **4:15pm**. The children will then be ushered into the corridor in their school groups where they will be escorted into their singing positions.

2. Performance Location: The children will be performing in the centre of the Mall. They will be positioned on the stairs and on a stage covering the fountain. The carols will begin at 4:30pm and finish by 5:00pm.

3. Collection of children: As the Mall will most probably be quite busy at the end of the performance, they have requested each school meet in a specific location for collection.

This will be as follows:

- St Peter's: outside Superdry (ground floor opposite information desk)

## PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



There are still parents insisting on parking in the school to drop off their children.

The only place this is permissible is the 'drop off zone' where the parents can quickly stop, say good bye, allow their children to exit the car and then drive off to allow other parents to do the same.

This should take no longer than a few seconds. Some parents have been seen waiting as their child walks up the path, brushing their child's hair and conversing with other parents! It is inconsiderate and dangerous as lengthy queues form behind waiting to get in to the school and blocking Bank Road. Furthermore, at the end of the day, there is a small minority of parents who continually park in the car park to collect their children.

We do not allow this at all. Parents must park their cars on the street and walk into the school unless you have a disabled parking badge or legitimate reason and have an agreement in advance from either Mr BM, Mr Smith or the office. **From January 2024, we will be closing the gates to stop this.** Blue Badge Holders are still permitted to park on the grounds however we would ask that you arrive no later 15:05. These measures will be in place for the safety and wellbeing of our children at St Peter's and fairness to all parents. Please respect this and park accordingly. Please also ensure anyone else collecting your children on your behalf are aware of this.

## Walking in to School

A number of parents are also walking with their children through the car parks. This is very dangerous. Please use the footpaths provided (dotted green arrows), do not cut through the car park (red crosses) and set a good example for our children.



## SCHOOL DISCO



The children had a great time at the disco on Tuesday, lots of great moves on display from the children!

## EASTER COMPTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Thank you to all the children who sang at the Easter Compton Christmas Fayre, the children sang beautifully and we raised a fantastic £71.82 in donations towards the Young Voices Birmingham NEC trip in January. We also received an appearance fee of £50 towards the trip from the organisers of the fayre which was very generous of them.

## 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	91.1
Year 1	95.8
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	94.0
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	95.7

## NEW GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

We are very pleased to welcome Ben Taylor and Kieran O'Keeffe who have recently been appointed to our governing board. We thank them for volunteering to take on this very important role. You can find out more about the governing board on our website

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Governors&pid=26>

## E-SAFETY PARENTAL NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the latest E-safety newsletter for your information. The theme for this month is about how to keep safe when using different social media websites and the age expectation ratings for these websites. Also featured are family settings. There is also information regarding Snapchat in particular plus information about fake profiles and cyberbullying. Please do read and take note of the age rating for the sites featured as well as others such as TikTok which is aged 13.

## PANDAS BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We would like to thank those of you who responded to our recent survey regarding the club which has provided us with some very useful information. The ongoing viability of the club is in a very precarious position and we urge you to make use of the clubs to ensure they can continue running in the future. Many of you indicated that you are not aware of the governments tax free childcare scheme so we have attached some information regarding this for you.

## DINING ROOM TABLES/CHAIRS

Do you have a dining room table & chairs you are looking to get rid of? If so we would love to replace the one in the staffroom. Please let the office know if you have anything you could donate. Thank you!

## 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>

## APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2024

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2023. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2024**. If you live in South Gloucestershire online applications can be made by following this link <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page;jsessionid=5D07B22CA2CEF2CCFE00440153D700EE?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

If you live outside of South Gloucestershire applications must be made via the local authority of the area you live in.

## NEW MENU FROM JANUARY



We have a new menu available for school lunches from January, please find a copy attached. It is also available on the school website. The new menu is available to book on the Arbor system.

It's not too late to complete the survey being run by our catering provider AIP. Please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/27r2JNXvCU>. Your feedback is important to improving the catering service in the future.

**Everyone at St Peter's would like to wish all parents and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024 on Wednesday 3 January for the start of our new term.**

Best wishes

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher



COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
Letter regarding Class 1	Email	Information
Breakfast club/After school club google form	Email	Action
Dinosaur Menu Day	Email	Information
Young Voices google form	In-app message	Action
Year 6 SATs homework	Email	Information
AIP Catering survey	In-app message	Action
Lets Make Art!	Email	Information/Action



## DIARY DATES 2023/24

### TERM 2

Tuesday 12 December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert, 6:00pm at St Peter's Church
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 3

Tuesday 02 January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 03 January	Term 3 starts for all children
Thursday 04 January	Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London
Wednesday 24 January	Choir to perform at Young Voices, Birmingham
Friday 26 January	Books at Bedtime for all children 5.00- 6.00pm
Friday 2 February	KS1 Number Day
Friday 9 February	Singing square invite for Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents to join in the Hall at 2.40pm
	End of Term 3

### Term 4

Monday 19 February	Start of Term 4 for all children
	Year 3 (& year 6 catch up) swimming for 2 weeks
Friday 23 February	School cross country championships
Monday 11 March	Parents Evening 3.40pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 13 March	Parents Evening 3.40pm – 7.00pm
Friday 15 March	Comic Relief Day
Thursday 28 March	Singing square invite for Year 3 and 4 parents to join in the Hall at 2.40pm
	End of Term 4

### 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 3 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	08/01/2023	22/01/2023
Gymnastics	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	08/01/2024	05/02/2024
Nerf Wars	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	09/01/2024	06/02/2024
Lego Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime 12.15pm-12.45pm	Mrs Bell	EYFS - Yr2	Sign up on the Arbor App	free	10/01/2024	07/02/2024
Lets Make Art!	Friday	After school 3.20pm - 4.30pm	Lets Make Art!	Everyone	Sign up directly with Lets Make Art - info on the flyer	see poster	12/01/2024	22/03/2024
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	E4 kids £5 adults	runs every Thursday (throughout the holidays aswell) - follow the FB group for updates	

\* BRISTOL SPORTS ARE NOW OFFERING A SIBLING DISCOUNT OF 25%, CALL THEM ON 0117 963 0683 TO BOOK.