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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 – NEWSLETTER NO 08**

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome back to school in 2024 and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year holiday. We hope that 2024 will be a prosperous one for you all.



### **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.

### **CAROLS AT THE CHURCH**

St Peter's Church was once again packed for our annual Carols service. The children re-told the story of the birth of Christ and sang both traditional and modern carols. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended the service and of course, to our amazing children who performed.



We raised a **£37.91** for the [Bristol Children's Charity](#) 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.st/letsmakeartuk/1090023> for more details and to book a place for your child.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

The staff & children all enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We played Christmas music & enjoyed telling jokes from our crackers. The roast dinner was lovely & there was yummy chocolate cake, ice cream and gingerbread men for dessert!



## DINOSAUR THEME MENU

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding our next theme menu – Dinosaur Day! Please book your child in on the Arbor App for their meal selection.





### CAROLS AT THE MALL, CRIBBS CAUSEWAY

Congratulations to our wonderful year 5 children who performed Christmas Carols at the Mall, Cribbs Causeway with other year 5 children from the Bridge Family of Schools. The centre of the Mall was packed with Christmas shoppers who were able to stop and listen to our children sing. There were many positive comments from the public about how much they enjoyed hearing the children sing. We were so very proud of them!



### YEAR 5/6 TRIP TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an amazing school trip to the Houses of Parliament to explore democracy and experience a tour around the Palace of Westminster. They walked up Whitehall to Downing Street and then back to Parliament Square where they viewed statues of famous politicians, both British and foreign, including Winston Churchill and Mahatma Gandhi.



### BOOK VENDING MACHINE

Each week the children who have read at home, and had their reading records signed 3 times, are given a raffle ticket for the chance to get a book from the vending machine. 1 person from each class is selected to receive a token and can choose a book. This is a great incentive for your child to be reading at home, we do recommend that the children read at least 3 times a week to improve their reading skills and prosody (reading with expression)



## CLOTHING BANK



Have you had a new year sort out? Don't forget that we have a clothing bank in the school that accepts, clothes, shoes, bags & belts & soft toys. The money generated benefits the Friends of St Peter's with their donations to the school so every little helps! Please let friends and family know as items can be dropped off any time during the school day until 6pm when the gates close.

## EASY FUNDRAISING – FRIENDS OF ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that you can raise additional funds for the school when shopping online if you register with: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstpeters2> simply use the link to sign up and every time you shop online through supporting companies they will donate to the FOSP – easy! If you download the app/look on the website it will give a full list of eligible companies eg. Amazon, eBay, Tesco, Boots, asos, Dunelm, Argos and many more!

### GET STARTED

## How to support St Peters Primary School, Pilning

1

### Sign up

Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.

2

### Download our browser extension

Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

3

### Track your donations

You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when St Peters Primary School, Pilning gets paid.

### HOW IT WORKS

## We turn your daily shopping into every day magic!

easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

## PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



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

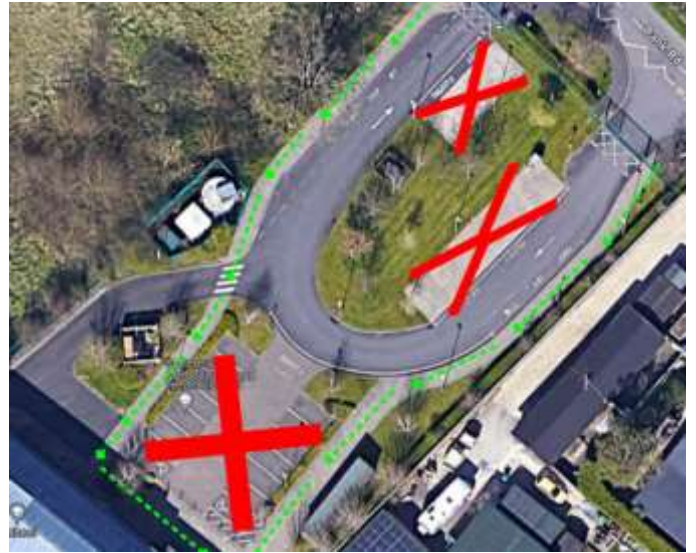
The only place this is permissible is the 'drop off zone' where the parents can quickly stop, say good bye, allow their children to exit the car and then drive off to allow other parents to do the same.

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.



## 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	90.8
Year 1	96.2
Year 2	96.0
Year 3	94.1
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	95.5

## PANDAS BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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>

Best wishes

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

### COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

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Roman Baths Trip – year 3/4	Email	Action
Swimming ability – year 6	Google Form via in-app message	Action

## DIARY DATES 2023/24

### TERM 3

Wednesday 24 January  
Friday 26 January  
Friday 2 February  
Friday 9 February

Choir to perform at Young Voices, Birmingham  
Books at Bedtime for all children 5.00- 6.00pm  
KS1 Number Day  
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 5 February  
Monday 19 February  
  
Friday 23 February  
Monday 11 March  
Wednesday 13 March  
Friday 15 March  
Thursday 28 March

Year 3 & 4 trip to the Roman Baths  
Start of Term 4 for all children  
Year 3 (& year 6 catch up) swimming for 2 weeks  
School cross country championships  
Parents Evening 3.40pm – 7.00pm  
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Comic Relief Day  
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 E5 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.**