

19 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 – NEWSLETTER NO 09

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> January



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

### DINOSAUR THEME DAY MENU

The children loved our Dinosaur themed day yesterday. From Brontosaurus Burgers to Diplodocus Veggie Dippers, Stegosaurus Sweetcorn, Fossil Cookies and Yummy-saurus Yoghurt the children feasted on the food offering and were very excited by all the decorations. Look out for our next themed lunch day which will be coming soon!



## LUNCH CHOICES

Please can parents remember to make a lunch choice for their child(ren) on the Arbor parent portal or App – this can be done for the whole term and if your child always has a packed lunch you can fill out the week and select 'pick for all future available dates' This can also be done if your child only has school dinners on a certain day for example a Friday. We have also recently had a few children each day who are down for a school dinner but are also bringing in a packed lunch – not only are you being charged for a meal that your child is not having but it is a waste of food, so please make sure your child is down for the correct choice each day to avoid this.

## READING

To help you with reading at home, we have created a new page on our website. It has a link to the parent's page of our Phonics scheme: Essential Letters and Sounds.

There is also a video of our very own Mrs. Bell and Sophie working their way through the phase 2 and 3 sounds. We hope this will aid reading and pronunciation of sounds.

There is a flyer attached with the QR code on, as well as posters in the Reception area.

The page can be found under curriculum and then English.

If you think there are other resources that could be added to our website to help, please email me. All suggestions will be gratefully received.

Liz Cannock

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## THORNBURY LIONS



On Thursday 11th January, we had a visit at school from two members of the Thornbury Lions. This community group raises money for its local area and runs a bookshop in Thornbury. The bookshop allows you to choose books for a small donation to their causes. On Thursday, we were given a set of 'Wild Tribe Heroes' books for the school as well as a generous donation of £500 to our book fund. We would like to thank the Thornbury Lions for their gift and all the hard work they do.

## BOOKS AT BEDTIME

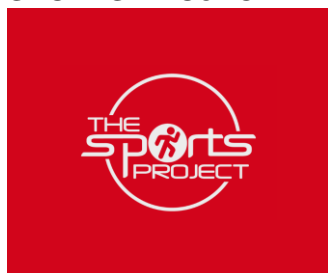
Our very popular event, Books at Bedtime will run next Friday, the 26th January.

Children are invited to return to the main hall at 5pm with a teddy, blanket and wearing their pyjamas. There will be a selection of books being read, in different classes, by different adults from school. Afterwards, biscuits and hot chocolate will be provided in the hall by our wonderfully supportive Friends of School members. Parents can collect their children from the hall.

## E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Please find attached the latest online e-safety newsletter for parents. The main aspects within this month's newsletter links to setting up of parental controls on new devices, Lego Fortnight, information on What's app for parents as well as you tube content warnings. There is also a link to Childnet which highlights the many different parts of the world where conflict and suffering is taking place.

## SPORTS PROJECT HALF TERM CLUB



The Sports Project will be running a half term club at St Peter's Primary school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Today is the last day to sign up at the reduced rate of only £15.00 per day – see attached poster or use this link to book <https://the-sports-project.classforkids.io/camp/52>



## 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.

## REQUEST FOR SPARE CLOTHES

We hold a small supply of spare clothes (school uniform items and PE kit) in school to use in cases where children have any sort of accident which requires a change of clothes. We often find that when children are sent home wearing these clothes they are not returned to school and therefore our supply becomes diminished. Please could we request that anyone who has any such clothes returns them to us. Donations of more clothes would also be most welcome. We mainly need clothes for children aged 4-8, girls and boys, trousers, pinafores, skirts, shorts, polo shirts etc.

## LET'S MAKE ART! CLUB

The children had a great 1<sup>st</sup> art club session. If you would like to sign your child up to the Friday club 3.20pm-4.30pm please contact Lets Make Art! <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/letsmakeartuk/1090023>



## **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!

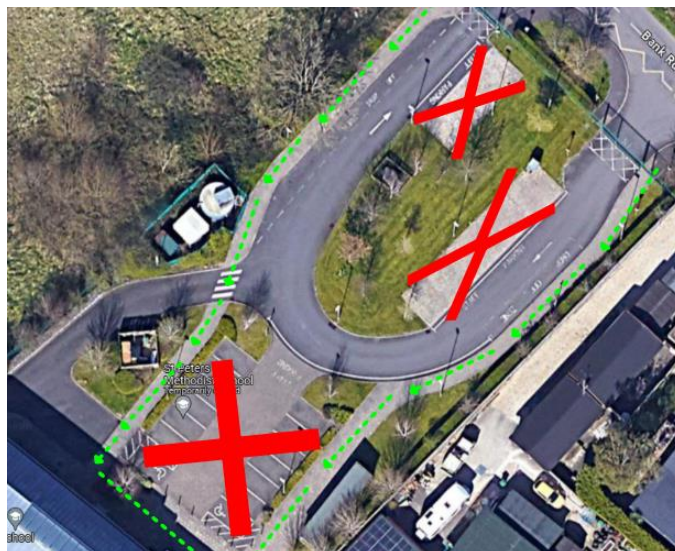


## PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



The only place permissible for parents to stop their cars in the mornings 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. At the end of the day 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. Blue Badge Holders are asked to **arrive no later 15:05 as the vehicle access gates are then closed**. These measures are in place for the safety and wellbeing of our children at St Peter's and to ensure fairness to all parents. Please respect this and park accordingly and safely **please do not park in front of the school gates or on the double yellow lines (which is illegal)**. Please also ensure anyone else collecting your children on your behalf are aware of this.



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## Walking in the School Grounds

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	90.9
Year 1	96.3
Year 2	95.8
Year 3	94.0
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	95.2

## 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>

## SINGING SQUARE INVITATION

At the end of each term the children take part in our Singing Square. From this term we invite parents of different year groups into listen and watch the children sing. Our next invite will be to Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents to join us at 2.40pm on Friday 9 February. We look forward to seeing you then.

**Good luck to our lovely school choir who are travelling up to Birmingham on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to participate in Young Voices 2024. I am sure they will have a wonderful experience and sing beautifully.**

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
Bristol Mosque Visit – year 1 & 2	Email	Action

## DIARY DATES 2023/24

### TERM 3

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
Monday 5 February	Year 3 & 4 trip to the Roman Baths
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 4 March	NCMP – Reception children
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	Monday 3 June 2024 Tuesday 4 June 2024	

### Term dates for 2024/25

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 September 2024 Monday 2 June 2025 Plus 3 other dates to be confirmed	

### 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	£4 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.**