

3 May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 – NEWSLETTER NO 15

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 26th April



Friday 3rd May



CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS GROTZKE

A huge congratulations to both Mr and Mrs Grotzke and a warm welcome to the world to baby Rosalie Wren Grotzke who was born on April 2nd. We are so thrilled for your family!



ST GEORGES DAY THEME DAY

On Tuesday 23rd May we had a St George's day theme day menu. The children enjoyed having chips for an extra day this week!



Scarlett said "The fish is really nice but I wish there was beans instead of veg"

Amaya said "Everything was delicious and I love the veg!"

RESPONSIBILITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Responsibility. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we are exploring the 'Rule of Law' within our British Values.

ATTENDANCE

As you know very good attendance at school is a must to enable the children to make the progress that they need to make to help them achieve their full potential. There has been much press recently about the downturn in attendances across the country. Unfortunately, St Peter's is also now a victim of this with our attendance standing at the lowest it has been even in the year after Covid re-opening. We are in line with national average at 95.4%. Our usual attendance is around 95.5% so a full 1% down. Our persistent absence rates for those children who are missing more than 10% of school so far this year is below national average at 12.2%. Our usual persistent absence rate is between 6 and 10%; so this is an increase. This impacts so much on the children's learning, social interaction and levels of attainment and progress. You can see what the research shows in relation to the percentages of attendance.



Lateness is also an issue. Even if your child arrives at school but after the registers have closed at 9.15am then it will be legally marked as an absence and contributes towards this percentage. Therefore, getting the morning routine right and working well so you arrive at school before the bell goes is important.

You are able to see your child's attendance certificate and percentage on Arbor. Please check your child's attendance and see if there is a need for improvement. If there is an issue that is medical or circumstantial that we are unaware of please let us know. We will be sending out another round of letters shortly to those below 90% attendance and will look for improvements during this term. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in sending your child to school every day and on time.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL

Please find attached the latest e-safety newsletter for parents for this month. The focus is cyberbullying and how to spot the signs and what to do about it. The attachment provides information and links to help and support you and your child. Of course, we would be here to support if this is the case and will do our utmost to stop this from happening. However, parents can play a part in deleting or blocking the app or persons after collecting the evidence of the cyberbullying. Also within the newsletter is a warning about an online games called Poppy Playtime and the use of TikTok.

JAILBREAK – YEAR 5



Congratulations to our amazing Y5 children who participated in a Jailbreak tournament. They were up against Abbotswood, Little Stoke, Barton Hill, Holy Trinity, St Helen's, Begbrook and last year's champions, Coniston. They fought amazingly winning 5 out of their 6 matches and only losing one. On final points they drew with Coniston and were only pipped at the post by 1 star point, coming second. Well done Year 5!

THANK YOU TO COMPANIES WHO ARE HELPING OUR SCHOOL



We would like to say a massive thank you to Down's Bakery, Severn Beach for donating bread to us weekly throughout the school year. This very generous contribution really helps to support our breakfast & after school club and we are very grateful for their ongoing support.

We would also like to thank one of our children's parents, Marta & her colleagues from Elemis who came in just before Easter and tended to the raised beds in our garden area. They battled through the wind & rain on an awful day to tidy up the flower beds and plant some seeds ready for to grow some vegetables for the children.

ELEMIS

Finally, we also thank Asda Patchway for their recent support donating food for our breakfast & after school clubs which they will continue to do on a monthly basis. They have also invited us to apply for another grant from them this year. We will be applying for financial support to support the continuation of our breakfast & after school clubs.



HELPFUL WEBSITES

There are a number of websites that will be helpful for each child to investigate to help them with their home learning. This week's website is: <http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html>

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	91.4%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	94.7%

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

Parent governor letter	Email	Information/Action
Breakfast & after school club survey	Email	Action
Camp 2025 survey – year 4	Email	Action

DIARY DATES 2023/24

TERM 5

Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 8 May	Bridge Games AM & lunch, Olveston School for year 2
Friday 10 May	Class 1 & 2 trip to Bristol Zoo Project
Monday 13 – Thurs 16 May	Year 6 SAT week
Tuesday 21 May	Year 4 celebration of sport
Friday 24 May	Singing square invite for Year 5 and 6 parents to join in the Hall at 2.40pm Last day of Term 5

TERM 6

Monday 3 June	INSET DAY – school closed
Tuesday 4 June	INSET DAY – school closed
Wednesday 5 June	Start of Term 6 Multiplication checks for Year 4 this week
Monday 10 June	Phonics assessment test week for Year 1
Thursday 13 June	New Parents meeting for September 2024 intake
Friday 28 June	FOSP Summer Fayre – 3.30 – 5.00pm
Tuesday 2 July	Sports Day
Wednesday 3 July	Tour d’Pilning
Friday 5 July	Celebration Afternoon – parents invited into school to look at children’s work
Monday 15 July	Year 5 and 6 show 7pm
Tuesday 16 July	Year 5 and 6 show 7pm
Friday 19 July	Reports sent home
Monday 22 July	Year 6 Leavers Service in Hall at 1.30pm for Year 6 parents only
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of school year Singing square invite for all parents on field at 2.30pm (weather permitting)

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 5 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Cricket	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	15/04/2024	20/05/2024
Racket Sports	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	16/04/2024	21/05/2024
Netball	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Mrs Bell & Miss Daly	Yr5 & Yr6	Arbor app	free	16/04/2024	21/05/2024

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