



Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated welcome back to the school year! We are now almost one month in to the first term and already we are feeling incredibly proud of the children; they have settled into their new year groups superbly well and have impressed us all with their positive attitude to their learning and each other.

I'd like to give a special welcome to new families that have joined our school community, including the parents/carers of our new Reception pupils who have blown us away with how they've adapted to life in primary school!

Next month there will be two opportunities for you to all to come into school and find out what your child/children have been working on so far this term; in particular, it would be fantastic to see a big turnout for our first Open Evening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 5pm to 7pm. This will be a showcase of all St Peter's has to offer and is not to be missed!

As always, if there is anything we can do to support you or your family please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes,

Rhys Buckley

## STAFF NEWS

Mrs Margea's last day before commencing maternity leave is 25th October. Mr Hunt will be taking over the SENCo role, so if you have any concerns please contact him.

## MESSAGE FROM MRS RANDALL

Mrs Randall would like to thank the parents for all the lovely presents and good wishes she received since leaving in July.

## PARENT PAY - our new online payment service starting in Term 2

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for dinner money. Using a secure website called ParentPay; you will be able to pay online using your credit/debit card.

This will help to reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash and chasing debts. Thus creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school. Using ParentPay also ensures financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

In due course, we will be sending out account activation letters. Once you receive these, visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. For more information, visit [www.parentpay.com/parents/](http://www.parentpay.com/parents/)

## OPEN MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS - Academic Year 2019/20

We are pleased to announce the school will host various Open Afternoons/ Mornings, which will give prospective parents the opportunity to have a look around St Peter's and meet myself, the children and staff of the school. Please keep these dates in your diary, and let your friends/family know. Please feel free to bring family members to look at our fabulous learning environment. The Open Mornings/Afternoons are on the following dates:-

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9.15 am  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1.15pm  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - 1.15pm  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - 9.15 am

## OPEN EVENING

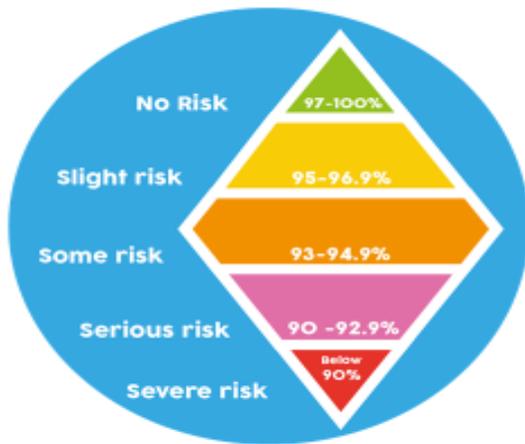
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 5-7pm



**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

As with all areas of school life, including pupil achievement, we want to set ambitious targets for the year ahead. This year, we have set an attendance target of 97% for the school. In each newsletter, we will be sharing the class with the highest attendance and letting you know how we are getting on against our target. Research shows that great attendance makes a real impact on learning and so I'd like to thank-you in advance for your support with this.

St Peter's Anglican Methodist Primary School  
Attendance Diamond



97-100%	1 – 5 days of learning missed in the year
95 – 96.9%	5.5 – 10 days of learning missed in the year
93 – 94.9%	10.5 – 14.5 days of learning missed in the year
90-92.9%	15 – 17.5 days of learning missed in the year
Below 90%	More than 17.5 days of learning missed in the year

Obviously, there will be times when children are unwell and are unable to attend school. However, the above illustrates the impact that repeated absence has on your child's learning. A child that misses over 5 days of school each year is at risk of not reaching their full potential. Please ensure your child attends school every day whenever possible. Thank you.

**TERM TIME HOLIDAYS**

You will be aware that schools now have very little discretion in authorising term time absence from school, especially for family holidays, and that the school's response to such holiday requests has been to issue an 'unauthorised absence' letter. I want to remind parents of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued if a "holiday in term time" request would mean that your child will have had more than 10 sessions\* of unauthorised absence in any 7 week period in the school year. \*A session is either a full morning or afternoon in school.

**ATTENDANCE WEEK**

Our initiative at school is to recognize and reward the class with the highest weekly attendance. The class with the highest attendance is rewarded with looking after the school bear called 'Dexter'. Below is the attendance from 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September.

- Reception 95.6%
- Class 1 99.3 %
- Class 2 98.3%
- Class 3 99%
- Class 4 99.4% Winners**
- Class 5 96.3%
- Class 6 98.9%





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On Tuesday 24th September, Class 4 went to Yate Sort-it Centre as part of their topic. We learnt how our rubbish is sorted and sent to different areas of our country. The biggest landfill site is in Las Vegas and is the size of 1,000 football pitches! We also started some science experiments on decomposition and will patiently await the results. Mrs Cannock - Class 4



### GENEROSITY

"God loves a cheerful giver", ( 2 Corinthians 9 V 7)

This term our Christian value is generosity. What does generosity mean to you? What difference does being generous mean to ourselves as well as to others? How can we be generous with our gifts and talents and not just with our money? What does the Jesus and Bible teach us about being generous? These are just some of the questions, which our children will be exploring through our collective worship and class reflection times.

In today's society, locally and globally, where many suffer hardships, not just financial, how can we make a difference to the lives of others? No one is ever too young or old to make a difference to others. In St Peter's, part of our vision is that our pupils will become global citizens, who love and care respectively for others and the world in which we live, following the teaching of Jesus who said, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself," and "Love one another as I have loved you." Therefore, this year for Harvest Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we are asking for collections not of food, but of clothing and toiletries, which our teacher: Mrs Stuart and her "Feats on the Streets" team will be taking to the homeless of Bristol in preparation for the colder season we are approaching.

At St Peter's we are actively encouraging our children to be generous towards each other, and using their skills and talents to encourage, help and build up each other. Please let us know of any act of generosity that your child does outside of school, we would love to celebrate this in school as well. Please write it down in our "Generosity" folder in the foyer. If you have, any photos add those too please! Together, we are co-educators of your child, and we would love to develop greater opportunities to share good news and moments of your child's personal developments both in and outside of school. Together we can make a **BIG** difference in the community and world in which we live!

Mrs Jones, RE Lead

### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

**Reminder:** The gate opens at 8.45 am> Please do not drop children off before this time unsupervised. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

The car park and drop off zone is potentially a dangerous place for our children. Can I therefore remind everyone that in the interest of the safety of our children please **DO NOT** park in the bus bay in the school grounds or near the **bend** by the bike shelter. The drive is for dropping off only in the mornings. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Additionally, please can I ask that dogs are not brought into the school grounds and would politely ask that dog mess is not left on the pavements.

### POLITE REMINDER

**In the interests of the children's safety, please do not use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up children to and from school. Thank you.**



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CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY PHONE OR EMAIL: [OFFICE@STPETERSPRIMARY.CO.UK](mailto:OFFICE@STPETERSPRIMARY.CO.UK) or 01454 631137 for:

- Notification of sickness/medical appointments
- To make an appointment with a class teacher or the head teacher
- General school queries: trips, uniform, dinner money, dates.

### SWIMMING LESSONS FOR CLASS 3. FIRST SESSION - FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

This year Class 3 will be using the facilities of Thornbury Leisure Centre between 1.30 - 2pm. The cost is £49.50 (£5.50 per session) for Terms 1 & 2. A letter listing the dates for swimming was sent home with your child in the first week of term. Please send payment to the school office (cheques payable to 'South Glos Council').

### PHOTOGRAPHS

The School Photographer will be in school on 30<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photographs of all the children. He will be happy to take family photos (an opportunity to bring in external siblings for a family photo) from 8.30 am - 9 am.



### NEW PRE SCHOOL IN PILNING OPENING JANUARY 2020

Olveston Pre School are thrilled to be adding a second site to their Good Ofsted rated pre-school service in Pilning Village Hall from January 2020. Contact Rachel Curtis - Manager to reserve your child's place today! Tel No 01454 612074 or [info@olvestonpreschool.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:info@olvestonpreschool.onmicrosoft.com)

### TEXT & E-MAIL SERVICE

If you find you are not receiving any text messages or e-mails, please contact the school office to advise them. Thank you.



### MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

In light of Government legislation, the following point applies "*Schools should only accept prescribed medicines that are in-date, labelled and provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist with full instructions*". Please can you check that all asthma inhalers are in-date & we have the prescribed statement so that we are very clear about how they are to be used. Thank you.

### ADMISSIONS FOR PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2020

Parents and carers can register and apply on-line for a 2020 school place from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Information is now available along with the new electronic Admission to Primary School Booklet and Admission to Secondary School Booklet and can be found on the [South Gloucestershire Council website](http://www.southgloucestershire.gov.uk).

The deadline for Secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and the deadline for Primary applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### PRICE INCREASE FOR SCHOOL DINNERS - SEPTEMBER 2019 £2.30 PER MEAL

#### TERM 1 2019

Payment for school dinners **MUST** be sent into school on a weekly basis (£2.30 a day, £11.50 a week)

Payment for Term 1 is £89.70 (39 days x £2.30) Please make cheques payable to 'South Glos Council'. Many thanks.

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - CENSUS DAY

We have swapped the menu on the above day with Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October hoping that we have an increase in our dinner numbers.

Therefore, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October our menu will be:-



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Fish fingers with chips  
Veggie nuggets with chips  
Salmon Salad  
Mushy peas/baked beans  
Choc Ices

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October will be:-**

Chicken Curry with wholegrain rice  
Vegetable & Quorn Lasagne with garlic bread  
Two seasonal vegetables  
Popcorn & toffee sauce

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

13<sup>th</sup> Sept - Singing with Sindy in Reception  
16<sup>th</sup> Sept - Reception class start full time  
24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Year 4 to Yate Sort It Centre  
25<sup>th</sup> Sept - 9.15 am Open Morning  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept - Reception Stay & Play  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept - 1.15pm Open Afternoon  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept - Individual photos being taken  
1<sup>st</sup> Oct - 1.15pm Open Afternoon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Book Fair for a week  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct - 9.15am Open Morning  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 3 Swimming starts pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct - Swimming Year 3  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct - 9.15am Parent Forum  
18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 6 Life Skills trip  
18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Swimming Year 3  
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Open Evening 5-7pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Celebration of Work Day 8.45-9.05 am  
And 3-3.20pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Swimming Year 3  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct - last day of term 1

4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Term 2 starts  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Friends Disco  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Swimming for Year 3 pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening 3.40-7pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening 3.40-7 pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu vaccinations taking place  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Swimming Year 3  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Forum 2 pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Swimming Year 3  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Swimming Year 3  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Fayre 3.30-6pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 Dress Rehearsal  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance 6pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec - EYFS Dress Rehearsal  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec - EYFS Christmas Performance 4.30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Swimming Year 3  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Panto at school pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec - **INSET DAY**  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan - **INSET DAY**  
7<sup>th</sup> Jan - First day of Term 3

### BREAKFAST CLUB - CHANGE OF HOURS & PRICES

Start Time: 7.30 am- 8.45am (last serving 8.30 am) £4.50  
8.15 - 8.45 am £3

Arrive at the school entrance to be met by Karen Clapp and Lesley Smyth

From 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019, there will be an increase in cost to £4.50 per session plus money for breakfast.

The Inset Days for the next academic year are: 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Rhys Buckley, Head Teacher



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Department for Children, Adults and Health

Supporting Healthy Lifestyles: The National Child Measurement Programme

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). It is important to have a good understanding of how children are growing, so that the best possible advice and support can be provided for them and their families.

Height and weight measurements provide valuable, robust information which enables us to have a good understanding about children's weight status, trends in our area and in our schools. It also helps to guide the planning and delivery of children's services.

The School Health Nursing Service (SHNS) will measure children's height and weight, record it privately and keep it confidential. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children.

In term one your school will provide you with a letter with further details about the programme and supporting information. As research has shown that parents want to receive their child's result, parents/carers of both Reception and Year 6 pupils will receive their child's results unless they withdraw.

More information about healthy lifestyles for all the family is available on the Live Well section of the NHS Choices web site: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and on the Change4Life web site at: [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)

### Healthy habits for healthy children at home and school

We all want to grow up to be happy and healthy. But it can sometimes be hard to know how. Here are 8 easy tips to help you to keep feeling great. How many ways are you changing?

1. **Sugar swaps** – Swap sugary drinks for water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice
2. **Meal time** – Aim for 3 main meals a day
3. **Me size Meals** – Eat portion sizes that are the right size for your age
4. **Snack check** – When buying packaged snacks, look for 100kcal, two a day max
5. **5 a day** – Try to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables each day
6. **Cut back fat** – Make meals more healthy by changing how they are prepared and cooked
7. **60 Active Minutes** – Spend at least 60 minutes walking, playing sport, running around or playing outside every day
8. **2 hours max for screen time** – Jump up and do something more active after sitting still for a while