



## October Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a busy start to the school year in September, it has been another action-packed month at St Peter's! From sporting fixtures where our boys football team have recorded some fantastic results to outstanding curriculum work, our pupils have been impressing us all with their many talents, as you'll discover in this newsletter. I've been particularly pleased by some of the project homework that has been brought back to school; thank you for supporting our children with these tasks!

On behalf of myself and the staff team we want to thank you all for your continuing support to St Peter's during the start of this academic year; our whole-school attendance figure is above our school target (87%) for this term and so many of you have given up your time to help in classes or attend information meetings regarding your child's learning.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a pleasant half-term break and, as always, if there's anything we can support you and your family with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

*Rhys Buckley, Head Teacher*

### **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.

Activation Letters have already been sent out, to activate these, visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

**Each family will need to activate their account before the 11<sup>th</sup> November (the date we go live) to order their choice of meals for the week either being packed lunches or school dinners. Please do not pay any money before 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

### **ST PETER'S SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2019-20**

School Council elections have taken place in each class and the councillors for the year 2019-20 are as follows. All children took part in the democratic process and the councillors will now represent the views of their classmates in fortnightly meetings, supported by Mr Buckley.

Class 1: Elsie & Leo

Class 2: Liam & Lola

Class 3: Ethan Autumn-Rose





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Class 4: Jessica and Jenson

Class 5: Lucie & Morgan

Class 6: Isla & Julian

### FOOTBALL CLUB

We have had a very successful start to the football season. In our first league match of the season, we came back from losing three early goals to win 7 - 3 against Crossways Junior School. In our second league match, against Olveston, we won 5 - 0. After this match, our reserve team also played excellently, narrowly losing 1-3 in a very competitive end-to-end match. Mr Truan



Class 3 have been using oil pastels and charcoal to recreate prehistoric cave paintings.

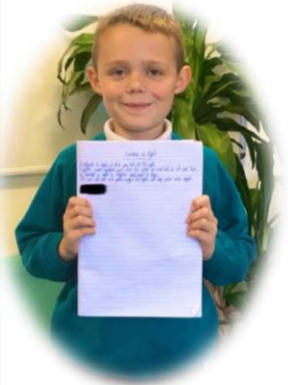


Reception have been inspired by the book 'Leaf Man' so decided to make their own leaf people.



## Sunshine at Night

Darkness is night or when you turn out the light.  
Daytime means sunshine even when the clouds are near but do not fear there  
is always a light to brighten your night or day.  
The sun will never ever fade away & the light will keep your smile bright.



In the same week as 'World Mental Health Day' it seems very appropriate to share this beautiful poem written by FH (Year 4)



### FILM CLUB

Mrs Cannock will be re-starting her film club in term 2. The club is open to anyone from Year 1-6. This club will consist of watching a film across two sessions with children being set up with an account to write a review as well as discussing the film and the themes they entail. It will finish at 4:30pm on Mondays. Registration forms are available from the office. Thank you.

### POETRY WEEK

A fun-filled week was had at St Peter's, which was kick started by a visit from the amazing author, Andy Seed. The children have produced wonderfully funny and thought-provoking poetry. A selection of these will be on display in the library, for you to look at when you visit the school for the open evening or celebration of work day. Our book fair was again popular, raising funds for books within the library and classes.

If you have any feedback regarding our author visit or book fair, I would love to hear it as this helps me to tailor our English experiences. These can be emailed to me via the school office.  
Thank-you, Mrs Liz Cannock, English Lead





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### 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 11<sup>th</sup> Oct to 17<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Reception 99.3%  
Class 1 97.2%  
**Class 2 100% Winners**  
Class 3 90.7%  
Class 4 97.7%  
Class 5 98.1%  
Class 6 98.2%



### FRIDAY'S CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

During Friday's Celebration Assembly, children are recognised for their achievements during the week. The following children soared to success in October:

Reception: **Ava, Archie**  
Class 1: **Ellie, Stanley**  
Class 2: **Eliza, Emily**  
Class 3: **Joseph, Alexis, Lexi**  
Class 4: **Grace F, Emily, Connor**  
Class 5: **Tilly, Lucie, Emilia**  
Class 6: **Eva, Isobel, Amelie**



### SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

This Christmas you and your family could help a family less fortunate than your own by taking part in the Samaritans shoebox appeal. This worthwhile project is something the whole family could work on. For more details head to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> to discover how to take part and find your local drop-off point.

### RECYCLING PROJECT - RUN BY THE FRIENDS OF ST PETERS

As part of our recycling project, the Friends are looking to sell second hand uniform on a regular basis. Please donate any uniform you do not require the week prior to school holidays. There will be a box located in the foyer area. We will also sell on any unclaimed uniform so please make sure you retrieve any uniform left in school before the school holidays. We plan to do our first sale on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November straight after school. As this is short notice please get your uniform in by 8<sup>th</sup> November.



### 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)



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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 - Singing Square for Year 1 & 3 parents  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Last day of Term 1  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Term 2 starts  
6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Class 1 & 2 cinema trip  
7<sup>th</sup> Nov - South Glos Football Tournament am  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Friends Movie Night 5-6.30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Pay goes live  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5 & 6 cinema trip  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Swimming for Year 3 pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 3 & 4 cinema trip  
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  
21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Football match away v Almondsbury  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Swimming Year 3

27<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Forum 2 pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Football match away v St Helens  
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  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper Day  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9.30 KS2 Dress Rehearsal  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Carol Concert 6pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch  
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

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