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June/July 2017

We hope you had a good half term break! It's going to be an extremely busy half term, some of the dates have already been circulated, but please check carefully!

THANK YOU

To all our helpers - you are much appreciated!

To all who supported the School Council book sale. £52.50 was raised for the school in Kenya.

GOODBYE TO...

Rebecca Rowlinson who has left Busy Bodies to join the Happy Hours Out of School Club at All Saints, Denstone.

We will be saying a proper 'goodbye' to Mrs Wilson this half term. She will be teaching Reception at All Saints, Denstone on a permanent basis. If you would like to contribute to her collection, please hand in to the office by **Friday, 9 June**.

WELCOME TO...

Miss Rebekah Hickman (Beki) who has joined us as Busy Bodies Play Worker. We hope she will enjoy working here!

HOLIDAY CLUB

Following the recent holiday club survey, unfortunately there were insufficient responses to make this viable. We were not just one or two short but a significant number so it was not even possible to go ahead with revised costs per child. We will look in to this again for next summer with more notice and hope that will help!

YEAR 4 - LACHES WOOD PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting in school for Year 4 parents on **Tuesday, 13 June at 2.45pm** for those visiting Laches Wood. Medical forms and kit lists will be issued together with an overview of the weekend!

INTERNET SAFETY

Following valuable internet safety sessions with the children in each class, Mr Paul James has kindly offered to run an internet safety session for parents on **Monday, 19th June at 3.15pm**. Please, please try your best to attend - you **WILL** learn something about keeping your child safe on line. The session will last approximately 90 minutes. Children are welcome to watch a DVD with Mrs Bennett while you attend. We have arranged this afternoon session as the evening

session last year was not as well attended as we would have expected on this important topic. Those that did attend were shocked by what they learnt.

CHURCH FETE

The church fete takes place at the village hall on **Saturday, 10th June**. The children are performing at 2.30pm so please meet by the play area at 2.20pm. If anyone can spare a bit of time at the fete to help run a stall/game, please see Mrs Bennett.

ALTON FESTIVAL

Alton Festival will take place on Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th June. The children will be making craft items in school which we will be selling on a stall on Saturday, 17th between 12 noon and 4.00pm. If anyone fancies lending a hand, please see Mrs Pemberton.

WHOLE SCHOOL - REMEMBER PE KIT ON MONDAYS

CLASS 3 - REMEMBER SWIMMING KIT ON TUESDAYS

CLASS 3 - REMEMBER VIOLINS ON FRIDAYS!

TOPICS

The topics for the second half of the Summer term are:

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| | Main Topic | | RE |
| Class 1 (Yrs N & R) | Under the Sea | | Why is the word <i>God</i> so important to Christians? |
| | Main Topic | Science | RE |
| Class 2 (Yrs 1 & 2) | Holidays then and now around the world | Plants and Growing | What is <i>God</i> like? |
| Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4) | World War II | Food chains, herbivores, omnivores and carnivores | Why love is important to Christians |

EXTRA CURRICULA

Clubs will take place as follows:

| Day | Time | Activity/Club | Year Group | Led by |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Wednesdays*** | 3.15pm to 4.20pm | Cheerleading | Yrs 1-4 | Mrs Simcock |

*** Last Cheerleading session is Wednesday, 28 June. There will be a short performance for parents at 4.00pm

PINK LADY APPLES

Thank you to Mrs Prince for entering us in a competition to win a Pink Lady apple for each child in school. Max will be visiting on his motorbike to deliver the apples and tell the children about his journey on **Monday, 12 June!**

TESCO FARM TO FORK

We have arranged for a number of activities this term and next, kindly supported by Tesco Farm to Fork initiative. Letters will follow shortly - just in the process of booking transport!

The visits this term are:

Reception - will visit Tesco in Uttoxeter on Friday, 16th June together with the Reception children at Denstone. They will be there between 9.30am and 11.30 am.

Class 3 - Tesco will visit Class 3 in school on Friday, 23rd June.

Class 2 - Class 2 will visit Tesco in Uttoxeter on Wednesday, 28th June. They will be there between 9.30am and 11.30 am.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Football tournament - **Wednesday, 7th June.** Cancelled with apologies.

Dove Valley ASC Swimming Gala - **Saturday, 10 June, from 5.30pm.** A team of children from Years 3 and 4 have been invited to take part in a swimming gala at Uttoxeter Leisure Centre. Separate letter has been sent.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Many of you will know that Staffordshire Mobile Library Service visits the village every 3 weeks. Mrs Bennett has arranged for the children to visit the library van on a rota basis. If you would like your child to be included on the rota, please see the attached letter and return the form, if applicable, as soon as possible. Our first visit will be **Wednesday, 14th June.**

ENTERPRISE WEEK - 19th to 23rd June

The whole school will be working on Enterprise Projects this week. The children will be making items to sell and raise funds for their classes.

Open Afternoon from 2pm on **Thursday, 22nd June.** This will be an opportunity to see the displays of the children's work and look through their books. You will be able to purchase the items they have made during Enterprise Week, should you wish to do so. Refreshments will also be available.

TRANSITION EVENTS

Year 4 Transition Days - these will take place on **Tuesday, 4th July and Wednesday, 5th July.** A letter with full details has been sent from Ryecroft. Please remember the children need to be taken to and collected from there directly. There is a new parents' evening at Ryecroft on **Wednesday, 5th July** at 6.30pm.

Whole school - on **Tuesday, 4th July** all the children will spend time in their new classes. As Year 2 will become Year 3 for the day, they will go swimming in the afternoon.

Nursery and Reception Induction session - children who are due to start in Reception or Nursery in September, and who are not already in school, will be invited to join us for the morning.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

A Scholastic book club magazine is attached to the Newsletter. Any orders generate 20% back in books for school. If you wish to place an order, please hand in to the office by **Friday, 16th June** (cash or cheques payable to St Peter's School Association).

REQUEST FROM CLASS 1

If you can spare any old clothes for dressing up, Class 1 would be delighted! Hats, scarves, costume jewellery much appreciated! It doesn't need to be costume or fancy dress.

REQUEST FROM OUR VERY OWN THEATRE DIRECTOR!

We could do with a bit of staging to extend the stage in the village hall for the summer production. If you have any contacts, or something suitable yourself, please could you see Mrs Ives. Thank you!

Please note: Slips are being sent home this week with costume requirements for the production. Please check bags!

SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of school meals is £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week. This applies to children in Nursery and Years 3 and 4. **Payment for meals must be made on Monday morning each week or half termly in advance.** We are not permitted to allow outstanding payments to accrue as money must be banked by Friday each week.

If you feel you may be eligible to claim free meals for your child, please speak to Mrs Pemberton or you can apply on line or download an application form from the Staffordshire County Council web site:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property continues to be a problem! Please, please ensure all items of clothing are named. At the end of each day there are numerous items left behind that if they were clearly named they could be promptly returned to their owner. Please also check at home for items belonging to other children that have been taken home by mistake eg while getting changed to/from PE. Thank you for your help!

'BUSY BODIES' OUT OF HOURS CLUB

Please may we remind you to complete the separate diary with your requirements, in advance where possible.

The charges are as follows:

Mornings 7.50am to 8.50am £4.00 (to include light snack and drink)



Afternoons 3.15pm to 4.30pm £5.00 (to include a light snack and drinks)

3.15pm to 6.00pm £8.50 (to include a light snack and drinks)

Please note: we can accept childcare vouchers towards payment of fees - please see Abbie for more information.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Parking is always a problem outside the school. As a reminder - it is not recommended to park on or opposite the yellow lines outside the school gates as this restricts visibility for drivers

passing the school gates and narrows the road at this point. **It is also helpful if access to the parking spaces in front of school is always available as this reduces the number of staff/visitor cars parked on the road.** The safety of the children is paramount for all of us and your help and co-operation is much appreciated. Please mention this to anyone who will be dropping off or collecting your child on your behalf.

SUNCREAM/SUN HATS

If possible, please could sun cream be applied at home each morning. A number of brands are available that give protection that lasts all day. If you prefer that your child applies sun cream each break time, please make sure it is in a labelled bottle that won't leak in their bags! Please also provide a named sun hat.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE

- As you already know, this is the time of year that head lice are usually prevalent. Currently we have no reported cases but we would appreciate you checking your children regularly and treating the **whole family** as required. Free combs are available from the office. Please remember to tie back long hair - it helps towards controlling outbreaks.
- In line with NHS Norovirus guidelines, if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea after school or during the night, please keep them at home for at least 2 days following the last bout.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Governors, staff and children appreciate the tremendous support given by the School Association. **ALL PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS!** The next one will be posted on the noticeboard.

School Association Events:

Summer Fair - keep an eye on the PTA noticeboard for more details!

50 Club draw

The winners of the 50 club draw at the end of half term were:

£15 Mr B Hendrickx

£15 Mrs J Harding

SCHOOL UNIFORM

There is an order form attached for anyone wishing to order new uniform ready for September. Please return to school by **Friday, 23rd June 2017** to ensure delivery before the holiday.

There is a selection of second hand uniform also available in the office.

VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. A collection box is available in the entrance hall. Donations from everyone, family and friends included, are always gratefully received. Please hand all vouchers in by **Monday, 19th June** at the latest. We are collecting for outdoor clothing for Early Years.

SAL'S SHOES

The School Council at All Saints' First School, Denstone is organising a second hand shoe collection in aid of Sal's Shoes, a charity which collects shoes to distribute in Syria and Africa. Please see the separate letter and hand any shoes in to the school office. Thank you for your support!

REMINDERS

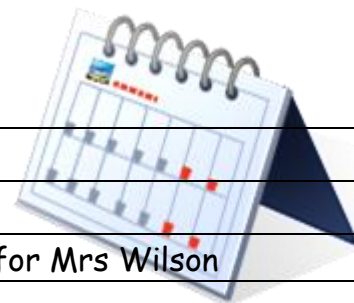
- If your child is to be absent through illness, please contact the office by 9.30am on the first morning.
- Please ensure all children bring a coat to school each day.
- Please remember to bring a school bag each day containing any reading and exercise books, equipment and homework.
- Bikes and scooters should be parked carefully in the rack provided and **not ridden in the playground.**
- Please can we politely remind you, that if you walk your dog to school, please stand away from the gates as there are a few children in school who are afraid of them.
- Emergency School Closure - a text message will be sent to each nominated parent and notified on the Staffordshire County Council school closure list:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

We are often asked to distribute various promotional materials and wish to remind you that these do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the governors and/or staff.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR/DIARY



| Date | Applies to | Event/Activity |
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| June | | |
| Friday, 9 th | All | Collection deadline for Mrs Wilson |
| Saturday, 10 th | All | Church fete |
| Saturday, 10 th | Years 3 and 4 | Dove Valley ASC Swimming Gala 5.30pm |
| Monday, 12 th | All | Pink Lady apple delivery and presentation |
| Tuesday, 13 th | Year 4 | Laches Wood parent meeting at 2.45pm |
| Wednesday, 14 th | All | Mobile library visit - remember membership card or to return application form |
| Friday, 16 th | Year R | Visit to Tesco in Uttoxeter (am) |
| Friday, 16 th | All | Scholastic book order deadline |
| Saturday, 17 th & Sunday, 18 th | All | Alton Festival |
| Monday, 19 th | All | Internet Safety Session for parents at 3.15pm |
| Monday, 19 th | All | Sainsbury Active Kids voucher deadline |
| Monday, 19 th to Friday, 23 rd | All | Enterprise Week |
| Thursday, 22 nd | All | Open afternoon |
| Friday, 23 rd | Class 3 | Tesco in school (am) |
| Friday, 23 rd | All | Uniform order deadline |
| Wednesday, 28 th | Class 2 | Class 2 visit Tesco in Uttoxeter (am) |
| Wednesday, 28 th | Cheerleading Club | Last session - performance to parents at 4pm |
| July | | |
| Monday, 3 rd | Years 3 and 4 | Violin Concert at Ryecroft Middle School (am) |
| Tuesday, 4 th | All & new starters | All change day and induction session for new starters |
| Tuesday, 4 th | Year 2 | Bring swimming kit to school |
| Tuesday, 4 th & Wednesday, 5 th | Year 4 | Year 4 transition days to Ryecroft |
| Wednesday, 5 th | Year 4 | New parents' evening at Ryecroft - 6.30pm |
| Friday, 7 th to Sunday, 9 th | Year 4 | Visit to Laches Wood |
| Wednesday, 12 th | All | Summer Production in the village hall 2pm and 6.30pm |
| Friday, 14 th | All | Interfaith carnival |
| Wednesday, 19 th | All | Multi Skills Day |
| Thursday, 20 th | All | End of Year Service, St Peter's Church 9.15am |
| Friday, 21 st | All | End of term! |