



Newsletter.....



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We hope you have had a good Easter break and are ready for a very busy term ahead! We officially became St Peter's CE Academy, Alton on 1 April. Over the next few weeks you will notice that the signage will change and the uniform will change a little.

Welcome to Alice and Harriet who have started in Nursery this term and to Mrs Vanessa Patrick-Wood who is our new Busy Bodies Play Worker. We hope they will be very happy here!

THANK YOU

To all our helpers - you are much appreciated!

To Mrs Alex Prince for all her continued hard work in making our garden look so healthy, productive and beautiful!

To Mr Stringer (William's grandad) who is our new swimming volunteer. Mr Stringer is a retired high school PE teacher and we appreciate his support with swimming lessons this term.

For all the donations of Easter eggs for Cheadle Foodbank - they were gratefully received!

- WHOLE SCHOOL - REMEMBER PE KIT ON MONDAYS**
- CLASS 3 - REMEMBER SWIMMING KIT ON TUESDAYS**
- CLASS 1 - REMEMBER PE KIT ON THURSDAYS**
- CLASS 3 - REMEMBER VIOLINS ON FRIDAYS!**

TOPICS

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

	Main Topic		RE
Class 1 (Yrs N & R)	Journeys		Who is Jesus and why is he special?
	Main Topic	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 & 2)	Famous Journeys	Materials	The Creation
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	Vikings	Plants	What is it like to follow God?

EXTRA CURRICULA

Clubs will take place as follows:

Day	Time	Activity/Club	Year Group	Led by
Thursdays	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Football Club	Yrs 1-4	Burton Albion Community Trust

SUMMER PRODUCTION - Wednesday, 11 July

Rehearsals for the summer production are already underway! For parents with children in Class 3 - if you are planning to take your child out of school in the weeks leading up to this, or if they will not be available for both performances, please advise Mrs Pemberton by Friday, 27 April. Thank you!

SPORTS FIXTURES

Sports Day - This will take place on the field opposite the village hall on **Wednesday, 23rd May** at 9.30am, weather permitting. (The reserve date is Thursday, 24th May at 9.30am).

Dove Valley ASC Swimming Gala - Saturday, 19th May, registration 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.

PARENT PAY

Parent Pay is coming!!!! Setting it up is well underway and the online training is going well but we don't want to launch until it's fully operational. If payments can continue as normal this half term with a view to launching from May half term onwards. We can accept cash and cheques payable to Staffordshire University Academies Trust (SUAT). Thank you for your patience!

SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of school meals has increased to £2.26 per day, £11.30 per week, following the Easter break. 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 has to be balanced and 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.

PACKED LUNCHES/SNACKS

Please can we remind you that we encourage healthy packed lunches, drinks and snacks. We don't allow sweets at break or at lunchtime. The children in Classes 1 and 2 are offered a free piece of fruit each morning and any surplus is available to Class 3. The under 5's also receive free milk. Milk can be ordered for children over 5 by registering with Cool Milk at www.coolmilk.com. Each child has their own water bottle.

As you know, we are no longer offering break sales. The children are invited to bring a piece of fruit or healthy snack from home but please bear in mind this should be something small and light as lunch is served at 12 which is only just over an hour after break time.

WHITEMOOR LAKES - YEAR 4

The balance of £100 is due by Friday, 25th May at the latest please. Payments can be made in instalments until that date by cash or cheques payable to Staffordshire University Academies Trust (SUAT). Any cancellations now will incur full payment. A kit list and medical form will be issued and a meeting for parents held nearer the time.

TRANSITION EVENTS

Year 4 Transition Days - these will take place on **Wednesday, 4th July and Thursday, 5th July**. A letter will be sent from Ryecroft nearer the time.

Whole school - on **Wednesday, 4th July** all the children will spend time in their new classes.

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.


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 Beki 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.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE

- As you already know, this is the time of year that head lice are usually prevalent. We have had cases reported to us and 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 held in school on **Wednesday, 16th May at 7.00pm**. In the meantime, please keep an eye on the PTA section of the noticeboard.

School Association Events planned so far:

Father's Day Stall - Friday, 15th June

Summer Fayre - Friday, 6th July

50 Club draw

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

£15 C Kent

£15 J Harding

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 as soon as possible. We are collecting for outdoor clothing for Early Years.

REMINDERS

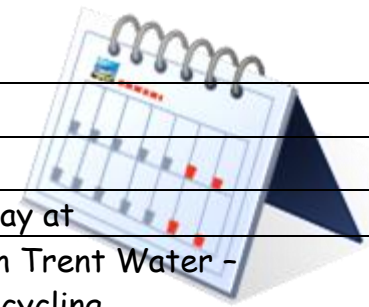
- If your child is to be absent through illness, please contact the office by 9.30am on the first morning.
- Please ensure all children bring a coat to school each day.
- Please remember to bring a school bag each day containing any reading and exercise books, equipment and homework.
- Bikes and scooters 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
Dates for April		
Thursday, 19 th	Class 3	Viking experience day at
Wednesday, 25 th	All	Assembly by Severn Trent Water - conservation and recycling
Dates for May		
Thursday, 3 rd	All	A selection of animals looked after by Thomas Alleyne's High School to visit
Wednesday, 16 th	All	School Association meeting in school at 7.00pm
Saturday, 19 th	Years 3 and 4	Dove Valley ASC Swimming Gala 5.00pm
Wednesday, 23 rd	All	Sports Day 9.30am on field opposite village hall (weather permitting)
Thursday, 24 th	All	Reserve Sports Day 9.30am on field opposite village hall (weather permitting)
Friday, 25 th	Class 2	Visit to St Augustine's for Christopher Columbus activity - letter to follow
Friday, 25 th	Year 4	Final payment due for Whitemoor Lakes
Monday, 28 th May to Friday, 1 June	All	School closed for half term
Advance notice:		More details will follow in the next newsletter or as a separate letter
June		
Sunday, 10 th June	All	Alton Open Gardens
Friday, 15 th	All	Father's Day Stall in school
Saturday, 16 th & Sunday, 17 th	All	Alton Festival
July		
Tuesday, 3 rd	Years 3 and 4	Violin Concert at Uttoxeter Racecourse at 10.30am
Wednesday, 4 th	All & new starters	All change day and induction session for new starters
Wednesday, 4 th & Thursday, 5 th	Year 4	Year 4 transition days to Ryecroft
Friday, 6 th	All	School Association Summer Fayre
Wednesday, 11 th	All	Summer Production in the village hall 2pm and 6.30pm
Thursday, 12 th	All	World Cup and Multi Skills Day
Friday, 13 th to Sunday, 15 th	Year 4	Visit to Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday, 19 th	All	End of Year Service, St Peter's Church 9.15am
Friday, 20 th	All	End of term!