



St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

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Mobile app



You can go to either Google Play for Android or The App Store for iPhone and search for The Parent App. You should see the app come up in the search with the Phenix logo. Install this app and then in the search bar of that app, start to type in the name of the academy and it will come up in the search results. Click on the name of the academy in the results list to download the app to your phone.

The link below demonstrates how it works.

<https://vimeo.com/339368938/17e0c05b96>

School Assoc '50 Club'

Please renew or apply for your '50 Club' number so the first draw of the academic year can take place. Numbers are £10 each. Half of the funds raised are donated to the School Association and half is paid out in prizes. Please see Heather John for more details!

Thank you for your support.

School Admissions 2020

Please ensure you, or anyone else you may know of, have completed an 'Expression of interest form' available from the office if there is a child due to start school in September 2020 or Nursery during the year. This **CANNOT** guarantee a place but ensures we are able to forward either our academy Nursery application or a Local Authority application for Reception at the appropriate time.

Children in Nursery

If your child will be 4 years old before 1 September 2020, you will have received a letter from Staffordshire County Council inviting you to apply for a place in Reception from September 2020. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2020**. You can apply on line at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Children in Year 4

If your child is in Year 4 this year, you will have received a letter from Staffordshire County Council inviting you to apply for a place at Middle School from September 2020. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2020**. You can apply on line at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Thank you to.....

All our helpers - you are much appreciated!

All who organised and supported the recent Bull's Head Quiz and raised funds for the School Association.

Parent Pay

Thank you for using Parent Pay. As an academy we are cashless! We will continue to use cash or cheques for School Association and charity items. **Please check your Parent Pay account regularly** for visits, meals and Nursery fees.

Thank you!

Change of Date

Please note that the date of the End of Year and Leavers Celebration has changed to **Friday, 17th July 2020**. **The service will take place in St Peter's Church at 1.30pm.**

Clubs

Soccer Stars, who support our PE lessons on Mondays, continue to run after school club for children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Places are limited due to the space in the hall in the event of bad weather. A letter with further details and how to reserve your place has been sent separately.

School Meals

The new Autumn/Winter menu has been handed to the children. Please note that we are not offering the sandwich option. There will be a choice of the two main meals plus Jacket Potato each day.

If your child has any special dietary requirement, please obtain a Chartwells diet form from the office.

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to all those who have registered with a web site called Easy Fundraising. It's amazing. You can shop on line through this site at various well known stores and they pay us money!! It doesn't cost you any extra, just shop from your regular stores eg Argos, Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Viking, Booking.com but access them through

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterscealton>

Alternatively, for a Christmas bonus register by clicking here -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/login/?forward-url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.easyfundraising.org.uk%2Freferrals%2F%3Futm_source%3Dadobecampaign%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dreferral-2019%26utm_content%3Dsupporter_engagement_ref_171119%26origin%3DR1894

If you have your own business, why not use it for your business purchases too?

For more information, please visit the Easy Fundraising web site. All money raised will be donated to the School Association (PTA). Thank you!



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our fundraising for Children in Need. We raised £41.95

Bags2School

Thank you for supporting the recent Bags2School collection. £200 was raised for the School Association.

Head Lice

It's that time of year when head lice are prevalent! Please check the whole family on a regular basis and treat as required. Combs are available from the school office at a cost of 50p each. We also have access to a limited number of free samples of an organic head lice treatment kindly supplied by a local business. Further supplies can be obtained at a discounted price! Please see Mrs Pemberton.

Over 60's Afternoon Tea

Following the success the over 60's afternoon teas and the many positive comments we receive, we plan to hold a Christmas Tea on Friday, 6th December from 1.45pm to 3.00pm. Posters will be displayed round the village and it would be helpful if people could 'book in' through the office to help with our catering arrangements.



Christmas Raffle

The School Council have written to many local businesses and have been fortunate to receive numerous tremendous prizes including Alton Towers Spa Day, Flip-Out vouchers, Hetty's Tea Room vouchers, chocolates, wine etc! Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly at £1 a strip and the grand draw will take place at the Over 60's Afternoon Tea. Thank you for your support!



Cool Milk

The children in Nursery and Reception (until their 5th birthday) receive a 189ml carton of free milk each day. If your child is over 5 years old and would like to receive a carton of milk at a subsidised price, please register at Cool Milk: www.coolmilk.com Paper application forms are available from the office if you prefer.

Lost Property

Any items with names on will be returned to their owner so please, please make sure all items are named. Any un-named items can be found in the box in the entrance hall. Thank you!

School Association (PTA)

The minutes of the last meeting are on the noticeboard in the entrance hall and the school web site. The Governors, staff and children appreciate the tremendous support given by the School Association. The date of the next meeting will be circulated.

A number of fundraising activities are planned as follows:

The 50 Club will be drawn each half term - £10 per number - please see Heather John to join.

The PTA cake raffle - 50p per ticket! Please remember cakes should be **nut free**.

PJ Day - Friday, 29 November - pay £1 to wear pyjamas to school for the day!

Christmas Fair - Thursday, 5 December 3.15pm - donation of cakes much appreciated!

Christmas Gift Stall - Wednesday, 18 December £1 per gift for parents

Christmas Disco - Wednesday, 18 December in school 6pm to 7pm

Violin Performance

There will be a violin performance by the children in Class 3 on Friday, 13th December at 9.15am. All welcome!





Busy Bodies Out of Hours Club

We are pleased to report that Busy Bodies Out of Hours Club is going well! There have been some staff changes and morning sessions are now led by Mrs E Edge and she leads the evening sessions assisted by Miss A Pass. Plenty of exciting sessions continue to be planned. Fees are payable through Parent Pay on a weekly basis please. Fees are added to your Parent pay account every Friday as follows:

Mornings

7.30-8.45 a.m. £5.00

Afternoons

3.15-4.30 p.m. £6.00

3.15-6 p.m. £9.00

There will be a 10% discount for a sibling attending the same sessions.

Please book through the office (phone or email) or direct with Busy Bodies staff. Your support is much appreciated and we look forward to continued success!

A Few Reminders

WHOLE SCHOOL - REMEMBER TO WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON MONDAYS

WHOLE SCHOOL - REMEMBER PE KIT ON THURSDAYS

CLASS 3 - REMEMBER VIOLINS ON FRIDAYS!

- Please remember that the doors close at 8.55am for a prompt registration and start of the school day at 9.00am. Late comers disrupt the registration process. If you do arrive late, after the door has closed, please can you sign your child in at the office. Thank you.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Please make sure your child brings a coat to school each day (no umbrellas please!).
- Nail varnish, make up and jewellery are NOT allowed.
- Please take care and be considerate when parking - please don't obstruct our neighbours' drives or the staff car park.
- Please don't park on or opposite the yellow zigzags outside the school.
- Please remember that if your child is absent from school you must inform school of the situation by 9.15am (01538 702321 or office@ast-peters-alton.staffs.sch.uk). 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.
- Please ensure all long hair is tied back. As you already know, this is the time of year that head lice are usually prevalent. We haven't had cases reported to us so far 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.
- Please remember to bring a school bag each day containing any reading and exercise books, equipment and homework. **As space is limited, the school book bags are best as they fit in trays!**
- 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 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

Dates for the calendar

A booklet of dates planned for the year has already been sent home but here are a few reminders and additional items!

Date	Applies to	Event/Activity
November		
Monday, 18 th	All	School photo order deadline
Tuesday, 19 th	Nursery new starters	Induction morning for children starting Nursery after Christmas
Wednesday, 20 th	All	Library van
Monday, 25 th	Years R to 4	Flu vaccinations
Friday, 29 th	All	School Association Pyjama Day
December		
Wednesday, 4 th	Class 1	Christmas theatre performance at Denstone - 'Jack and The Beanstalk (pm)
Wednesday, 4 th	All	Library van
Thursday, 5 th	All	School Association Christmas Fair in school at 3.15pm
Friday, 6 th	Over 60's	Christmas Afternoon Tea 1.45pm
Friday, 6 th	All	Christmas Raffle to be drawn
Monday, 9 th	All	Costumes to be in school ready for Christmas production
Thursday, 12 th	All	Christmas production in church 2pm and 6pm
Friday, 13 th	Class 3	Violin performance in school at 9.15am
Wednesday, 18 th	All	School Association Gift Stall
Wednesday, 18 th	All	School Association Disco in school 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday, 20 th	All	Christmas lunch and party afternoon
Friday, 20 th	All	School closes - end of term
January		
Monday, 6 th	All	School closed - INSET day for staff
Tuesday, 7 th	All	School re-opens for the Spring term
Thursday, 9 th	Years 1 to 4	The Prince and the Pauper at New Vic Theatre
Wednesday, 15 th	Nursery and Year 4	Closing date for applications to Reception and middle school
Wednesday, 18 th	All	Library van