



St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

Newsletter January 2020



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Welcome to....

Eloise and Georgia who have joined us in Class 2. We hope they will be very happy here!

Dogs in the playground

It is lovely to see so many 4 legged friends walking to school! Please could we ask that you keep your dogs outside the playground and away from the gates as we have children in school who are allergic to dogs and some who are afraid of them. Thank you for your co-operation!

SportStars UK

The SportStars after school club restarts on Monday, 13 January and is available to Years R to 4, subject to availability of spaces. To book a place, please visit www.sportstarsuk.co.uk or contact them on 01332 368000.

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year! Thank you for your gifts - very much appreciated!

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 2021 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.

Applications for Reception and Middle School September 2020

Online applications have now closed via the Staffordshire County Council web site.

Applications have now closed. You can make a **late** application by completing the [paper admissions application form](#). You can then either:

Email the form to admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

Or print out the form and post it to School Admissions and Transport Service, Staffordshire County Council, 1 Staffordshire Place, Stafford, ST16 2DH

Topics

Please also refer to the curriculum leaflet available on the web site.

	Main Topic	RE	
Class 1 (Yrs N & R)	What have we learnt from the past? Topics include <i>George and the Dragon</i> , <i>Kings and Queens</i>	Special Stories	
	Main Topic	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 and 2)	History: What have we learnt from the past? Significant people inc Florence Nightingale, Louis Braille and Rosa Parks. Geography: Where in the world? Kenya	Materials and their uses	Judaism Why is Easter so important to Christians?
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	History: What have we learnt from the past? Romans - visit arranged, details to follow Geography: Where in the world? Volcanoes	Healthy Eating The skeleton	What kind of world would Jesus want? Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

PE - Spring term 2020



PE will continue as follows:

Whole school - PE lessons will continue for the whole school on **Mondays**

supported by SportStars UK. Please come to school dressed in PE kit for the day as usual.

Classes 2 and 3 (Years 1 to 4) - please to bring PE kit in a named bag to school on Wednesdays for Gymnastics.

Nursery and Reception - please continue to bring PE kit in a named bag to school on Thursdays.

Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone for registering with Parent Pay. **Please check your Parent Pay account weekly** for visits, meals, out of hours club and Nursery fees. Please make sure all outstanding items are paid by the end of each half term. School meals should be paid **weekly in advance** as we are invoiced by our supplier and the money is taken from the school budget until it is recouped via your payments on Parent Pay. Thank you!

Thank you.....

To all our volunteers. We do appreciate your time.
To those of you who have been doing handyman jobs for us. We still haven't managed to replace Ron, our janitor/handyman - we miss him! If you have a bit of time to do a few little jobs for us occasionally, or know of someone, then please see Mrs Pemberton. At the moment, we could do with a repair to the field gate and there will be other little jobs that crop up through the year. If we could have a list/rota of people to call on that would be very helpful and much appreciated!

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.

Year 4 to Ryecroft

As an introduction to the transition to middle school process, the children in Year 4 will visit Ryecroft Middle School on Tuesday, 4 February 2020. A letter will follow shortly from Ryecroft Middle School with full details and consent form. Ryecroft has kindly arranged transport for us. The children will leave here at 9.00am and return in time for lunch.

Mobile app



The new mobile app is available to download. Search for Phenix Digital on the app store, then once the app is installed just search for our academy.

Bad weather

Just in case we experience the sort of weather conditions that cause mayhem around the country.... Our problem here is that main roads may be clear but gritters don't often come past the school. We continue with our text messaging service for any late school closures due to snow. **Please ensure that you update us with any new mobile contact numbers.** We will text one nominated parent.

Please DO NOT use the school mobile number to text or telephone the school.

In addition, school closures will be notified to Staffordshire County Council and will appear on their school closure list at the following web address:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/>

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.
- Please respect our neighbours and **DO NOT PARK ON OR OPPOSITE** the yellow lines outside the school gates. Please also mention this to anyone else who may be dropping off or collecting your child.
- Bikes and scooters should be parked carefully in the rack provided and **not ridden in the playground.**
- If you walk your dog to school with you, please can you be mindful that not all children like dogs so please can you stand away from the gates.

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 the calendar

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

Date	Applies to	Event/Activity
January		
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, 29 th	All	Library van
February		
Tuesday, 4 th	Year 4	Visit to Ryecroft Middle School 9.00am to 12
Wednesday, 5 th	Class 3	Visit to Denstone - Roman soldier in school!
Wednesday, 12 th	All	Library van
Monday 17 th to Friday, 21 st	All	Half term holiday
Wednesday, 26 th	All	Library van

Holiday/term dates for 2020/21 are available from the office or the web site