



St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

Newsletter September 2020



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Welcome...

To our new children! Arabella and Edward started in Nursery during the summer term and they have been joined by Gabriel this term. Hattie has joined us in Reception. We hope they will be very happy here!

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 our school and it will come up in the search results. Click on the name of our school in the results list to download the app to your phone. The link below is a video which demonstrates how it works.

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

NUT ALLERGY

We have a child in school with a **nut allergy**. Please take care with any food items brought in to school eg snacks, packed lunches, cakes, chocolate etc. Thank you!

Thank you

To all our helpers - you are much appreciated!
To Mr Goldstraw for the beautiful bookcase in Early Years.
To Mr Stone for repairing the guttering.
To Mr Dodge for replacing the basketball hoops.
To Mr Harding for the fantastic noticeboard and replacing the locks on the front door and hatch.
To Mrs Coultas for all her work in our lovely garden.

Busy Bodies



We are pleased to report that Busy Bodies Out of Hours Club has now resumed. Sessions are led by Miss Sutton assisted by Miss Pass. Unfortunately, Miss Pass is leaving us on Friday, 18 September and we wish her well! We are pleased to report that we have appointed Mrs Kerry Tatton. We hope she will be very happy working here! Fees will be payable through Parent Pay on a weekly basis please and will be 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

3.15-6.00 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!

Topics

Please also refer to the curriculum leaflets available on the web site. The topics for the Autumn term are:

	Main Topic - Who am I and where am I from?		RE
Class 1 (Yrs N & R)	Who is in our family and where we live		Why do we celebrate?
	Main Topic - Who am I and where am I from?	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 and 2)	Families, special times and holidays	Changing seasons	What is it like to be a Muslim?
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	Maps, countries and continents	Animals including humans	What Christians and other believers can learn from the creation story

PE



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.

Classes 2 and 3 (Years 1, 2 3 and 4) - please wear PE kit to school on **Fridays**.

Class 1 (Years R and N) - please wear PE kit to school on **Thursdays**.

Years 1 to 4 - we are planning to resume SportsStars UK after school club on **Mondays** 3.15pm to 4.15pm later in the term.

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is clearly named.

Please can the children wear full school PE kit - white t shirt, blue shorts, plain navy or black jogging bottoms and top (if weather requires). Pumps for indoor PE should be available in a separate bag. Trainers should be worn for outdoor sessions please.

Harvest

Due to current restrictions on gatherings, we will not be holding our traditional service in St Peter's Church. We will celebrate with Harvest activities in school during the week of 28th September.

Web site

Please visit our web site! Curriculum information, topics, photographs, copies of newsletters, letters sent home, policies can all be found plus many useful links.

<https://www.st-peters-alton.staffs.sch.uk/home>

Nursery

If you know anyone who may be interested in a place in our Nursery, please let Mrs Pemberton know so that we can get in touch.

Data check

To comply with data protection requirements, data check sheets were sent home with the children on Tuesday. Please check all details carefully, **especially mobile phone numbers!** Please sign the form and return to the school office by **28th September 2020**. Thank you!

School Meals

We would like to welcome Mrs Coates as our new cook, appointed by Chartwells, our catering provider. The current menu is available on the web site. Schools meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The cost to children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 is £2.30 per day. Meals taken are recorded on the Parent Pay web site on Fridays each week for payment weekly or half termly in advance. You will not be charged if your child is absent.

Just a reminder that the school is able to claim Pupil Premium funding from the Government for each pupil registered for Free School Meals due to household income. Please help us to boost our budget as much as possible by letting us know if you wish to apply for free school meals. Please see Mrs Pemberton, in confidence if you wish, for further information. Alternatively you can apply on line or download an application form from the Staffordshire County Council web site:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

Please apply even if your child prefers to bring sandwiches or is in Year R, 1 or 2 and receives the Government funded free meal. Thank you for your support!

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 should bring their own water bottle clearly labelled with their name.

The children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks from home for break time. 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.

Parent evenings

St Peter's Academy operates an open door policy, and staff are always willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a suitable time to see your child's class teacher or to arrange for a member of staff to call you.

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold face to face parent consultations this term. However, we are going to hold telephone consultations. A separate letter will follow.

Covid 19

Please be assured that the staff are all doing their best to keep up to date with the latest information from the Department for Education and Public Health England and implement the advice given to keep your children, families and themselves safe and well. We will continue to keep you informed via email or our web site. There are links on the web site to the latest government information. If your child or a member of your family develops symptoms, please ensure you arrange a test and keep us informed so we can take any necessary action in school. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Home Learning

If your family is isolating, we will send home learning to you via email. If your child is unwell, they are not expected to complete the work until they are feeling better. The work sent home will be as close as possible to the work completed in school. Please bear with us if work doesn't arrive as quickly as you would like, we won't forget and will get it to you as soon as possible. Thank you!

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 holiday at the latest.** 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!

Parking

This is always a nightmare here! Please respect our neighbours and do not park across their driveways. We received a call from a carer this week who was unable to get to her patient on time due to cars blocking the drive entrance. She was concerned in case an ambulance should need access in an emergency. Please don't park opposite the school car park or the yellow zigzags outside the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation.

Easy Fundraising

We are 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>

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!

A Few Reminders

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

CLASS 1 - REMEMBER TO WEAR PE KIT ON THURSDAYS

CLASSES 2 AND 3 - REMEMBER TO WEAR PE KIT ON FRIDAYS

- Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Please make sure your child brings a coat to school each day.
- 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

Date	Applies to	Event/Activity
September		
Monday, 28 th	All	Please return data check sheets to the office
Monday, 28 th	All	Harvest activities in school
October		
Monday, 12 th	Class 3	Parent telephone consultation 2.00pm to 5.30pm
Thursday, 15 th	Class 1	Parent telephone consultation 2.00pm to 5.30pm
Monday, 19 th	Class 2	Parent telephone consultation 2.00pm to 5.30pm
Friday, 23 rd	All	School closed - INSET day
Monday 26 th to Friday, 30 th	All	Half term break
Advance notice:		
Monday, 7 th December	Years R to 4	Flu vaccinations