



St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

Newsletter May 2021



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Thank you

To our helpers - you are much appreciated!

To Mrs Coultas for looking after our garden with the children.

To Mrs Gardner for listening to readers.

Photographs

The Leavers group and whole school photograph is planned for the afternoon of **Wednesday, 19th May**. Please could the children wear full school uniform (including tie and jumper/cardigan please).

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 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!

Mobile app



'Live' on the Apple and Google Play app stores. A search on 'St Peters Academy' will take you to the FREE download. You can set alerts for each year group!

Sportstars UK - After School Club

The after school sports club run by Sportstars UK will continue on Mondays until 12 July 2021, 3.15pm to 4.15pm. A separate letter has been sent home to enrol on the latest course. You can visit their web site at www.sportstarsuk.co.uk or telephone 01332 368000 to book a place for your child.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on the field next to the school this year on **Wednesday, 26 May** at 9.15am, weather permitting. The reserve date is Thursday, 27 May. Please can the children come to school dressed in their PE kit with uniform in a named bag.

Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions and guidance we are working with, it is with regret that we are not inviting spectators to join us this year. Many apologies and we sincerely hope that next year the situation will be very different.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Topics

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

	Main Topic - Changes	RE	
Class 1 (Yrs N & R)	Life cycles, growing and changing	Who is Jesus and why is he special?	
	Main Topic	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 and 2)	1960's to present day	Plants	What do Christians believe God is like?
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	World War II	Electricity	When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?

Whitemoor Lakes

Yippee! We have great news for the children in Year 4! They are off to Whitemoor Lakes **5th to 7th July** to meet new friends and enjoy amazing activities! A separate letter has been sent home.

Transition

Pre-school: the children due to start in Nursery in September are invited to join us for the morning of **Wednesday, 30th June**.

Years R to 3: 'All Change' morning. The children will spend the morning of **Wednesday, 30th June** in their new classes.

Year 4: the children will visit Ryecroft Middle School on **both 8th and 9th July**. A letter from Ryecroft will follow shortly.

Temporary drop off and collection times continue

Due to the current restrictions in place due to Covid 19, we are working really hard to keep our classes/bubbles separate as much as possible. Please try and keep to your designated times so that we can keep numbers in the corridors and front playground to a minimum. **Once your child has entered the building** or you have collected them at the end of the day, please move away from the school to ensure we can maintain social distancing as much as we can with our limited space!

	Drop off	Collect
Class 1	9.00am	3.15pm
Class 2	8.55am	3.10pm
Class 3	8.50am	3.05pm

School Meals

A new menu was sent home before the Easter holiday and is available on the web site. It is school census day on 20 May 2021 and it would be helpful for funding purposes if all children in Years R, 1 and 2 could have a school meal on that day please.

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://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

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!

PE - Summer term 2021



Whole school - PE lessons will continue for the whole school on **Mondays** supported by SportsStars UK. Please come to school dressed in PE kit for the day as usual.
Class 1 (Years R and N) - please continue to wear PE kit to school on Thursdays.
Classes 2 and 3 (Years 1-4) - please wear PE kit to school on Fridays.

Summer production and Celebration for Leavers

We are in the process of planning a summer celebration for the Year 4 leavers and a whole school performance. Unfortunately, these will not take their usual format due to the current pandemic. We are hoping that restrictions or guidance will have changed sufficiently by this time to stage both with a live audience on **Tuesday, 20th July**. There will be **one** event during the afternoon. Further information will follow as we progress.

End of year party

On the afternoon of **Monday, 19th July**, we are planning an end of year party for the children. There will be numerous activities including a penalty shoot out, traditional games and craft and we will be visited by the ice cream man! If you have, or know anyone who has, a coconut shy, hook a duck or similar games, please could you see either Mrs Bennett or Mrs Pemberton. 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. Meetings are currently being held online. Please contact Lyndsay Doubell, PTA Chair, if you would like to receive the meeting invites.

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, 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.

A polite request.....

Please remember to bring a waterproof coat every day and a water bottle each week!

Busy Bodies



We are pleased that Busy Bodies Out of Hours Club continues to be a great asset to our school. Sessions are led by Miss Sutton assisted by Mrs Tatton.

Fees are payable through Parent Pay on a weekly basis please and 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 is a 10% discount for a sibling attending the same sessions.

Please book through the office (phone or email) or direct with Busy Bodies staff. It is helpful if we know approximately what time you plan to collect your child(ren) for preparation of snacks. Your support is much appreciated!

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
May		
Wednesday, 19 th	All	Whole school and leavers group photographs
Wednesday, 26 th	All	Sports Day - 9.15am on the sports field next to the school, weather permitting. Sorry - no spectators this year
Wednesday, 26 th	All	Uniform order deadline - get ready for September! 😊
Thursday, 27 th	All	Reserve Sports Day
Monday, 31 st May to Friday, 4 th June	All	Half term holiday
June		
Wednesday, 30 th	Pre school	Nursery taster morning
Wednesday, 30 th	Years R to 3	All Change morning
July		
Monday 5 th to Wednesday 7 th	Year 4	Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th	Year 4	Transition visits to Ryecroft Middle School
Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th	All	50 Things activities week
Monday, 19 th	All	Whole school end of year party
Tuesday, 20 th	All	Leavers Celebration and Summer Production (pm)
Tuesday, 20 th	All	School closes for the summer break!