



St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

Newsletter September 2021



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Welcome...

To Jacob, Annabelle and Jacob who have joined Nursery and to Autumn who has joined Year 4.

To our new staff- Mrs Jones as a Lunchtime Supervisor and Mr Riches as our Janitor/Handyman.

We hope they will be very happy here!

School Day

From 2 September, we will revert to pre-Covid timings for the school day. All children should arrive at school between 8.50 and 8.55am. The children will line up in their classes to be led in by their class teacher at 8.55am ready for registration and a prompt start to the day. School will end at 3.15pm for all children. Children who attend Busy Bodies will join/ leave their class at these times.

Please note: If your child is going home from school/Busy Bodies with someone other than their own parent - please advise the office. If we are not aware in advance, we will contact you for your consent before we will handover your child to meet safeguarding obligations.

NUT ALLERGY

Remember we are a nut free school as we have a child with a severe **nut allergy**. Please take care with any food items brought in to school eg snacks, packed lunches, birthday cakes etc. Thank you!

Busy Bodies

We are pleased to report that Busy Bodies Out of Hours Club successfully continues.

Sessions are led by Miss Sutton assisted by Mrs Tatton. Unfortunately, Miss Sutton

is leaving us on Friday, 10 September - we wish her well! We are pleased to report that Mrs Kerry Tatton will take her place as Play Leader. We are recruiting a new Senior Play Worker.

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 - Why do we remember people?		RE
Class 1 (Yrs N & R)	People who help us Florence Nightingale		What makes a place special?
	Main Topic - Why do we remember people?	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 and 2)	Christopher Columbus Ellen MacArthur	Animals including humans	What are festivals and why do we have them?
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	Lord Shaftesbury Dr Barnardo A visit to Apedale Heritage Centre is being arranged for 6 October to complement topic work - letter to follow	Forces and Magnets	How do Muslims worship?

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 - SportsStars UK will resume their after school club on **Mondays 3.15pm to 4.15pm** from Monday, 13th September. Information was emailed home last week.

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.

Mobile app



Download from 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>

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/>

Harvest

Our Harvest Service will take place in church on **Thursday, 23rd September** at 9.00am. As in previous years the children are invited to donate produce in non-returnable containers. These will be carried to church on the morning of the service. All parents are invited to attend. The produce will be sold during the Sunday morning service with the proceeds being donated to Christian Aid.

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 will be sent home with the children shortly. Please check all details carefully, **especially mobile phone numbers!** Please sign the form and return to the school office by **24th September 2021**. Thank you!

School Meals

The 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 £2.35 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.

Parent consultations this term will be available either in person or by telephone as follows:

Monday, 4th October in school - 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Tuesday, 5th October - by phone Class 2 (afternoon)

Thursday, 7th October - by phone Class 1 (afternoon)

Monday, 11th October - by phone Class 3 (afternoon)

A letter to book you appointment will be sent home shortly.

Road closure

Please note that the High Street will be closed from Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th September. This will obviously have a significant impact on everyone coming to school. If at all possible, please park on the village hall car park and walk down to school. If you need to bring your car all the way to school please take care on Hurstons Lane as there will be much more traffic on this narrow road!

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!

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.

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!

Holiday Dates

The latest holiday/term dates are available on our web site:

<https://www.st-peters-alton.staffs.sch.uk/about-st-peter--s/term-dates>

You may already be aware that there is an extra Bank Holiday next year on 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As this falls during half term, Staffordshire schools are being encouraged to take the extra day at the end of the summer term. The last day of term for children will be Tuesday, 19th July 2022 (Wednesday, 20th - INSET for staff).

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. 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.
- 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 and the bag box in Class 1!**
- 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		
Wednesday, 8 th	All	Library van - please bring your library card if you have one
Friday, 10 th	All	Uniform order deadline
Thursday, 23 rd	All	Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church at 9.00am
Friday, 24 th	All	Please return data check sheets to the office
October		
Monday, 4 th	All	Parent consultations in school 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday, 5 th	Class 2	Parent telephone consultation 2.00pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday, 6 th	Class 3	Visit to Apedale Heritage Centre, Newcastle under Lyme
Thursday, 7 th	Class 1	Parent telephone consultation 2.00pm to 5.30pm
Friday, 8 th	All	Hello Yellow Day
Monday, 11 th	Class 3	Parent telephone consultation 2.00pm to 5.30pm
Friday, 15 th	All	Auction of Promises (PTA)
Wednesday, 20 th	All	Library van
Thursday, 21 st	Years R to 4	Flu vaccinations
Friday, 22 nd	All	School closed - INSET day
Monday 25 th to Friday, 29 th	All	Half term break