



# St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

## Newsletter January 2022



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### Welcome to....

Rafe and Theo who have joined us in Nursery. We hope they will be very happy here!

### Happy New Year!

Apologies for the delay in circulating this newsletter! This bit seems like old news now but we hope you all had a great Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year! Thank you for your gifts - very much appreciated!

### SportStars UK

The SportStars after school club restarts on Monday, 17 January and is available to Years R to 4, subject to availability of spaces. To book a place, please visit [www.sportstarsuk.co.uk](http://www.sportstarsuk.co.uk) or contact them on 01332 368000.

### School Meals

There is a change to the published menu on 20 January, 3 February and 17 February - All Day Breakfast will be served!

### Admissions 2022 and 2023

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 2023 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 2022

Online applications have now closed via the Staffordshire County Council web site. 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](mailto: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 leaflets available on the web site.

	Main Topic		RE
<b>Class 1</b> (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
<b>Class 2</b> (Yrs 1 and 2)	<b>History:</b> What have we learnt from the past? Significant people inc Florence Nightingale, Louis Braille and Rosa Parks. <b>Geography:</b> Where in the world? Sri Lanka	Materials and their uses	Judaism  Why is Easter so important to Christians?
<b>Class 3</b> (Yrs 3 and 4)	<b>History:</b> What have we learnt from the past? Romans - online workshop with a Roman soldier <b>Geography:</b> 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 2022



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 bring PE kit in a named bag to school on 25 January for the final Gymnastics session. Years 2, 3 and 4 will travel to Big Top in Uttoxeter, Year 1 will have a gymnastics session in school. PE kit is NOT needed on Fridays until after half term.

**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 our volunteers.** We do appreciate your time : Mrs Coultas for the gardening and library van visits, Mrs Gardner and Mrs Taylor for listening to readers and classroom support.

**To the School Association (PTA)** - we have placed our order for 6 new iPads and a storage/charging trolley. Thank you for all your fundraising!

**To everyone** - for supporting the School Council's fundraising for the well in Nepal. We have reached our target and our donation has been sent to the charity, Feed The Hungry.

## 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.

## 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/>

## Cheadle and District Foodbank

On the first Sunday of each month, St Peter's Church is planning a collection of non perishable food items to be delivered to Cheadle and District Foodbank. If you would like to contribute, you are invited to take items to church by the Friday before the first Sunday or you may hand your donations in to the school office. Please remember they must be non perishable and have a good use by date! Thank you for your support.

## Lost Property

Lost property is a nightmare and haunts my sleep!!! 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 office. Thank you!

## Busy Bodies Out of Hours Club

We are pleased to report that Busy Bodies Out of Hours Club remains a great success! Sessions are led by Mrs Tatton assisted by Mrs Martin.

Fees will be payable through Parent Pay 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 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. Your support is much appreciated!

*A Teddy Bears Picnic session has been organised for Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January - please book asap!*



## School Association (PTA)

The minutes of the last meeting will shortly be posted on the noticeboard in the entrance hall and the school web site. The meetings are successfully held on Zoom due to the current situation. The Governors, staff and children appreciate the tremendous support given by the School Association. All parents are welcome to join/attend the meetings by following the link circulated ahead of the meetings. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, 7 February 2022** at 7.30pm. The School Association is organising a disco to be held in school on **Thursday, 17 February** from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

## 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



Date	Applies to	Event/Activity
<b>January</b>		
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Year 4	Closing date for applications to Reception and middle school
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3	Roman soldier online workshop - part 1
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	Busy Bodies are hosting a Teddy Bears Picnic 3.15pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday, 26 <sup>h</sup>	All	Library van
<b>February</b>		
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Class 3	Roman soldier online workshop - part 2
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	School Association Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Library van
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	School Association Disco in school 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half term holiday
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Library van

Holiday/term dates for 2022/23 have been circulated and are available to download from the web site.