



# St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

## Newsletter February 2022



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## Welcome to....

Clara and Heath who have joined us in Year 3 and Reception respectively and Corinne who joins us in Year 4 this week. We hope they will be very happy here!

## 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 - **all accounts should be clear for this half term by Friday, 25 February at the latest please.** 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!

## SportStars UK

The SportStars after school club continues on Mondays 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. Bookings are being taken for after half term - a flyer has been sent.

## School Meals

There is a popular change to the published menu on 17 February - All Day Breakfast will be served! New menus for the remainder of the Spring term and the Summer term are in the process of being finalised and will be circulated shortly.

## E-Safety

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, 8 February. The children are continually made aware of how to stay safe on line during their IT lessons.

E-Safety is so important with ever changing challenges! We have included links to a number of web sites to help you and ensure your children are safe and protected when they are using internet enabled devices such as iPads, mobile phones, laptops etc. There is also an information page on our school web site.

**Think you know:** <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

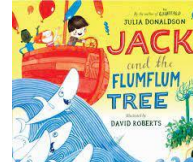
**NSPCC:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

**UK Government advice:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

**UK Safer Internet Centre:** <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

**Childnet International:** <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

## World Book Day



World Book Day is **Thursday, 3 March**. Our theme this year is Julia Donaldson, in particular her book 'Jack and the Flumflum Tree'. Activities will take place in school based on this including the children working in teams to solve picture clues related to books.

The children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. This year we are aiming to raise funds to purchase a new phonics scheme in school. The DfE now have a list of schemes they strongly encourage schools to use. We would therefore, ask that children make a voluntary contribution of £1 to wear their costume. This money will go towards our new scheme.

Each child will receive a £1 book voucher. This voucher can be used to purchase specially produced £1 books or towards the cost of another children's book costing £2.99 or more.

## Careers

Some of you may remember that before the pandemic struck, we were inviting parents and members of the local community or businesses into school to talk to the children about their jobs. We are now in a position to resume! We would like to invite any parents, or someone you know, to visit the school and talk to the children giving them an insight into different occupations. This need not be overwhelming! We can accommodate small groups or classes giving the children the opportunity to ask questions. Please contact Mrs Bennett or Mrs Pemberton if you would be interested in helping us with this.

## School Council.

Our School Council is organising a sponsored run round the field next to the school. They are being generously supported by Lynn Grocott, Harry and Sam's grandma. A letter has already been sent out and sponsor forms will follow soon. It will take place on **Monday, 21st March**.

## Head Lice

A case of head lice has been reported. Please check the whole family on a regular basis and treat as required.

## 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 Fridays after half term.

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

## Class 3 K2M - Music lessons

After the half term holiday, Class 3 will have 3 half terms of ukulele tuition with Mrs Omer each Friday morning. This will replace violins until the end of this academic year. Violins will return in September. We feel this will give the children a further experience of learning a musical instrument.

## Bad weather - reminder

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 and email notification for any late school closures due to snow. **Please ensure that you update us with any new mobile contact numbers or email addresses.** We will text **one** nominated parent but can email both.

**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 ever , . . . . .

### 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!



## 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, 14<sup>th</sup> March 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, cake raffle on **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February** and a Mothering Sunday stall in school on **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

## 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>February</b>		
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Busy Bodies Cinema Night
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	School Association Disco in school 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	School Association Cake raffle £2 per ticket
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half term holiday
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Library van
<b>March</b>		
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	World Book Day
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Library van
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	Mrs Hurdman from Ryecroft Middle School to visit Year 4
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	School Association Meeting 7.30pm
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	School Council sponsored run around the field
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Library van
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Class 3	Visit to Apedale Heritage Centre (re-arranged from last term)
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	All	School Association Mothering Sunday stall
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Classes 2 and 3	Parent Consultations
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent Consultations
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	SoccerStars Enrichment Day
<b>April</b>		
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Easter Service in St Peter's Church - 9.15am
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Science themed 'Wow Day'
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	End of Spring term

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

