



# St Peter's CE Academy, Alton

## Newsletter December 2022



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### Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone for registering with Parent Pay. Please check your Parent Pay account regularly for meals, out of hours club and Nursery fees. Please make sure all amounts owing are paid in full before the start of the Spring term on 5 January 2023. Thank you!

### Village Walk

We will be taking the children for a walk around the village on the first day back after Christmas (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023).

Please could you give your consent on Parent Pay asap or alternatively just let us know if you would prefer your child not to participate.

Please ensure your child has a coat and a pair of wellies on that day.

Thank you



### School Admissions 2022

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.

#### Children in Nursery

If your child will be 4 years old before 1 September 2023, you will have received a letter from Staffordshire County Council inviting you to apply for a place in Reception from September 2023.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**. You can apply on line at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

#### Children in Year 4

If your child is in Year 4 this year, you will have received a letter from Staffordshire County Council inviting you to apply for a place at Middle School from September 2023. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**. You can apply on line at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not already confirmed by email, please can you let us know if your child will be having a cooked lunch or sandwiches on that day so that we can judge numbers. Thank you.

## Nut Allergies

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!

## Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone for supporting our recent fundraising efforts. We raised £70 for Children in Need and just over £80 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thanks again for your generosity.

## Christmas!



**Christmas Jumper Day**- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We suggest a £1 donation which will go Save The Children. Please wear uniform on bottom half and a Christmas jumper or top.

**PTA Stall**- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The PTA will be holding a stall at 9.30am in school for your child to purchase a Christmas gift. We suggest a donation of £1 per child. Thank you.

**Christmas Bake Off** - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Bake Off organised by the School Council.

**Panto Trip to New Vic Theatre** - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Class 3). School uniform to be worn, please ensure your child has a packed lunch and a drink

**Christmas Performance** - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and 6.00pm

**Christmas Lunch**- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas STEAM Day**- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will be doing lots of Christmas craft and design activities in school

**Christmas Party** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, from 1.15pm. Non-uniform day - children can wear a Christmas jumper if they have one or festive top with their home clothes. **Please don't wear party or special clothes!**

We have Dizzy The Wizard coming to entertain us (thank you to the PTA for paying for this). We are also hoping we may get a special visit from another special visitor!

Nursery children who don't normally attend on Friday afternoons have been invited to join us. *There is no need to bring your bag to school!*

## A Few Reminders

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

CLASS 1 - REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PE KIT IN YOUR BAG 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](mailto: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 - an email 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](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist)

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas  
and a peaceful New Year!





## Dates for the calendar

Date	Applies to	Event/Activity
<b>December</b>		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Jumper Day and PTA Stall
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	Relax Kids - all classes
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	Bake Off (organised by School Council)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3	Panto Visit to the New Vic Theatre
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm in Church
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All	Library van - please bring your library card if you have one
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Lunch and STEAM Day in school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Party for children in school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	Last day of school - break up for Christmas Holidays
<b>January</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	All	Back to school. Alton Village Walk
<b>March</b>		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	All	Easter Service 9.10am in Church
<b>May</b>		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	All	Sports Day (reserve day 25 <sup>th</sup> May if weather is bad)
<b>July</b>		
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	Summer Production
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	All	Leavers Service 2.00pm in Church