

ST PETER'S ACADEMY NEWS

January 2023

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs. R Walker Executive Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. A Bennett

This seems like old news now, but we hope you all had a great Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! Thank you for your lovely gifts – they're very much appreciated!

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Catering Manager Chris Flashman and our new Office Services Manager Jade Power-Vaughan. We hope they are very happy here.

TOP TO DO'S:

- Next PTA meeting: Monday 23rd Jan @ 7:45 via zoom. code will be emailed on the day
- ParentPay: Please check your ParentPay account weekly and contact the office if you have any queries.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

SoccerStars is in full flow, however, it's not too late to book your child's place via:
<https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk/project/30371>

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.
- Remember to join our new Facebook Page titled 'St Peter's Academy, Alton'

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2023/24

Please ensure you have completed an 'Expression of interest form' available from the office if there is a child due to start Nursery or school in September. This CANNOT guarantee a place but ensures we are able to forward our academy Nursery application or a Local Authority application for Reception at the appropriate time.

Applications for Reception and Middle School September 2023 have now closed. However, you can make a late application by completing the paper admissions application form. You can Email the form to: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk Or via post to: School Admissions and Transport Service, Staffordshire County Council, 1 Staffordshire Place, Stafford, ST16 2DH

BAD WEATHER

Let's hope not but... Just in case we experience the sort of weather conditions that cause mayhem around the country. The school will refer to our usual nominated people/Year Reps to ensure that everyone receives a message to confirm any closures.

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/>

CLASS REPS

This is a fairly new idea that has been working well for some year groups. Using WhatsApp, each year group's parents can contact each other. We encourage one parent from each year group to act as the representative, keeping the group up to date with the school diary and day-to-day. The reps will also have contact with the Office Manager to direct any queries to the relevant Teachers. On this group you may also share Birthday invites, arrange socials etc. We are still missing WhatsApp groups for Nursery and Reception. If you'd like to be a rep, contact Jade Power-Vaughan our Office Manager or Kate Richies your PTA Lead for help setting your year group up.



SCHOOL CURRICULUM TOPICS

	Main Topic	RE	
Class 1 (Yrs N & R)	'On Our Travels' Topics include transport, land, sea, rail and space in the UK. Time gone by – Traditional tales	What makes a story special? Why do we have Easter Eggs?	
	Main Topic	Science	RE
Class 2 (Yrs 1 and 2)	Geography: United Kingdoms capital cities. The wider world, continents and Oceans History: Castles and Dungeons, Monarchs and how castles are protected	Materials	What is the good news that Jesus brings? What happened at the first Easter?
Class 3 (Yrs 3 and 4)	History: Local area linked to Tudors Geography: Mountains	Sound Electricity	How do Jews worship? What happens during Holy week?

PTA: SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Meetings are still held on Zoom and the link will be shared by email on the day of the meeting. All parents are encouraged to attend the meetings as little or as often as they can possibly offer. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 23rd January 2022 at 7.45pm.

The Governors, staff and children appreciate the tremendous support given by the School Association.

If you have any questions about the meetings please contact the office.

The next social event for the children is a disco, to be held in school on Thursday, 9th February from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

BUSY BODIES

WRAPAROUND CARE

We are pleased to report that 'Busy Bodies' remains a great success! Sessions are led by Mrs Tatton assisted by Mrs Martin. Fees are payable through ParentPay and will be added to your ParentPay account weekly:

Mornings 7.30–8.45a.m. £5.30

Afternoons 3.15–4.30p.m. £6.30

3.15–6.00p.m. £9.30

There's a 10% discount for siblings attending the same sessions. Please book through the office (phone or email) or direct with Busy Bodies staff.

Cinema Night to be confirmed soon

DATES TO ADD TO THE DIARY:

Date	Applies to:	Event Activity
January		
Wednesday 15th	Nursery and Year 4	Closing date for Reception and Middle School
Monday 23rd	Parents	School Assosiation Meeting @ 7:45pm on ZOOM
Wednesday 25th	All	Library Van
Tuesday 31st	All	Themed Lego Day
February		
Tuesday 7th	All	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7th	Year 4	Football Match against Denstone - @ Denstone
Wednesday 8th	All	Library Van
Thursday 9th	All	Happy Minds afternoon with guests
Wednesday 15th	All	Values Day
Monday 20th -Friday 24th	All	Half Term Holiday
March		
Thursday 2nd	All	World Book Day - Theme will be Environment - Details to follow
Friday 24th	All	Community afternoon tea - More details to follow

VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to thank our volunteers: Mrs Coultas for the gardening and library van visits, Mrs Gardner, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Broad and Mrs Taylor for listening to readers and general classroom support. The time they put aside for our school is very much appreciated,

Volunteering at our school varies from reading with the children, teaching the children a new skill, to maintaining our garden.

If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer at the school for as little or as often as they'd like, we'd like to hear from them. Any support is welcomed!

MEDICATION

Please be aware that we are only able to administer prescribed medication. If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please speak to the office to fill out a medical form.

LOST PROPERTY

Any items with names on will be returned to their owner, please make sure all items are named. Any items not named can be found in the box in the entrance. Thank you!

PARENTS' CAREERS DAY

We are very excited to announce plans to host a 'Parents' Careers Day'. Initially, we would like to see if any parents or carers would like to participate and share their career with the children. You may share for as little as 15 minutes, or prepare an activity for the children to have an example of your day-to-day role.

If you're interested and would like to get involved, please email or call the office with dates best suited to you.

Once we have an idea of numbers, we will follow shortly with more details of dates intended.



FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to everyone who bought cakes before Christmas. The 'Bake Off' certainly had all of our mouths watering! We raised a staggering £148! Well done to the School council & Miss Burrows for organising and running this event. The money is going to the 'One by one' School in Kenya to help fund, along side our federationschools, a place for a child to attend this school for a year. Many of the children who go to this school were previously at risk of starvation, so we are very pleased to be able to help in some way. As ever, thank you for your continued support with this project.

CHEADLE & DISTRICT FOODBANK

On the first Sunday of each month, St Peter's Church are collecting non-perishable food items to be delivered to our local Foodbank. If you would like to contribute, you are invited to take items to church by the first Friday of the month, or you may hand your donations to the school office.

Please remember they must be non-perishable and have a good use by date!

Thank you for your support.

