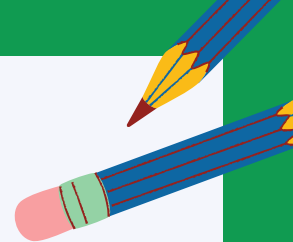




# ST PETER'S ACADEMY NEWS

February 2023



Executive Head Teacher: Mrs. R Walker Executive Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. A  
Happy February everyone! We have a busy month ahead. This week we have a 'Happy Minds' afternoon, which will involve the children literally diving feet first into a foot spa, learning relaxation techniques and spending reflection time in the garden. The Y4's took part in a football match against Denstone, which was a huge success, I'm sure most of you will have heard, but they won! We hope the month continues to stay on top form and you find this month's newsletter helpful.



## TOP 'TO DO'S':

- Next PTA meeting: Monday 6th March @ 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.

Accounts need to be cleared by the 24th Feb. Thank you

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

SoccerStars will continue after the half term break.

Don't forget to book your child's place for SoccerStars UK 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'
- Please remember to send your child to school with a bottle for water at the start of each week.



## PARENTS' CAREERS DAY

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.

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

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



## SAFER INTERNET DAY

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, 7th February. Every effort is made in school to make the children aware of how to stay safe online during their IT lessons. E-Safety is so important with ever changing challenges! We have included links to a number of websites 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.

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>
- [https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI450LzV0\\_AIVxMztCh2XsgM1EAYASAAEgI1M\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI450LzV0_AIVxMztCh2XsgM1EAYASAAEgI1M_D_BwE)





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 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, 6th March at 7.45pm. We hope to see you virtually.

If you've bought a bag or tea towel, please can we remind you to make a payment via our BACS account, details can be found on our 'school gates' Facebook page.

The school relies heavily on the support from PTA, it enables the children to have access to further resources and also helps pay towards extra workshops for the children to enjoy. Any input, ideas or general support is always needed and very much appreciated.

## BUSY BODIES

### WRAPAROUND CARE

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 or direct with Busy Bodies staff.

Valentines Baking Night – Tuesday  
14th February

## 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.



## DATES TO ADD TO THE DIARY:

Date	Applies to:	Event Activity
<b>February</b>		
Thursday 9th	All	Happy Minds afternoon with guests
Wednesday 15th	All	Values Afternoon
Monday 20th - Friday 24th	All	Half Term Holiday
<b>March</b>		
Thursday 2nd	All	World Book Day - Theme will be Environment - Make your own recycled hat!
Wednesday 8th	Worship Council	Spiritual Ambassador Day
Monday 13th - Friday 17th	All	Science week- more information to follow
Friday 17th	All	School Council - Red Nose day: Non-uniform, something red and crazy hair
Monday 20th - Tuesday 21st	All	Parents Evening
Friday 24th	All	Community afternoon tea - More details to follow
Wednesday 29th	All	Easter Service - starts at 9:10

## THANK YOU'S

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,

The PTA for their continued support but most recently for funding the transport for various Christmas trips, the entertainer for their in-school Christmas party, the Lego day and for all the additional equipment in the classrooms.

If you, or someone you know can offer any support within school or with the PTA we'd like to hear from them. Any support is welcomed and encouraged.

## UNIFORM CHANGES & ONLINE ORDERING

The changes to uniform have now been completed and we're very pleased to announce that you can now order and pay for school uniform online from School Trends. There are no minimum order quantities and they'll deliver direct to your address. We'll also have access to live discounts, starting with 10% off your order if you order between the 25th and 26th. All details have been attached to this email

Finally, some parents have asked if they can make the transition to the new uniform immediately, we are happy for children to start wearing the new uniform before the new school year in September but I'd also like to make it very clear that no one is obliged to do this.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 2nd March . On this day a range of fun activities will take place in school and all children will receive a free £1 book voucher to either purchase a specially produced book or put it towards a different book of their choice.

In school our theme is going to be stories about the environment. Children will be invited to come to school on this day wearing their own clothes OR book themed outfit if they like, but we'd also like it if children could wear a hat that they have made from recycled materials.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School council have decided to raise money for Comic Relief. Red Nose day is back on Friday 17th March; On this day, we would like children to come to school in non-uniform and if they have it, an item of red clothing. In addition to this, as the school council know it's a favourite of the their's, they may come to school with Crazy Hair too.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SCHOOL FROM THE FOUNDER OF ONE BY ONE

To everyone at St Peter's Alton,- Thank you so much for your kind efforts of raising awareness and fundraising in your school for the work of One by One in Kenya. Because of your hard work, you will help children in Kenya that have had challenging starts in life to gain an education which will provide them with the skills needed for their future. Your donations will help us provide better for children across the region of Kenya so thank you! I hope that the Kenya lessons that you have studied have given you a greater insight into the world around us and has inspired you to keep trying to help those in need in our world. Our heart is to prevent the vulnerable from being exploited and we can't do this alone. That's why I am so grateful for you! Without your support, we couldn't do what we do!

## 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.

