



St Peter's
CE Primary School
Bratton

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very full newsletter this week, with lots of news and information and I can't believe we are mentioning Christmas!

Please do have a good read of all the messages.

Just to update parents, we have had a delay on our St Peter's postcards. We have started sending home some generic cards and this is what we'll use until our own are printed and ready.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis
Head Teacher

UPDATES

Support for school

Most parents and families are extremely supportive of school and come to us with any problems or issues. However, I want to highlight again that complaints about school on Facebook are unhelpful and unsupportive. School is very happy to discuss issues that come to us via our communication methods. School has these methods of communication:

- E-mail: School email address stpetersbratton@taw.org.uk
- Phone: School phone number, office open 8.30 – 4pm 01952 387980
- Support staff: on the door each morning who will take messages
- In person at the office: Office open from 8.30am- 4pm each day
- Duty staff in the morning – there is almost always a member of teaching or senior staff outside at the start of the day.

School works hard to communicate with the families of 420 children, we do not always get it right and we will always look at how we can do things better. The time put into administration and communication has to be balanced with the number of staff who work with children. The more staff we put into the administration side of the school, the fewer we have to work with children in class. We send out a lot of communication to parents.

Some parents have notified us of complaints on Facebook. School staff work very hard to do the best for your children and it is very disheartening to them to become aware of parents complaining on social media, when they have not raised the issue directly first.

As I say, the vast majority of parents are extremely supportive and in no way do I wish to discourage healthy discussion about school. The discussion just needs to be done in the right way.

Thank you,

Mr Davis

Operation Christmas Child

We have distributed leaflets about Operation Christmas Child and we will talk about this in assembly next week. For any families who want to create a box, we are happy to collect them and will arrange for them to be collected from school. The last day boxes can arrive to school is Monday 5th November.

[OCC website](#)

Harvest and Food Bank

On 8th October, half the school will be taking part in harvest festival at church and half will have harvest festival at school. We are collecting donations to go to [Telford Food Bank](#). We do now have a permanent Food Bank collection box at the front office. Any donations made will be taken to Food Bank. Further information on the church service to follow next week.

Christmas Cards

Each child has been given a Christmas card design kit to bring home through Christmas Cards for Schools. The children are able to design their own cards if they would like to take part. These will then be available for you to purchase towards the end of term. We need the designs to be returned to school by Thursday 4th October at the very latest and any received after this date will be unable to be submitted.

Bells

You may have noticed that we have bells throughout the day now. We have an 8.49am bell to remind staff to open up for 8:50am, 12:00 bell to signal Reception and KS1 start of lunchtime, 12:15pm bell to signal the start of KS2 lunchtime, 1:15pm to signal the start of the afternoon session and 3:15pm bell to signal the end of the day. This was our old fire alarm bell.

New Fire Alarm

We have had a brand new fire alarm fitted over the summer holidays. The sound is significantly different from the old bell. This week, we have had a fire alarm drill in school, we always have at least one fire alarm drill each half term.

If you are ever on school premises when the fire alarm is activated, we ask that you assemble at the end of the school field.

Pop-up tent Appeal

If you have any unwanted pop-up tents we would welcome them in school for use at lunchtime. Please take them to the school office.

Thank you

Open Evening for Year 7 2019

Holy Trinity have asked us to share their open evening: Wednesday 3rd October, 4 – 6.30pm.

Charlton School have asked us to share their open evening/day: Wednesday 10th October, 5-8pm and Thursday 11th October 9:30am – 11am and 11:45am – 1:15pm.

Newport Girls High School have asked us to share their open day for parents of year 5 or year 6 girls on Wednesday 3rd October 9:30am – 12pm.

Uniform

The weather this week has shown is that summer is, unfortunately over. So, as a reminder please make sure your child has a suitable coat and in particular suitable shoes, with good tread. We do have a number of children wearing flimsy 'ballet style' shoes and as the weather worsens they become unsuitable. We have had a number of children with new shoes, that are a little too big for them, falling over. We do understand buying shoes with plenty of growth in them, we are just alerting parents that this is happening.

PE Kits

Please can children bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. We are having increasing numbers of children asking to borrow PE kit and we are running out.

Welcome Assembly

The Wrockwardine Dean Ministry will be holding a welcome assembly in the school hall on Thursday 4th October at 2pm for all our new reception parents and any parents new to the school in the last year. The service will be led by Rev Andy and Di Woolridge, local lay mission and outreach minister.

National Child Measurement Programme

Each year, children in Reception and Year 6 are weighed by Public Health England. The results from the programme assists with future health developments.

Reception

In 2017, the results from 2013/14, 2014/5 and 2015/16 results were combined and our school had **19.8%** obese or overweight Reception children. In that year **22%** of children in England were obese or overweight and **25%** in Telford and Wrekin.

In 2018, the results from 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 results were combined and our school had **16.5%** obese or overweight Reception children. In that year **22%** of children in England were obese or overweight and **25%** in Telford and Wrekin.

Year 6

In 2017, the results from 2013/14, 2014/5 and 2015/16 results were combined and our school had **35.2 %** obese or overweight Year 6 children. In that year **34%** of children in England were obese or overweight and **37%** in Telford and Wrekin.

In 2018, the results from 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 results were combined and our school had **18.4%** obese or overweight Year 6 children. In that year **34%** of children in England were obese or overweight and **36%** in Telford and Wrekin.

Thank you to all the children who took part. We had over 90% of children take part and that means the results are statistically reliable.

The results have shown a great improvement in Year 6. In school we have increased our activity time with the Bratton mile and trying to make lunchtimes more physically active (plus our normal 2 hours of PE). However, we can only do so much in school, so, a big congratulations to families for all the time you have spent on physical activity and healthy eating this year.

If you are worried about your child's weight, there are services available to support you such as the 'Healthy Family Team'. Please contact school and, with your consent, we can refer to the services for you.



STAFF NEWS

We are delighted with the news that Mrs Wildgoose (2E2) is expecting a baby (I'm sure many of you have noticed). She hopes to start her maternity leave at Christmas in order to welcome the new baby in January. Congratulations to her, her husband and two little boys.

UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

Reception Newsletter

Please find attached our Reception team's first newsletter.

Year 6

Last Friday we went to Wrekin College to do a maths challenge.

We thoroughly enjoyed participating in the challenge, even though it was very challenging in some parts of the event. Although it was a maths challenge, there was a lot of P.E involved. Every time we answered a question we had to go to the six form markers then run to the back of an aisle and back to our groups.

We competed against 50 schools, 218 pupils and 109 teams. At the end we got rewarded with cookies that were really nice, lucky for me (Jamie) Maizey and Dara left early so I got three cookies and Dara and Maizey got none.

Here is are some examples of questions that we were given. Can you answer any of these?

We had five numbers and five letters and we had to find which is which. For example

A B C D E''

AxB=B

AxD=D

D-A=E

The numbers are

6 5 1 3 8

The answer is

A=1 B=3 C=8 D=6 E=5. That is algebra.

We have a number we multiply it by 8 divide it by 8 and the number we end with the number and it is 7

What number do we end with?

Written by Jamie, Dara, Grace and Maizey, Year 6.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Thursday 4 th October	Wrockwardine Dean Ministry New Parent Welcome Assembly 2pm
Monday 8 th October	Harvest Festival Service St Peter's Church, Wrockwardine 10am classes 1E1 2E1 3S1 4S1 5W1 6W1
Wednesday 10 th October & Thursday 11 th October	Reception Parent Consultations 10 th a.m RO1, 11 th a.m RO2 10 th after school-both classes – details to follow
Tuesday 23 rd October	Toast, Tea and Twitter 4pm – current Yr7 pupils who attended St Peter's School – details to follow
Thursday 25 th October	PD Day
Friday 26 th October	PD Day
Monday 29 th October	Half Term
Monday 5 th November to Wednesday 7 th November	Year 6 visit to Condover
Wednesday 14 th November	Open morning for prospective parents for Reception September 2019 intake
Tuesday 27 th November	Yr 1-Yr6 Learning conference – details to follow
Monday 10 th December	Christmas sharing assembly 2pm RO1 5W1
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas sharing assembly 2pm RO2 6W1
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas sharing assembly 2pm 3S2 5W2
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas sharing assembly 2pm 4S2 6W2
Friday 14 th December	Christmas sharing assembly 2pm 4S1 3S1
Wednesday 19 th December	Yr1 and Yr2 Nativity Service, High Ercall Church 10am
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term