



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! What a scorcher we have come back to, the children have coped remarkably well in the heat. We need to enjoy the last few days of sunshine.

Particularly well done to all our new children in Reception. We have welcomed 60 new pupils- they all look super smart in their lovely uniform.

Whilst we are talking about uniform, we have new additions to the uniform policy-

- Nails – Children cannot wear false nails or nail varnish in school. Nails should be kept short.
- Makeup and body art – we don't allow children to wear makeup or wear temporary body art in school.

This is the current uniform policy for personal effects, including jewellery, cultural and religious adornments.

Earrings – Ideally, children will not wear earrings to school, however, if they are unable to remove the earring a plain stud may be worn.

Watches- children can wear a watch to school as long as it is only a watch which tells the time. The watch cannot have access to the internet or a camera.

Hair -Children cannot have extreme haircuts or extreme hair decoration. Children may wear small navy/ blue gingham hair clips or small navy bows in their hair. If in doubt of if a planned hair cut is extreme or not, please check with the school office first.

The rest of the school uniform policy can be found on our website. I have been very proud of our children this week as they look very smart. Thank you for all parents for helping us have a great start to term.

The last few days of the school holidays were stressful with the announcement about RAAC in school buildings. Fortunately for St Peter's we do not have any areas of RAAC in school. Our thoughts are with those schools who are having difficulties at the moment and are struggling to allow children into buildings.

Two new policies this term (So far!):

The updated 'Safeguarding Policy'. You can read this on the school website under safeguarding- the main changes link to filtering and monitoring of the internet in school which I am pleased to say we were already compliant with but as you know we always need to be vigilant in this area.

Mobile phone policy and Smart Technology policy. This is a new requirement this term and it can be found on the school website under Parents and Carers, policies.

The main changes are for pupils and parents and these are excerpts from the policy:

#### 4. Use of mobile phones by pupils

Pupils should not bring mobile phones or any device with smart technology to school which includes the school grounds. This includes watches with smart technology. Pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones or smart technology in the school or school grounds unless permission has been granted.

There are some exceptions and each exception should be discussed with the Principal prior to the child bringing in mobile phones or any device with smart technology.

These are some possible exceptions but not limited to the following:

- Children travelling to school by themselves on school transport
- When permission is granted for pupils to bring phones to school they are not permitted to use them in school but must hand them in to the school office for safe keeping at the start of the day. The pupils must collect them at the end of the day.

#### 5. Use of mobile phones by parents/carers, volunteers and visitors

Parents/carers, visitors and volunteers (including governors and contractors) must adhere to this policy as it relates to staff if they are on the school site during the school day.

This means:

- Mobile phones are not allowed in school and parents will be asked to handover their mobile phones upon entry to school. School recommends that mobile devices are not brought to school. The exception to this is when the visitor is only going into offices and are with a supervising adult.
- Not taking pictures or recordings of pupils, unless it's a public event (such as a school fair), or of their own child
- Using any photographs or recordings for personal use only, and not posting on social media without consent
- Not using phones in lessons, or when working with pupils
- Please keep your mobile phone on silent/vibrate while on the school grounds
- Please do not use phones where pupils are present. If you must use your phone, you may go to office spaces, staff room, hub – all as long as children are not present).

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Martin  
Acting Principal

## School Opening Times

Start of school                      Lessons begin at 8:45am

End of School                        Lessons end at 3:15pm

### Morning gates

Side gate- the side gate will be open from 8:35am until 8:45am for cyclists to put their bikes in the school bike rack.

### Morning Opening Times

8:35am- Gates open. This will allow parents time to get onto the playground.

8:40 Bell rings- doors open.

Parents send the children into class. If you need to speak to a TA please queue to see the TA but send your child into class so they can start their day.

8:45am Children start lessons.

Your child needs to be in the school building by 8:45am. If a child arrives after 8:45am they are then late. The child is late if they are not in the school building but on the school grounds. The class teacher will mark your child as late and record the number of minutes late on the register. This is the same if they go through the school wing doors or through the office.

8:45am- The front gates will be closed for parents and children going in from 8:45am. Parents will need to go to the school office to sign your child in. The front side gate will remain open for parents coming out.

Parents who come through the back gate after 8:45am will be let onto the school site. If you are by the wing door between 8:45am and 8:50am your child will be let into the class but will be marked as late. If you are after 8:50am you will need to go through to the school office via the front side gate to sign your child in as late.

8:50am- the back gate will be closed and school wing doors will be closed. The wing doors will be closed and locked at 8:50am.

Staff on the front gates will check that all parents have left the site before locking the side front gate.

Parents with several children.

If you have more than one child, you can, if you wish, send all of your children through the youngest child's entrance. Once inside the children will walk quietly to their classrooms.

Lunchtimes (these are the usual times but can change eg Christmas dinner etc)

Reception, Y1 and Y2        12pm until 1pm

Key Stage 2        12:15pm until 1:15pm

Breaktimes

10:45-11am All children have a break in the day. Teachers have discretion to add additional brain breaks if required.

### Home times

Children finish lessons at 3:15pm.

All gates will be open at 3:15pm.

The back gates and side gates are closed at 3:25pm to make sure the children in wraparound club and other clubs are safe to play out.

The front pedestrian gate remains open until 6pm to allow parents to collect their children.

### During the day

If you need to collect your child during the school day, please come to front pedestrian gate and ring the bell. Please go to the office to collect your child.

### PE Days

PE days- children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day

Monday	RO1, RO2, 2R2, 4G1, 4G2, 5O1, 5O2
Tuesday	1R1, 1R2, 5O1, 6O1,6O2
Wednesday	2R1,1R1, RO1, RO2, 3G1, 3G2
Thursday	2R2, 3G2, 5O2
Friday	1R2,2R1,3G1,4G1, 4G2, 6O1,6O2

## Payment for school lunches

School lunches are provided free of charge for all pupil in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under the Universal School Meals scheme.

For children in years 3-6, lunches can be paid for on the Telford and Wrekin website [School meals - Telford & Wrekin Council](#) or by sending cash into the school office in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on it. In order to pay online you will need your child's unique pupil number, please contact the school office if you do not know this and we'll be happy to help.

## A poem for our parents

We came across this poem and wanted to share this with our parents this week. It has been written by a poet named Becky Hemsley.

There's a name in these trousers.  
A name in this shirt  
A name in this lunch bag  
And one in this skirt

There's a name in this cardigan.  
One in these shoes  
One in this jacket  
That they're bound to lose

There's a name in this book.  
And a name on this tie  
A name on their lips  
As they're waving goodbye

And maybe today  
There's a name on the list.  
But under the name  
They are much more than this.

Cause one night you might.  
See that name from those shoes.  
Accepting a Nobel Prize  
In the news

One day you might  
Need a doctor or a nurse.  
And recognise them.  
As the name from that shirt

One day you might  
Watch a film or a show.  
And see a name listed.  
That you used to know

Yes, there is a name.

And another and more  
A long list of names  
That you've not met before

But there is a person.  
Who wants you to see,  
To hear them and recognise  
All they can be.

There's a name in this uniform.  
But please don't forget.  
It's the name of a person.  
Who isn't grown yet.

And there is no limit.  
To how far they'll aim.  
As long as they've shown,  
They are more than a name.

## My first week back at school

By Soda



I always love to hear  
the children read!

I have missed taking  
a walk along the  
Bratton Mile.





I have also been  
getting to know our  
new reception  
children. Welcome to  
St. Peter's!





Reception have had a wonderful week settling into school life at St. Peter's Bratton CE Academy. We are so proud of how well the children have looked after their new learning environment and have all enjoyed building new relationships. Keep up the good work RO1 and RO2!





## Year 1 — First Week 8.9.23

During our very first week in Year 1, we have had a really busy time. We have learnt so much already! We have used our listening station during Reading sessions, we had a lesson all about our classroom choices and rules for PSHE, we then acted out some different choices and we did marvellous RE work where we listened to the story of The Lost Son. We all now know what a Parable is.

Someone has even had their very first postcard home.

We are very proud of Year 1 this week.

Well done Year 1!



## Martial Arts Success

Max, in year 3, has competed in a Martial Arts competition, he won both of his categories and is now a double x GB National Champion. He is now preparing for his next competition in Birmingham and hopefully he'll make it into the National GB team next year, representing our country all over the world. Well done Max!



## House points

Brand new year 6 house point monitors have been recruited this week- thank you children! Here are this week's totals.

<b>Wrekin</b> 80	<b>Caer Caradoc</b> 111
<b>Stiperstones</b> 84	<b>Haughmond</b> 109





## The Friends of St Peter's Newsletter

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a fantastic summer. A big hello to your new parents, we hope your children have settled into their first week at school.

### Summer Fayre – 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 – Just 1 week to go!

Friends of St Peter's Bratton

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**Summer Fayre**  
FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER  
3.15PM TO 6PM

**FREE ENTRY**

Bring your friends and family, to join in the fun!

Join us for lots of fun including  
bouncy castle • independent stalls •  
tombola • games • ice cream •  
entertainment • food stalls  
and much much more!

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Card and cash welcomed

Second time lucky! Keep your fingers crossed for better weather than July offered us!

If you think you could lend a hand with set-up, take down, or manning a stall, then please get in touch. We are always very grateful for any help offered to us, and we have such a laugh together. Come and join in!

To put on all the games and stalls we have planned, we require at least 20 extra volunteers, and as many pairs of hands to set up and put away as possible.

## Preloved Uniform

Our preloved uniform proved very popular at the end of the last school year; we sold so much stock which is fantastic. We are so pleased to see parents taking advantage of service. Who doesn't love saving a few pennies and doing your bit for the environment!

If you have any unwanted uniform, that's still in good condition, we would love to take it off your hands. They can be left in the grey boxes next to the school office.

All the uniform that is donated to us is freshly laundered, sorted and old name labels removed ready for resale.

If you need any uniform, please get in touch. You can either email us [thefriendsofstpeters@outlook.com](mailto:thefriendsofstpeters@outlook.com) contact us via our Facebook page or speak to one of us on the school run.

## Please sign up to our PTA-Events Website and follow our Facebook page.

If you haven't already, please register on our website.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstpetersbratton/>

Please follow our Facebook page for updates on our events.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/661860548200181/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/661860548200181/?ref=share_group_link)

## We thank you all for your continued support!

*The Friends of St Peter's*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn term begins
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Summer Fayre 3.15-6.00pm - Friends Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	PD day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins