



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents,

We have rather a lot to cover in the newsletter this week. There is information about harvest, Christmas and homework. You can see lots of updates and photos from classes on the Twitter feed @st_bratton (or view it on our website).

Just an update for you on the current state of coronavirus. We do still have children and staff who are off school with coronavirus, but the levels of new cases have really dropped. Thank you for getting your children PCR tested if they show symptoms of coronavirus. For the time being, children are not going to mix beyond their own year groups and of course we are being very careful with our cleaning and hygiene. Once we have a sustained period of no new cases, we will be able to look at relaxing our restrictions. We've worked with the Health Protection Hub throughout and will continue to do so.

I wish you all a happy weekend,

Mark Davis

Principal

Telling us about positive covid cases:

We are aware of a number of members of the school community awaiting PCR test results. If you receive a positive case notification after the school office closes at 4pm on a Friday, please can you email us on:

stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com

That email is just for notifying of covid cases over the weekend. This helps us to be aware so we can identify if there is any further action to take.

School Admissions – starting reception in September 2022

The online application form for children who are due to start Reception in September 2022 is now available via the [Telford & Wrekin website](#). The [Admissions Information Booklet](#) is also available for download.

To apply for a Reception 2022 school place parents will need to use the online system.

Please note:

- Parents will need to make an application to the Local Authority of where they are living e.g. where they pay Council Tax to.
- If a child is attending nursery, they still need to apply for a school place.
- The deadline for applying for a school place is 15 January 2022.
- There is no guarantee of a place at the school even if a child has been attending their nursery or preschool.
- More information around school allocations and oversubscription criteria is available on the [Telford & Wrekin website](#).
- If a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan the closing date is 31 October 2021 for all applications.

The school admissions website page also contains lots of additional information around school admissions.

Secondary School Places:

There is a letter for all Year 6 families about applying for a secondary school place for September 2022. We've been advised that across Telford and Wrekin all secondary open evenings have been moved online, due to the current levels of coronavirus.

Harvest:

We will be celebrating Harvest in school in the week before half-term. This year it will just be for pupils. The exact way we do this will depend on if we are still under our covid incident management plan or not. We are going to support Telford Crisis (Foodbank) and will be asking for voluntary donations. We'll let you know more about this closer to time.

Christmas:

We have set provisional dates for Christmas celebrations, which we would like to invite parents to join us for. I must stress, these are provisional. They depend on covid rates and closer to the time we'll be able to let you know how many people can attend the events. If we cannot have parent attendance, we will video the performances and distribute these to you.

Reception nativity - In school, 2nd December at 9.30am

We have a long history of Year 1 and 2 performing the nativity at High Ercall church. Due to the numbers who attend we split this into 2 performances in 2019, which worked very well.

Year 1 nativity: 1st December 9.30am at High Ercall church (St Michael and All Angels)

Year 2 nativity: 1st December at 11am at High Ercall church (St Michael and All Angels)

At Christmas 2019 we held carol services for the first time, and they were a great success. We used All Saints Wellington in order to fit everybody in and we had a very warm welcome. We've arranged to go there again this year and the local ministry team from St Peter's Wrockwardine will be supporting us.

Y3/4 Carol Service: Friday 3rd December at 10am at All Saints Wellington.

Y5/6 Carol Service: Friday 3rd December at 1.30pm at All Saints Wellington.

Christingle:

On the final day of the autumn term, children will be making Christingles and we will have a Christingle service in school during the afternoon for pupils only.

Christmas trees:

We will be having 2 big outdoor Christmas trees again this year. But we would like some help. Our trees come from Bishops Offley Christmas Trees <https://www.boct.co.uk/> and we would like 2 families to go and choose a tree each for our school. This needs to be on the weekend of 13/14th or 20th/21st November and they will then be delivered to school. We are organising this early as weekend visits need to be booked. The fairest way to do this is to complete our Google form [here](#) and then we'll pick a name at random. Can we have entries in over the next 2 weeks please. You will need to be able get yourself to the Christmas tree plantation.



Our trees are available to be taken away after school on the last day of term, for a suitable donation. If you're interested, please let the office know. They are big, so will only be suitable for outside and you'll need to move them yourself.

School Uniform:

The school uniform policy has been slightly amended with regard to watches. The children can have a fitness tracker watch as long as it does not connect to the internet or have a camera.

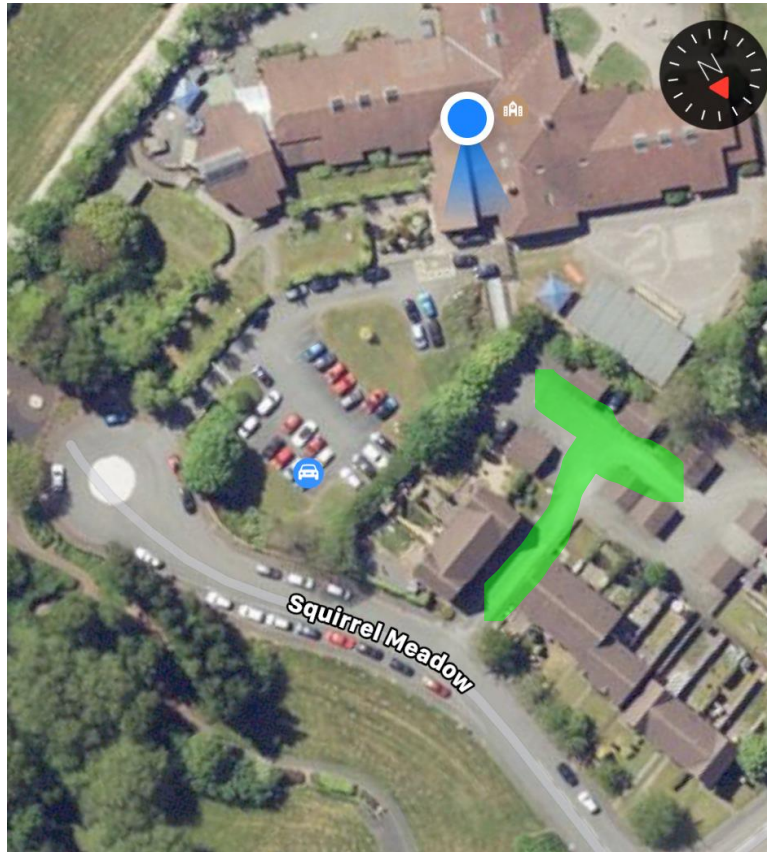
This is an extract from the school uniform policy:

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. The watch must be on silent in school.

The policy has been sent as an attachment but it can also be found on the website.

Parking

We would like to remind parents not to park on the private property highlighted below. There have been times when the residents have been blocked in. As this land is private property, parking there without permission is classed as trespass and the residents can call the police. This is not a traffic offence.



Information from the classes:

Year 1

Uniform

We have had many jumpers with no names handed in. Please could all uniform be labelled with your child's name as this makes it easier to return items.

PE

We have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please could children come in PE kit on these days.

Homework

Due to a change in the school homework policy, we would now like your child to complete three different types of homework each week:

1. Reading
2. Spellings
3. Maths

Reading

The children are sent home with a colour banded book. It is important that they are reading this at home and that their reading is recorded in their reading record book. Please read with your child every day for 5-10 minutes. Books will be changed once a week. Children are also free to choose a book from the reading corner to take home and bring back.

Spellings

On Fridays, your child will come home with a selection of “high frequency words”. Please practise reading and writing these words at home. We will be looking to see if your child is spelling these words correctly in their written work.

Maths

Later this term, the children will also start receiving a maths task linked to their learning in class. There will be a week to complete this task. More details will follow.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how well the children in Year 1 are settling back into the school routine. Any questions please feel free to ask Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Woodcock (1R2) and Ms Ziolkowski (1R1).

Year 2

Please could all uniform be named with your child’s name as this makes it easier to return any found items.

Classes

Just to introduce ourselves:

2R1

Miss Bulkeley-Jones and Teaching Assistant - Mrs Jones

2R2

Mrs Kincaid (1st Half of the week) Mrs Crooke (2nd half of the week) Teaching Assistants – Mrs Evans and Mrs Dawes

PE

We have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please come in PE kit on these days.

Spellings

Spellings are set on a Monday and tested the following week. The words come from the year 2 programme of study and cover spelling rules and Common exception words. The spelling test will test the words in a random order. The word lists are stuck into the children’s yellow spelling books., These can be used to practise in also. Children should aim to practise daily. The yellow spelling book should be kept in your child’s book bag so it is available in school daily should it be needed.

Reading

The children are sent home with a colour banded book. It is really important that they are reading this at home and that their reading is recorded in their reading record book. We would aim for the children to change their book up to 3 times a week. Books will only be changed once they have been read to an adult. Children are free to take another book of their choice from the book corner to share at home. This book they can change as frequently as they would like. Reading Record books need to be in school everyday as these are needed.

Maths Number Homework

In time, the children will also receive a maths number task linked to their in class learning. There will be a week to complete this task. More details will follow.

Login Details

Login details can be found stuck into the back of the reading record book.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of how well the children have settled into life in year 2. As always we are available to help with anything.

Mrs Kincaid, Mrs Crooke (2R2) and Miss Bulkeley-Jones (2R1)

Year 3

Spellings will be sent out every Monday in preparation for a spelling test the following Monday.

PE days 3G1- Monday and Thursday 3G2 – Tuesday and Thursday

We would be grateful if you are able to read with your child regularly (every day if possible) and record when you have listened to your child read in the reading journal. Each child has a Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) login in the back of their reading journal and it would be helpful if you can support your child to practice their timetables via TTRS.

Thank you for supporting your child at home.

Year 4

PE



4G1 (Mrs Branagh) **Thursday and Friday**

4G2 (Mrs Jones and Mrs Wildgoose) **Tuesday and Friday**

Spellings



Please practice your spellings everyday, in your blue spelling books

Spellings Given: **Monday**

Spelling Test: Following **Monday**

Maths Homework (TTRS)



Homework Given: **Monday**

Homework Checked: Following **Monday**

Weekly Arithmetic Test: **Friday**

Reading



Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes everyday.

This can include:

- Listening to an adult
- Listening to your child
- Taking it in turns (Relay reading)
- Copying each other (Echo reading)
- Reading Challenges (Bookmarks and/or Journal)

Reading journals are checked on **Mondays**

Year 5

Please be advised of the following information:

PE:

5B1 – Tuesday and Friday

5B2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Homework:

Children complete a weekly spelling test and, although given time in school to practise, would benefit from extra practice at home.

Children each have a Times Table Rock Stars login. It is important that all children know their times tables up to the 12 times tables as it will help with their maths work in school as well as their weekly mental arithmetic tests. Therefore, please could children be encouraged to spend time on TTRS at home each week. They are only short games and children do enjoy playing them.

Reading:

Children are encouraged to read at home as much as possible, preferably 15 minutes per day. They have their own reading records and are expected to fill in the bar chart each week to show how much they have read that week and what genres of texts they have been reading. These reading records should be signed by an adult each week and children hand them in each Monday for Miss Keane and Miss Parton to identify which children are reading at home. There are also reading challenges in the book for children to complete and we love seeing which ones have been completed each week!

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Keane and Miss Parton.

Year 6

Spellings-

Set and tested each week. Children are expected to practise each night.

Reading-

Read as much as possible with a minimum of 15 minutes each day.

Reading Journals to be filled in as the children read each day and signed by parents ready for handing in on Monday mornings.

Maths-

TT Rockstars practice. This should be completed each day.

Weekly written arithmetic questions.

PE days-

Monday and Thursday

Wear Yellow!

On Friday 8th October, we will be fundraising for Young Minds, which is a charity supporting young people's mental health. Please can children wear something yellow on the day, this could be an accessory or an outfit. Where possible please reuse or borrow rather than purchasing something new. During the day, the children will be learning about how to look after their mental health and discussing feelings and emotions. A Just Giving page will be set up nearer to the event if you would like to contribute £2 to this charity. All details will be on the school's Twitter feed and in next week's newsletter.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 27 th September to Friday 1 st October	Year 6 Arthog trip
Friday 8 th October	Wear Yellow Day
Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October	Half term
Wednesday 1st December	9:30am Year 1 Nativity High Ercall Church 11:00am Year 2 Nativity High Ercall Church
Thursday 2 nd December	Reception Nativity – 9:30am in school
Friday 3 rd December	10:00am Year 3/4 Carol Service All Saints Church Wellington 1:30pm Year 5/6 Carol Service All Saints Church Wellington
Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays