



St Peter's Bratton Church of  
England Academy

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week and are keeping well. There are various messages for you in the newsletter this week... please have a good look through.

There are lots of photos and updates on Twitter this week, especially from Year 6 who have had a rather wet, but superb week at Arthog. You can follow us @st\_bratton or see the feed on the school website.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Principal

## **Covid update:**

Many of you will already be aware that covid rates in Telford and Wrekin remain very high compared to the rest of the country and are particularly high in school age children. We do have cases in school, although the numbers have reduced a little now and our measures appear to be having a positive impact on cases. We don't have any known cases in Year 5 and 6 at the moment. Class 4G2 have had an email this afternoon advising that all children in that class have a PCR test.

In order to try and avoid the spread, we just want to remind you what you need to do.

- If your child is suffering from any of the main coronavirus symptoms, isolate your child and get them a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>).
- If your child is generally unwell or has a cold or stomach upset, please get them a precautionary test. Children can continue to come to school if they are well enough while waiting for the results of a precautionary test.
- Children need to continue to wash their hands before going into school in the morning.

If your child tests positive over the weekend, please let us know by emailing [stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com) It's important we get this as we alert staff who have been in contact with your child to get a PCR test.

### **Clothes Swap Shop:**

A group of parents had a good sort out of our clothes store, which is by the main entrance to the school office. It is now beautifully organised and is a place where you can donate school uniform you no longer need and take uniform that you would find useful. We welcome children's shoes that still have life left in them and winter coats as well.

Thank you to our group of helpers who organised all of that this week.

We hope that lots of parents will use this resource, reducing the amount of clothing that is produced and saving some money in the process.



### **Food bank:**

We have found that the little foodbank we offered was not being used and so we have used the space for the clothes swap shop.

If you do need help in this area, do please have a conversation with the school office as we may be able to refer you into the main Telford Food Bank.

### **St Peter's Bratton Parent's Association**

We used to have a PTA or Parent's Association here at St Peter's Bratton. The committee was led by a committed group of people over a number of years. In summer 2019 this came to an end when their children moved to secondary school.

Because we have been under covid restrictions, we did not work on reforming this group, but there is light at the end of the tunnel now and it is time to reform it.

We are therefore looking for parents to take on and run this group... with the purpose of organising events for St Peter's families, raising funds for school for specific projects and supporting the organisation of school events.

There are a number of key roles that need to be filled in a new PTA, these include: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you are interested in getting involved, please complete our sign up form here [Sign up](#) we will then contact interested parties about an initial meeting – which will probably need to be online.

## Yellow Day- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

As mentioned last week, we will be helping raise funds for Young Minds (a mental health charity) next Friday. This charity offers services and support for children and young people who need help and support with their mental health. Please can children wear something yellow on the 8<sup>th</sup>, this can be an accessory or an outfit. Where possible please try and reuse items or borrow them rather than buying something new. The children will be learning about how to support their own mental health during the day through a range of activities. We are asking that if you would like to make a voluntary donation to this charity, to please do so through the Just Giving page [St.Peter's Bratton is fundraising for Young Minds Trust \(justgiving.com\)](#). We thank you for your continued support.

## Online Safety

Last term, we asked parents to fill in a questionnaire about how their children use the internet. A lot of children across the school are playing Fortnite and other games, which have a higher than primary age rating. Please remember that games have a PEGI rating, these are assigned by the manufacturer. The PEGI ratings offer a traffic light system of age ratings. Games suitable for over 3s and over 7s are flagged with a green age icon on the box. Games only suitable for those over 12 or 16 are flagged with an orange age icon, and games only suitable for over 18s have a red age badge. Please continue to monitor what your children are playing on and check that features such as chat are screened or disabled. Further information about Fortnite can be found through the link below.

[Fortnite: Battle Royale: A guide for parents \(net-aware.org.uk\)](#)

## PEGI ratings: explained



Game is considered suitable for all ages. Comical violence.



May contain some frightening scenes. Violence is unrealistic and directed towards fantasy characters.



Slightly more realistic violence. Mild language used by characters. Sexual posturing and innuendo feature.



Violence towards human characters, including death. Sexual activity within game, but no visible nudity. Use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by characters.



Adult classification. Violence, death and destruction within game. Characters may glamourise drugs, alcohol and crime and use expletives throughout.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear Yellow Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Wednesday 1st December	9:30am Year 1 Nativity High Ercall Church 11:00am Year 2 Nativity High Ercall Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Reception Nativity – 9:30am in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas holidays