



St Peter's Bratton Church of
England Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope the children had a restful half-term holiday. Maybe you even got a break as well at some point. It's been a busy first week back ... Year 3 have dressed up as if they were in the Stone Age, Year 4 have been on a visit to Carding Mill Valley to investigate rivers, Reception had a visit from the dental nurse looking at how to keep their teeth clean and Year 2 have been investing maths skills with 'Barvember' - all on our Twitter feed @st_bratton please take a look!

As I write this on Thursday evening, I intend to be going around school tomorrow to give out Principal's Awards (replacing Head Teacher awards) awarded for excellence over the last half term! Well done to our 30 award winners.

I wish you all a happy weekend,

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Principal

COVID UPDATE:

Our number of covid cases in school really reduced shortly before the half-term break and at the time of writing we only have 2 confirmed cases in school. Which is not at a level to alert any particular year group.

Whilst we hoped this would mean we could go back to how we were operating at the start of half-term, new local guidance to schools means we will be keeping our controls in place. This is due to the very high level of cases in Telford and Wrekin. We do have a little more flexibility than we did before half-term but to all intents and purposes, we will continue operating as we have been since the middle of week 2.

If there is a case of covid 19 in your household, your child can continue to attend school but should complete daily Lateral Flow Device tests. We can give you further information on this via the school office if this impacts for you. You can order tests here <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition> and you may want to ensure you have a pack ready, as they take 2 days to arrive.

Information for Reception Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to share with you some fantastic news.

As part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19, our school is being offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). The programme is designed for reception pupils and involves providing targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.

The NELI programme begins with the assessment of all our reception pupils using a tablet-based assessment called LanguageScreen. This assessment is to help us understand who may benefit most from receiving the NELI intervention. LanguageScreen is a short (approx. 10 minutes) fun activity for children which gives useful information about children's language skills. The assessment is used again at the end of the school year to help us see how children's language skills have benefited from the NELI intervention.

To implement the assessment the school needs to upload information about our reception pupils to LanguageScreen. LanguageScreen's data privacy statement, detailing how data is collected and used, can be accessed [here](#).

Full details of this Department for Education (DfE) funded initiative and the NELI programme can be found [here](#). The DfE's over-arching privacy notice for the project can be accessed [here](#) as well as the [privacy policy for Nuffield Foundation Education Ltd](#) who are delivering the NELI programme on behalf of the DfE.

We hope you are as excited as we are about this wonderful opportunity for our reception children. If you have any concerns, or do not wish your child to be assessed using LanguageScreen, please let us know.

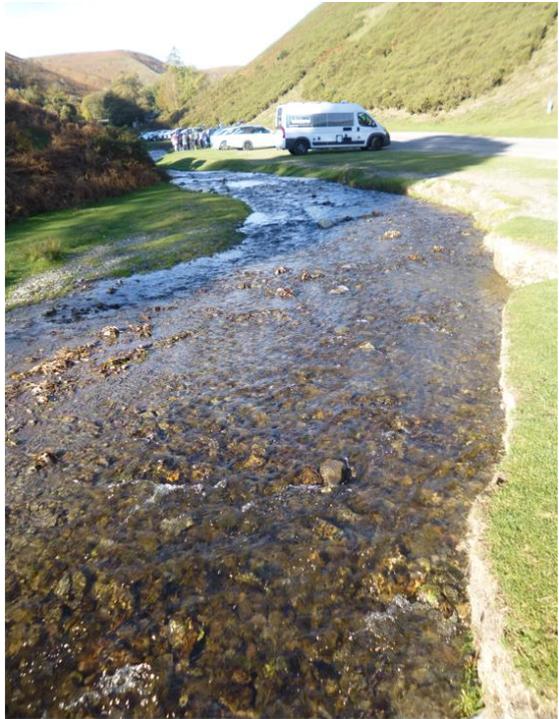
Best wishes,

Mrs. S. Barker

Year 4 Carding Mill Valley Visit

What a wonderful day year 4 had at Carding Mill Valley this week! They worked in teams to measure the width, depth and velocity of the Ashbrook Stream that runs down through the valley. The walk and views were fantastic too. The National Trust staff said they thoroughly enjoyed working with both classes over the last two days. We are very proud of them all!







PE

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

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

Year 4



Spellings

Please practise 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.

Reading journals are checked on **Mondays**

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)



Music

Once your child's ukulele letter has been signed, they will need to bring in their ukulele on the following days

4G1 **Thursdays**

4G2 **Wednesdays**

Harvest Update

Please see the attached poster for news of our Harvest collection. Thank you to everyone that donated.



NSPCC Virtual Assembly

This week children in years 1-6 took part in virtual assemblies hosted by the NSPCC. They learnt about how to get help and support if they are feeling worried, sad or at risk in any way. We also identified who we can talk to in school and discussed the use of the blue box, which is situated in each classroom, as a place to put worries. If you would like to find out more about the Speak out, Stay Safe campaign and look at some of the materials with your child, you can find out more here [Buddy Zone | Childline](#)

Wrap around Christmas Holidays

We are looking at running a Christmas holiday club from Monday 20th December through to Thursday 23rd December 8.30AM – 4.30PM, if we have the demand for it. For us to be able to operate the holiday club we would need a minimum of 10 children per day. If you would require a space for your child/children, please email George on Bratton.pack1@taw.org.uk. Bookings will need to be placed from Friday 5th November until 6.00PM Wednesday 17th November. Once we have closed the bookings, we will have a look at numbers and will then be able to see if we can run the holiday club. Please note if we can open during this holiday once places have been confirmed you will be charged for the days booked.

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 nd November to Thursday 18 th November	Learning Conferences – details have all been sent
Wednesday 17 th November	Reception Local Walk
Wednesday 24 th November	Individual School Photographs
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
Friday 10 th December	Year 2 Guy Fawkes Experience
Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays