



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**Happy New Year to all pupils, staff, parents, carers and the wider community of our school!**

**I am so excited and have been made so welcome during my first week as Principal at St. Peter's Bratton and look forward to getting to know you all as the weeks progress. By now, I am sure that your child/ren will have told you lots about me that I shared with them on Monday (Yes - I really did star in a video with Alesha Dixon and jump out of a plane from 15,000 ft).**

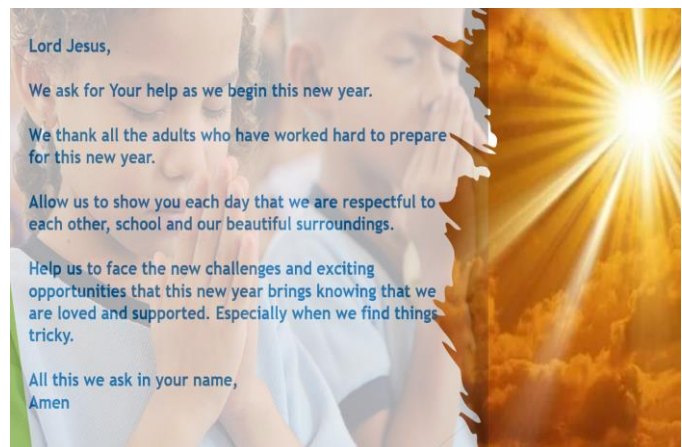


I am sure that most of the conversation that you have heard is regarding George and Teddy our Dog Mentors who are currently acclimatising to the school. These are part of an accredited scheme - [Dogs Supporting Education | The Dog Mentor | UK](#) and have had specialist training to support pupils in a variety of ways. A letter will be sent out with further details and hopefully the boys will be working full time very soon.



I have to say that I have been very impressed with how the children have returned after their Christmas holiday and settled straight away into our school rules of being Ready, Respectful and Safe. The staff have worked hard to prepare all the learning for them returning and their engagement in their lessons has been brilliant.

### Our School Value for this Half Term



On Monday we introduced our new school value of respect and thought about all the different ways we show respect to each other, school and resources and our surroundings.

### Thank you

Can I please say a special thank you to the members of the Friends Association who very kindly gave up their time to support in our Reception outdoor area (brushing leaves, employing a professional jet washer) which now looks so much better. Make sure you have a look as you pass by. I know that they have further plans to paint the wood so there will be an opportunity for other parents/carers if you would like to join them.



## Parking

Just a little note regarding parking at the back of the school. I appreciate that the space available is not huge and that everyone is busy and needs to get to work or other places but as we are all thinking about health and well-being, why not park a bit further away and get your steps in and take in the beautiful green surroundings. If you are parking, we ask that you do this respectfully of our residents.

Finally, I look forward to the future and all of the opportunities that we will have to meet and engage in fun and exciting activities. If you need to contact me my email address is

[rhonda.welsh1@taw.org.uk](mailto:rhonda.welsh1@taw.org.uk)

Have a fabulous weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

Mrs Welsh xx



## School admissions deadline - January 2024

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start Primary School in September 2024. The deadline for on time reception & junior applications is 15 January 2024.

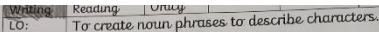
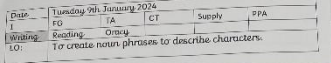
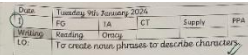
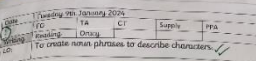
Applications can be made here.

Any questions can be directed to [Admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Admissions@telford.gov.uk)





Take of a look at their character descriptions of what they think the character might look like.



# Happy New Year from Year 3!



Year 3 were very excited to go for their first swimming lesson. They were very sensible and followed the school rules showing that they were Ready, Respectful and Safe. Now that they have been sorted into their swimming groups they are ready to learn and refine their skills in the rest of their lessons.



On Thursday the year 3 classes were lucky enough to have a workshop with Alison from the Dog's Trust. She explained what the Dog's Trust is and how we should all take our cues about how the dog is feeling when we are around dogs. The children enjoyed taking part in role play scenarios and played some games. For Dog's Trust homework the children were asked to tell an adult something useful that they had learnt so please do ask them for a top tip!







In science year 3 have begun their investigations into Forces and Magnets. The children had some great existing knowledge of Magnets and forces to share and ideas of what they wanted to find out this term. We then investigated changing the amount of bounce in a ball with some fun along the way.



In English we have begun our work on traditional tales with a focus on Michael Morpurgo's version of The Pied Piper of Hamelin. On Wednesday we had tea with a rat!



THANK  
YOU



On behalf of EYFS we would like to offer a great big thank you to **Exterior Cleaning Specialists** for offering their services free of charge and cleaning our Reception outdoor area. The children will hugely benefit from having a clean, safe environment to explore and learn.

We are always very appreciative of any help and support to improve our learning environment for the benefit of our children.



## NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

We are pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

## Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<b>Parent/Carer support</b>  Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.  <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents">www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</a>	<b>Activities to extend learning at home</b>  Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.  <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities">www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</a>
<b>Online Safety Hub</b>  For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.  <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety">www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety</a>	<b>Childline – under 12's</b>  Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.  <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy">www.childline.org.uk/buddy</a> (5-7)  <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/kids">www.childline.org.uk/kids</a> (7-11)
<b>Talk PANTS with your children</b>  Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at  <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants">www.nspcc.org.uk/pants</a> .	

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful.



COME ALONG TO OUR FREE

## Family Nutrition Workshop

23 JANUARY 2024

7:00-8:00pm

Shawburch Medical Centre, TF5 0DU

Please note this is for parents and caregivers - no little ears!

PRE-BOOK YOUR FREE SPACE AT  
SASAWELLBEINGHUB@GMAIL.COM

SEE YOU THERE!

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



**10 FEBRUARY , 7-9PM**  
**ADMASTON HOUSE, TELFORD**



### Who's It For?

This is for any parent/caregiver sick of hearing "Yuk! I'm not eating that!" You are not alone and help is here! This is suitable for those with kids aged 18 months - 10 years old.



### What's Covered?

You will learn about the common causes of fussy eating, tips and tricks to resolve it and how to achieve a healthy diet at home. All this whilst enjoying some cheese & wine!



### How Do I Book?

Send an email or visit our website to book. The workshop is £50pp which includes the workshop price & cheese & wine. Pre-booking is essential.

hello@littlegannets.co.uk

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## House points

<b>This week</b>	<b>Caer Caradoc</b> <b>901</b>	<b>Haughmond</b> <b>1005</b>	<b>Stiperstones</b> <b>834</b>	<b>Wrekin</b> <b>999</b>
<b>So far this term...</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>999</b>

### Weekly winners!

Well done, Haughmond!

### Termy winners so far!

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	February Half Term Holiday Club - Bookings open
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Dental Nurses visiting Reception
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	February Half Term Holiday Club – Bookings close
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	PD Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Learning Conference Fortnight – details to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 visit to Wroxeter
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PD Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	PD Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer holidays