



NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th September 2024

What a fabulous start we have had to the academic year and I can't believe how quickly it has flown by. There will be lots of tired children (and staff) as they have all worked so hard and made a marvellous start to their learning in their new classes. A special mention must be given to our Reception children who have all settled so well and are embracing every new challenge. I could not be prouder of all the children and staff.

Christian Value for this half term and our Friday Prayer



Lord Jesus,

We thank you for the wonderful first week that we have all had back together at St. Peter's Bratton.

We know that there were a lot of children who were very anxious at the start of the week but thankfully they have embraced the love they have been surrounded by. We especially pray for our Reception pupils who have had a wonderful start to their school life.

Thank you for all of the adults who have helped and supported over the past week. We know that all the lessons and learning takes a lot of time and effort.

Look after us over the weekend and bring us all back safely on Monday so our amazing learning journey can continue.

All this we ask in your name,
Amen

Principal's Awards

On Monday during Collective Worship, we celebrated the pupils who received the Principal's Award. This was such a beautiful time to celebrate all the wonderful achievements from the Summer Term and those getting their awards were beaming with pride. Here is the list of pupils who have won the award.



Principal's Award R-Y2

- RO1 Ernie Roman
- RO2 Maia Amber
- 1R1 Nimrth Millie
- 1R2 Katie Lucas
- 2R1 April Ellie
- 2R2 Martha Remy



Principal's Award Y3-5

- 3G1 Olamide Sophie
- 3G2 Olivia Finley
- 4G1 Holly Michael
- 4G2 Ben Shaan
- 5O1 Bella Ben
- 5O2 Klaudia Alfie

Welcome New Staff

We are delighted to have the following new staff members joining us and have made a huge impact on the children already.



Miss Craddock
Reception



Mrs McGuinness
Year 2



Mrs Haymour
Year 5



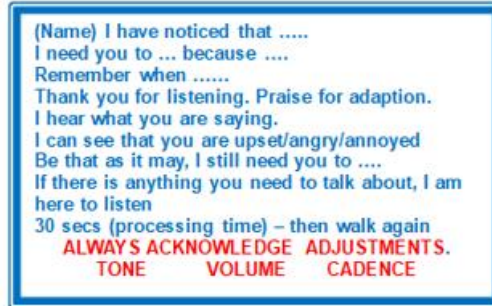
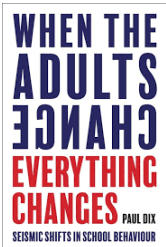
Miss Russell
Year 6



Miss Fletcher
Pastoral Team

Positive Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum

This term we are launching our new Positive Behaviour Policy which will replace the old Behaviour Policy. This has been written in conjunction with Paul Dix, When the Adults Change Everything Changes. It provides a consistent voice across the school which you will see a 'script' on staff lanyards.



I have attached a copy of this along with the newsletter.

We are also implementing a Behaviour Curriculum (which I have also sent out) during the first term we will be setting out behaviour expectations, practising and praising pupils for their success.

OFSTED



On Monday, I sent a letter to you all along with our OFSTED report, having checked today, this has not gone live on the OFSTED site. In my letter I detailed the outcome of the report along with our School Priorities. If you have any further questions regarding this, please get in touch.

Attendance Changes

From 19th August, this is the new Government Legislation reading School Attendance.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

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FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 2 parents =
£1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**

Celebration Collective Worship

Today we had Collective Worship to discuss what is going to happen every Friday during our Celebration Collective Worship.

Part of this will be our Bratton's Bright Stars



There will be two Awards per class:



The successful pupils will have their names (first name only) on the Newsletter each week and will then be stored in our Bratton's Bright Stars Award Record for visitors to see.

Thank you - Friends PTA

Before the summer holidays, I was very kindly gifted money by the Friends the PTA to support creating a library within the school. Over the summer holidays we have transferred an area of our school to the Tree Tops (café). This area provides a calm, stimulating and relaxing environment that children can further foster their love of reading. I look forward to each class visiting weekly. A very special thank must be said to Mrs Oakley and Mr Wilkes who worked tirelessly to support me with this project.



We are looking for some magazines to suit all ages of children and if you have any Winnie the Pooh characters or book character soft toys they would greatly be appreciated 😊

Pupils we are extremely proud of

Well done to Dougie for receiving his Bronze and Silver Award at Bright Stars Boxing. He has not been attending very long but has already reached Silver level. We are looking forward to seeing him achieve his gold this year.



Remember if your child has got an award, please share with us as we love to see all of the wonderful activities that our children are working hard at outside school.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Miss Ellis (Year 1 teacher) who got engaged over the summer holidays. We wish her well as she plans for her wedding in 2026. We are looking forward to even more wedding chat in Year 1.

Have a great weekend and make sure that you enjoy whatever you are doing.

See you all on Monday refreshed and ready for week 2.



Mrs Welsh xx

First Week in Year 1

During our very first day in Year 1, we had an extremely busy time. We explored our new reading area and got busy looking at many different fiction and non-fiction books. We also started learning about London which is our theme for this half term. Making our crowns for a Royal tea party required many cutting skills but it was worth it to see the finished crowns.



Welcome to Year 2

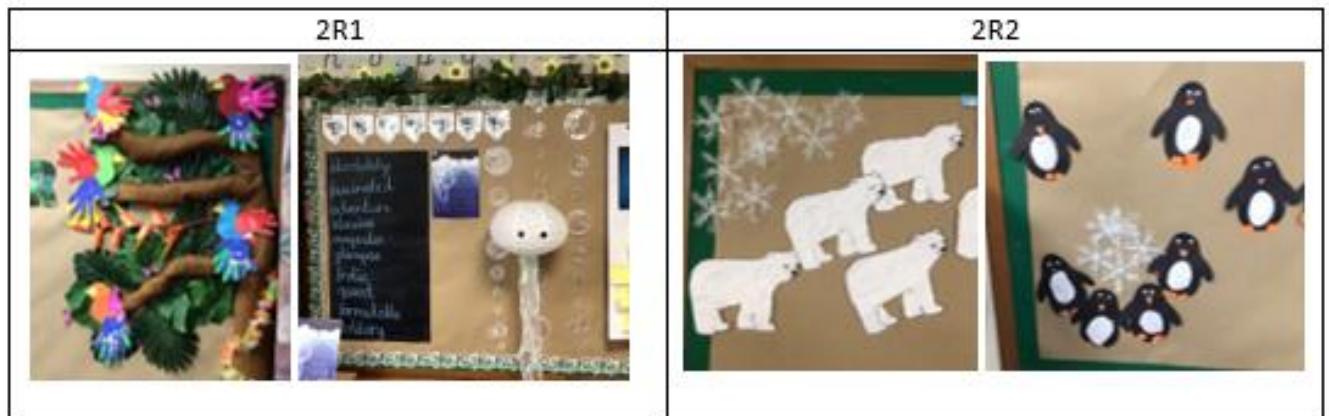


We have had a busy start to the new year. Our teachers have been very impressed with our behaviour, and we have been showing excellence in all we do. Excellence is our school value for this half term, so we hope to be bringing home examples of our work and postcards we have learnt for demonstrating this value.

We have started learning maths in a new way and have been using different maths resources to represent 2-digit numbers. Here are some photos of us learning.



Our theme for the half term is The Poles and the Equator. Our first geography lesson was about where the Poles are and what the weather is like there. The activities we completed during our transition visit have been included in our classroom displays.



We are looking forward to sharing more of our learning with you as we work through the term!







We made custard creams!



Making our bread rolls!



We made jam tarts!



Measuring the sugar for cookies!



Wraparound Reminders 😊

- Please remember that we are **NUT FREE** at school and club, this means please do not pack your child a snack/lunch for club with Nutella sandwiches, kinder bueno hazelnut bars, reeses bars etc
- Bookings for holiday club, there is an opening and closing date for parents to book for the next holiday club, please ensure you stick within those dates as we are unable to accept any late bookings unless there is a valid emergency, due to ordering shopping etc enough for the number of children we have booked in.
- Since the summer we have a new system with the pedestrian gate, once all children are in club then the gate will be locked until 2.30/3pm. If you are coming to collect earlier than that let us know when you drop off, there will also be a sign on the gate with club's phone number on it to call.
- Times for club – Breakfast club – 7:30am-8:45am (breakfast served until 8:15am), After school club 3:15pm-6pm and holiday club 8:30am-4:30pm
 - Booking for this term's dates are now available to book via MCAS.
- October Half Term is available to book from September 3rd 6pm until October 14th 6pm, once closed we cannot allow any late bookings. October half term includes Thursday 24th PD Day and Friday 25th PD Day and the week of Monday 28th- Friday 1st Nov.

| October Half Term | AM Craft | AM SNACK | AM Baking | AM Outside | AM Inside | LUNCH | PM Craft/Game | PM SNACK | PM Outside | PM Inside |
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| Thursday 24 th October | Owl craft | | Cinnamon twists | Park | Free play | | Quiz | | Free play | Autumn word search |
| Friday 25 th October | Clay making | | Chocolate apples | Park | Free play | | Autumn tree paintings | | Free play | Colour by numbers |
| Monday 28 th October | Leaf hedgehog pictures | | Bread rolls | Park | Free play | | Apple pie game | | Free play | Animals crossword |
| Tuesday 29 th October | 3D fox craft | | Choc orange oven baked donuts | Park | Free play | | Junk modelling | | Free play | Activity sheets |
| Wednesday 30 th October | Acorn faces craft | | Cheese pin wheels | Park | Free play | | Pin the tail on the squirrel | | Free play | Colouring sheets |
| Thursday 31 st October | Paper pumpkins | | White choc chunk cookies | Park | Free play | | Bead crafts | | Free play | Woodland animals puppets |
| Friday 1 st November | Scarecrow toilet roll tube craft | | Mini pizzas | Park | Free play | | Quiz | | Free play | Dot-dots |

DATES FOR THE DIARY

| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 3 rd September | Autumn Term begins |
| Tuesday 3 rd September | October Half Term Holiday Club – Booking open 6pm |
| Tuesday 10 th September | Y6 visit to Cosford |
| Thursday 19 th September | Bingo Bash – Friends Event |
| Wednesday 25 th September | Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo – details to follow |
| Saturday 5 th October | Car Boot – Friends event |
| Monday 14 th October | October Half Term Holiday Club – Booking closes 6pm |
| Monday 14 th October | Y5 Viking Workshop – details to follow |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | Rainbow Raffle non-uniform day – Friends event |
| Thursday 24 th October | PD Day |
| Friday 25 th October | PD Day |
| Monday 28 th October | Half Term |
| Tuesday 5 th November | Big Bang Quiz Night – Friends event |
| Friday 8 th November | Y4 Ancient Greece Workshop – details to follow |
| Wednesday 13 th November | Individual Pupil Photographs |
| Saturday 7 th December | Breakfast with Santa – Friends event |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Christmas Discos – Friends event |
| Monday 23 rd December | Christmas Holidays |
| Monday 6 th January | Spring Term Starts |