

TRUST
 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.'
John 14:1

The 'Key' Messages

The fortnightly newsletter that keeps you up to date with what is going on at St. Peter's.

Greetings from Mr. Dean, Head of School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first few weeks of the new academic year seem to have progressed quickly and children new to the school (both in Reception and other classes) appear to have made a pleasing start. I also hope that families who are new to our school quickly feel valued members of our community and at this point, must extend a warm new Academic year welcome to The St. Peter's Fundraisers. Please continue to support The St. Peter's Fundraiser and don't forget that they are always happy for people to join the committee - it is a very informal group who meet to organise fundraising events to be enjoyed by pupils and families alike.

Most of the children appear to have experienced growth spurts over the summer holiday period and the younger children are very proud of the responsibilities associated with being in a new and 'older' class. In particular, our new Y6 pupils have built upon the very impressive start made to their new roles. They are certainly undertaking their responsibilities in a serious and mature manner and I know that our pupil Office Managers and House Captains will also function with comparable aptitude. Well done, Y6.

House Captains



We are also delighted to welcome Mr. Mason who has joined our teaching team and know that he will make a valuable contribution to the learning experiences of our Year 6 children.

Safeguarding

All the staff at St. Peter's are Safeguarded trained. Please familiarise yourselves with St. Peter's Designated Safeguarding Team. If you have any concerns regarding a child, then please speak to a member of staff or a member from the team below. Thank you.



Designated Safeguarding Team



James Dean - Designated Safeguarding Lead



Sarah Cockhott - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



David Castledine - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Katie Quantrill - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Activity

A huge 'thank you' to all of the children and their families that took part in the St. Chad's Photography Competition. The standard was very high and it was a difficult task to whittle the entrants down to be entered into the final judging roll stage at St. Chad's Academies Trust. Well done the children below and fingers crossed!



School Census

On Thursday 3rd October there will be a School Census held in which the information is uploaded to the Department of Education. The purpose of this is to establish the amount of children that have a hot school dinner or order a snack box. This number then feeds into our annual school budget. With St. Peter's being a small school, this money has a big impact on our day-to-day running of the Academy and the provision of resources for your children.

Therefore, on Thursday we will be holding a special lunchtime in which children who take up a hot dinner or snack box will be entered into a Golden Ticket raffle. The lucky children who receive a Golden Ticket, can select a prize.

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children have access to free hot school dinners/snack boxes. The snack boxes can be either cheese, ham, tuna or jam. A hot meal/snack box for Key Stage 2 costs £2.30.

As we are still in the infancy of the new meal booking system, we will be using the traditional manual dinner registers to ensure that all meals are recorded and catered for.

The menu for Thursday will be Fish and Chips (Friday menu).

Your child has to be in it to win it! Let's SMASH IT!



Swimming lessons

This term, Y6 children will be attending swimming lessons at the Friary Leisure Centre, Lichfield on Wednesday mornings. We look forward to hearing of their swimming successes and increased knowledge of water safety and life saving techniques.

Lichfield Foodbank

This year the Harvest collection will support the Lichfield Foodbank again. A hamper will be situated in the school entrance. Donations of packaged and tinned foods are requested rather than fresh produce due to their longer 'shelf-life'. The Foodbank warehouse is particularly short of the following items:

Milk (UHT or Powdered)

Sugar (500g)

Fruit Juice (Long-Life Carton)

Tinned Sponge Pudding

Tinned Vegetables

Cereals

Tinned Rice Pudding

Instant Mash Potato

Jam

Custard

Chocolate Biscuits or Snack Bars

Toiletries (Child and Adult)

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this local cause and we look forward to receiving your generous donations in the school entrance.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Parents are currently invited to attend parent consultation evenings with their child's class teacher in the Autumn (focusing on pastoral aspects) and Spring Term (focusing on progress). The Annual Report to parents is distributed towards the end of the Summer term when we also host an 'open afternoon'. Parents are always welcome to make a telephone appointment to meet with teaching staff at a mutually convenient time in addition to the above. I know that many parents will chat to teachers on an 'informal basis' where matters are of an appropriate nature.

Parent Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 8th October 2019 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Appointments will go live on the School Money site with invitations to book being sent via email. These will come out on Monday 16th September 2019, with each appointment being focused to 5 minutes.

There will be an open morning for Parents to view their child/ren's work on Tuesday 22nd October from 9:15am to 10:15am. Please join us!

Reminder

Please note that the only types of earrings that can be worn in school are stud earrings. Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn in school. If your child/ren cannot take out their earrings, please provide plasters to cover. Thank you.

Dinner Money

Please could we remind parents that dinner money should be uploaded to ParentPay in advance and pre-book your meals in advance. Meals that aren't booked in advance will mean that your child will receive a default baked potato as a meal.

Attendance

Our attendance for Week Beginning 9th September was 96.7%. Please can we ensure that our children are washing hands thoroughly as there has been an increase in colds/tummy upsets upon our return to school. Thank you for your support.

Dietary Requirements

If your child is not having school dinners due to specific dietary requirements, St. Peter's catering team are more than happy to discuss this and how they may be able to help so your child can enjoy school dinners as well. Staffordshire Catering has a policy where no nuts are used in producing any dishes to give parents the peace of mind that nut allergy sufferers will not come into contact with nuts from school meals. Moreover, if your child has other dietary needs, this can be catered for as well.

Home time Arrangements

It is vitally important that parents notify the school of any alterations to home time arrangements for their child. Under Child Protection procedures, we are unable to allow children to go home with friends/relatives other than the usual person unless we have parental permission to do so. Parents should send a note or telephone the school office, if appropriate.



ClassDojo

Please be advised that although Mr. Dean is present on all of the classes for ClassDojo, any messages sent to him directly may not be picked up. Therefore, any queries regarding your child/children, please message the class teacher directly. If it is a query/concern regarding absence, ParentPay or School Money, then please contact the Office either by email/telephone. Thank you.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

September 2019

Monday	2 nd	Inset – Academy Closed to Children	
Tuesday	3 rd	Inset – Academy Closed to Children	
Wednesday	11 th	Swimming – Moles (pm)	
Tuesday	17 th	Parents Meeting – Curriculum 2pm & 6pm	
Friday	20 th	Jeans for Genes Day – Donations for wearing Jeans	



Next newsletter released on Friday 27th September 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mr. James Dean

Head of School

October 2019

Tuesday	8 th	Parents Evening (settling in)	
Wednesday	16 th	Re-Start a Heart (Date and fundraising event TBC)	
Monday	21 st	Black History Week	
Tuesday	22 nd	Open Morning – Parents invited to school 9:15am-10:15am	
Thursday	24 th	Harvest – KS2 Church Service @ 9:45am	
Thursday	24 th	Harvest – KS1 Hall @ 2:15pm	
Friday	25 th	Inset – Academy Closed to Children	
Monday	28 th	October Half term Holiday	

