

### HUMILITY

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

*Ephesians 4:2*

# The 'Key' Messages

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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find details below of this edition of the newsletter.

### 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 Cockshott - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



David Castledine - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Katie Quantrell - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



## Courageous Advocacy

We encourage and support our children to be "courageous advocates". This means that they champion causes which are special and meaningful to them. These may be global issues or matters far more personal and closer to home.

We believe this develops resilience, teamwork, courage and independence and an understanding of the wider world and how they can help make it a better place, enabling our children to **flourish**.

We are pleased to share with you the important and wonderful work that Charlotte (Year 5) has produced in relation to 'Saving the Seahorses'. Charlotte took it upon herself to create a poster, a leaflet detailing the plight of seahorses, and then submitted it to her local MP, Andrew Mitchell. Charlotte has received a personal letter from Andrew Mitchell, who has acknowledged the work Charlotte has done, and has invited her to a private audience with him to discuss the issue further. Well done Charlotte, you are a true courageous advocate.



RT. HON. ANDREW MITCHELL MP

House of Commons  
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20 December 2019

Dear Charlotte,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> October. I am so sorry for the delay in responding but it only reached my office today.

I hope that you have now been awarded your Speaking Out badge. It is clear that you have put a huge amount of work and thought into your badge work. The leaflet, poster and poem are beautifully illustrated and certainly help draw attention to the plight of seahorses.

I would be delighted to help your campaign and I would like to invite you and a parent or teacher to come and speak to me about it. I have also written to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to highlight your concerns and ask what more we can do to help save seahorses.

I am pleased that 41 new Marine Conservation Zones have recently been created. The UK is on track to protect 4 million square kilometres of ocean across our Overseas Territories by 2020, and is backing an Ascension Island bid to protect 100 per cent of its offshore waters. We are also establishing a £200 million Blue Planet Fund to help protect our oceans and creatures including seahorses.

I will come back to you as soon as I receive a response to my letter to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and in the meantime please contact my office at [Yvonne.shoffall@parliament.uk](mailto:Yvonne.shoffall@parliament.uk) to arrange our meeting.

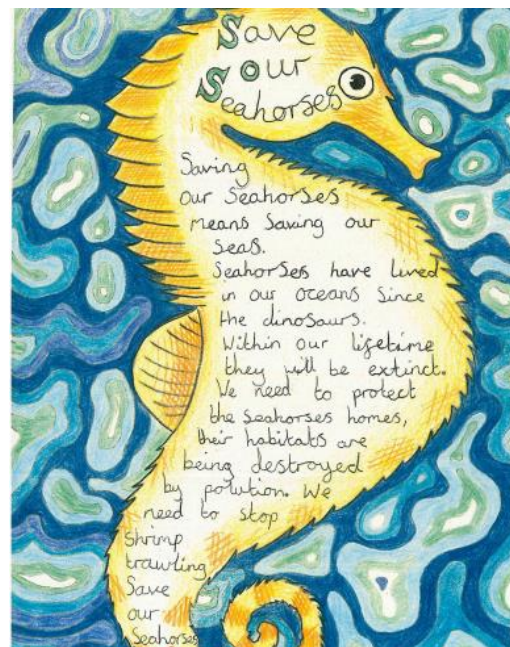
Thank you once again for taking the time to get in contact about this important matter. May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warmest regards

Andrew Mitchell

Join me on my campaign  
draws. Many congratulations for  
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## Christingle Day

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Reverend Chamberlain and her team came into St. Peter's and ran a whole day event around Christingle. The idea of the Christingle began in Marienborn, Germany in 1747 where, at a children's service, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus. He decided to give the children a symbol to do this. This was a lighted candle wrapped in a red ribbon. At the end of the service, whilst the children held their candles, the bishop said the prayer, 'Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in these children's hearts that theirs like thine become.'

Now in its 49th year the modern form was introduced to the Church of England by John Pensom of The Children's Society in 1968. This involved children decorating an orange with a red ribbon, dried fruits, sweets and a candle to create a new visual representation of Christ, the light of the world, celebrated by the lighting of the Christingle candles.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

The children had a great day and asked Reverend Chamberlain some complicated questions. It was a day of celebrating light and bringing the children together in the name of Jesus.





## School Census



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January there was 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 held a special lunchtime in which children who take up a hot dinner or snack box were entered into a Golden Ticket raffle. The lucky children who received a Golden Ticket selected a prize of their choosing.

We have a total of 88% of the school taking up a lunch – this was fantastic! Well done to all and to our special winners.



### **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.

### **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.

### **Swimming lessons**

This term, Y5 children will be attending swimming lessons at the Friary Leisure Centre, Lichfield on Wednesday afternoons. We look forward to hearing of their swimming successes and increased knowledge of water safety and life saving techniques.

### **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.

### **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

### Spring Term 2020

#### January 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Children Return to Academy  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Swimming (Foxes) pm

#### February 2020

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day   
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Valentines Day – £1.00 children to wear red  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Inset – Academy Closed to children**  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February Half Term  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Children Return to Academy  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> St David's Day 

\*Please note the INSET date for February has been rearranged to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

Next newsletter released on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mr. James Dean

Head of School