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ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown

We were thrilled to welcome a guest speaker, Alex Hibbert, to the school on Monday. Alex is the world record-holding polar traveller who has skied further on an unsupported Arctic journey than anyone in history.

We had an amazing time hearing about his adventures and the children were fascinated to learn about the harsh and dangerous conditions that Alex experienced on his expeditions. They were also very interested to know all about the dogs that pulled the sledges during his time with the eskimos!

Alex demonstrated many of our school values and learning behaviours- ambition, perseverance and problem solving. We learned that we can achieve more than we think and it's important to keep trying even when things are hard or don't go to plan.
https://www.alexhibbert.com/about



If you are interested in purchasing one of Alex's books please contact him through his website https://www.alexhibbert.com/say-hello. He will offer special pricing and discuss with you how you would like books signed/dedicated.



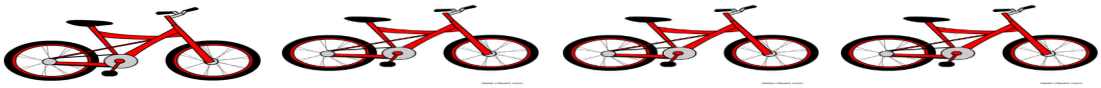


Next Weeks School Learning Question is...

What risks have you taken with your learning?



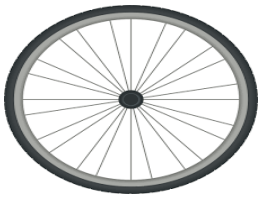
Year 1



We have had a very special week with our Bikeability sessions. We have been using balance bikes to improve our skills, it has required us to use our listening skills, our co-ordination, and our balance. It has been so much fun.











Year 3









A very busy week in Year 3!



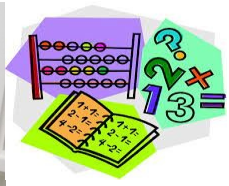
Year 5

In Music we are learning to play the cornet









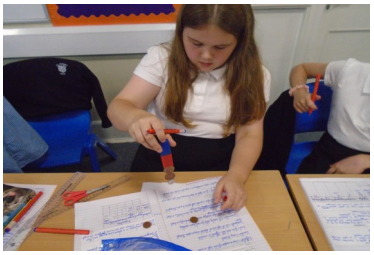
We have been exploring place value in Maths







As part of our science learning exploring properties of materials year 5 have been testing each material and comparing their properties.



Nursery

We have been learning about the 3 little pigs. Something happened in the garden! Oh no, can we work out the mystery?













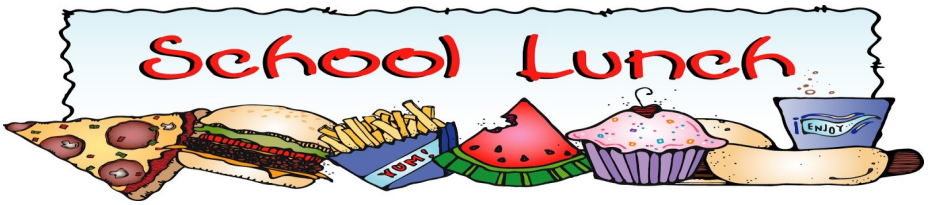


We made houses for the little pigs in the forest.



As the New School year has started it might be worth checking to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals.

Parents/carers can make an application online through the Shropshire Council website https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/. When a parent/carer applies online the system will be able to confirm eligibility at point of application.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

WEM TOWN COUNCIL
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A

PUBLIC MEETING

TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7 P.M

TO BE HELD IN THE RODEN SUITE
EDINBURGH HOUSE
NEW STREET
WEM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST IN MAKING THIS A SPECIAL OCCASION
PLEASE COME ALONG AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE MEETING BUT WISH TO BE INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT 01939 232733 INFO@WEM.GOV.UK

Have you been inspired by Tennis Superstar Emma Raducanu? If you would like to learn tennis there are lessons for all ages running at Wem Tennis Club. Please email DParry.Tennis@gmail.com or drop in to the clubhouse (by the Rec) to find out more. There are also groups for adults of all standards if parents or teachers would like to have a go!





Girlguiding

Wem Girl Guides meet on a Wednesday Evening and have spaces for girls in Year 6.

Find out more at girlguiding.org.uk



The Friends of St Peter's

Our first meeting of the year is on Wednesday 22nd September 3.30-4.30

in St Peter's Learning Centre. New members are welcome!

Everyone welcome!



RM Wilfred Lloyd

6H Liam Nicholson

RL Robert Rogers

1P Harry Edwards

2M Martha Hawke

IJ Finley Woodmass

3G Isabella Edwards

5VW Noel Hughes Jones

4I Jacob Wadlow

6E Grace Lewis

3B Jacob Brooks

2S Kaiden Fountain

5B Layla Thorley Blackwell

4K Elliot Hinton

N Chloe Fairclough

Stars of the Week

** Readiness * Reasoning * Reflectivity * Resilience * Resourcefulness * Respect **

Update from Public Health England- Find out what has changed in relation to contacts of confirmed cases

What is a suspected case?

A suspected case is anyone with at least one of the 3 COVID-19 symptoms . These are a:

high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Management of a suspected case

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately self-isolate and have a PCR test. Their household members should also self-isolate unless they meet the exemption criteria for self-isolation (table 1). The suspected case should not attend the setting until 10 full days after the onset of their symptoms unless they have a negative PCR result, are well, do not have any household members with symptoms awaiting a test result and they have not been asked by Test & Trace to self-isolate.

Table 1. From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If anyone is at school when they become unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell, they must be sent home as soon as possible.

What is a confirmed case?

A **confirmed case** is an individual who has received notification of a positive PCR test result.

Contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19

A **contact** of a **confirmed case** is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. You can be a contact anytime from 2 days before the person who tested positive developed their symptoms /tested positive if they do not have any symptoms, and up to 10 days after, as this is when they can pass the infection on to others. A contact can be:

⇒ anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
⇒ anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
- been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
- travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

Update for contacts of confirmed cases: From 16 August 2021, anyone under the age of 18 years and 6 months is no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not have to isolate when waiting on the PCR result unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.

18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get **fully vaccinated**. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.

Fully vaccinated people / anyone who meets any of the self-isolation exemption criteria are no longer legally required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, but they will also be strongly advised to take a PCR. These contacts can continue to work until the results of the PCR are available.

We are very short of spare wellies for the nursery children. If anyone has any old ones they would like to donate, we would be very grateful!



ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL WEM

Question	Yes	No
Do you feel that St Peter's site is a safe site?	99%	1%
Do you feel that the site is tidy and welcoming?	97%	3%
Do you consider the current school and directional signage around the school site adequate?	97%	3%
Are you aware that as a parent/ carer visitor during the school day, you should report to reception via the main entrance?	99%	1%
Do you feel that both the visitor badges and staff ID system are well deployed and evident on the occasions when you visit?	97%	3%
Are you currently aware of any unauthorised people using our school site out-of-hours? This would include people walking dogs.	4%	96%

Further comments
Make the area outside the school gates a no park area. Cars park on the pavement and young people who have no sense of danger are a risk factor. 10mph speed limit from Park Road around Shrubbery Gardens during drop off an pick up, poor drivers and rushed parent are a regular hazard.
We have absolutely nothing negative to say- we love the school, the staff, the site etc. You all do a fantastic job, especially in the current circumstances and the financial strains placed on schools School I think is doing what they can to give the vest to children, especially during this time. Salute for all your hard work and dedication teachers!
3- unless you're told, it isn't obvious where the reception and nursery classes are. At the start of term I think the direction for which class door your child goes to could be detailed better. Perhaps a site map could be displayed.
These questions are difficult to answer given that visits to the site have been discouraged over the past year and there have been no events involving coming to school. I have answered as best I can but felt unable to answer a couple. In terms of drop off and pick up from both the main school gate and after school club, it feels safe and well supervised. I can't comment on the rest of the site for the reason above
The front of the building doesn't exactly spark children's imagination! Railings and a dark building (appreciate you can't do much with that). Maybe brighten it up with flowers? The school is generally clean and tidy.
Front double gates- consider a way to fix them open as sometimes they move and can cause an obstruction or children run into them
Being a newish parent to the school I feel very happy that this is a safe school and very welcoming for my child to be at- thank you!
Sometimes marker cones are left out on the yard at the end of the school day and on some occasions children kick them about as they leave for home. They are slippy when accidentally trodden on and look untidy. My child has always felt safe at St Peter's – thank you!
Both we and our child feel safe at St Peter's. You're doing a great job- Thank you!
The traffic in general outside is very busy at times, so ways to promote walking etc may be useful in the future
Cones on playground in the morning sometimes cause trip hazards/ slips
Although when notification of which entrances and exits to collect our children in their new school year comes, it's not always easy to know which entrance is meant without a map, as there is no signage/ way of finding
Parking is totally chaotic and dangerous- parking on zig zags and double yellow lines/ parents using mobile phones on the yard at drop off and pick up time/ There needs to be a one-way system along Shrubbery Gardens and speed bumps to be added

I hate people standing outside the school railings blocking the pavement. The older children tear up and down and the dogs are a particular nuisance- more than once a dog has jumped up causing one of my children to lurch towards the road. Please ban dogs from the railings area and put a member of staff to strictly police this. The pavement needs to be kept as an area for passing through not clogged with dogs, pushchairs and yacking mums

I feel that year 5 and 6 parents should not be on the playground and should wait for their child on the street. Why are we not bringing up independent children.

**Some comments linked directly to Covid have not been included as they are no longer relevant*

You said…	**We did…**
Although when notification of which entrances and exits to collect our children in their new school year comes, it's not always easy to know which entrance is meant without a map, as there is no signage/ way of finding	A plan of the school was sent to parents and published on Facebook before term started. Signs showing teachers and classrooms were displayed.
Cones on playground in the morning sometimes cause trip hazards/ slips	We have purchased a new sign for our Early Years building
Parking	We will ensure that all staff are aware of this and expect them to remove them if left by accident.
Dogs and crowded pavements	The school council will be looking into what we can do to manage this. Shropshire Council are currently conducting site surveys to support traffic calming measures for schools in the area. Members of staff are on the school gates in the morning and will address any safety issues.

Thank you to everyone who completed our Safer Schools Questionnaire during the summer term. We are very pleased with the outcome and would like to thank you for the lovely comments about the school. We will use the information to continue to improve our school grounds and the surrounding area.